

Paideia Academy

September 28, 2012



Our Vision

We envision a new generation of engaged, productive global citizens.

Our Mission

The Mission of Paideia Academy is to challenge and inspire learners by providing a rigorous, content-rich, classical education incorporating languages, music, and the arts while nurturing positive character.

Calendar:

October 8 - 19 - Fall Break, No School

October 23 - Board Meeting

November 1 - Family Night

November 5 - PTO Meeting

November 14 - Board Meeting

November 21-23 - Thanksgiving Break

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

It has been another exciting week here at Paideia as we near the end of the quarter! Teachers have been working hard to make sure their upcoming data-driven instruction (DDI) tests are ready for students, and many of them have been learning how to use the new scanning machine and bubble sheets we purchased to better simulate for students what they will experience when taking MCA exams. During the fall break, teachers will be analyzing the results of their exams and developing plans to re-teach standards that have not yet been met by all students, some students, or individual students during the week after break. For students who have mastered the material, extension activities will be provided so all students continue to be challenged.

My own work this week has focused on completing the teacher observation process for the first quarter, working with the Board Marketing Committee, analyzing our recently released MCA Science data, and writing the 2011-2012 Annual Report required by the Minnesota Department of Education. This work has, once again, reminded me of how much Paideia is doing to be proud of.

Last year, our eighth graders and our school as a whole outperformed and made greater progress than both the state and District 196 on the Science MCA exams! Thanks to our teachers' efforts (particularly Mr. Olofson, as the 8th grade science teacher last year), our 8th grade science scores increased 25.4%. Congratulations to Paideia!

In our Annual Report, we are required to include information about our "Innovative Practices and Implementation". To answer this question, as well as to support the work of the Marketing Committee, I began to make a list of some of the things that make Paideia so special. Below is what I have come up with so far. I would love to hear from you about anything I have missed!

- ◇ Small class sizes
- ◇ Core Knowledge Sequence
- ◇ Caring, invested teachers and staff
- ◇ School-wide music program (thanks to our partnership with MacPhail Music Center)
- ◇ Visual arts program
- ◇ Strong parent involvement
- ◇ Spanish language instruction

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- ◇ Character development work
- ◇ Weekly collaborative planning time for staff (with a shortened Wednesday for students)
- ◇ Distributed leadership model
- ◇ Technology integration (Smartboards in each classroom, Ipads, assistive technologies, etc.)
- ◇ Co-teaching model (General education and Special education teachers)
- ◇ Student uniforms
- ◇ Strong communication (weekly school-wide and grade-level newsletters; Monday Morning Meetings open to parents)
- ◇ Data-driven instruction

Paideia has certainly evolved over the past eight years, and it will continue to do so. We would like to wish Mr. Hondl the best of luck in his future endeavors! While he will certainly be missed by the Paideia community, I know that we have the strength to forge on and use this as an opportunity to develop our children's capacity to cope with change.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
 Marci Levy-Maguire
 Director

September 19, 2012 Board Meeting Highlights:

- The Board addressed the concerns of the recent Upper Academy enrollment. Here are the facts:
 1. Current school enrollment is at 379 students; this number is only lower than the 2011-2012 school year. In all other years of Paideia's existence, the enrollment numbers have been equal to or less than 379.
 2. Paideia is in good, solid financial standings despite the attrition in Upper Academy. Transportation funding is one of the few areas that Paideia, as a charter school, can use as a revenue stream, but only when families waive their rights to use transportation.
 3. Teachers and administrators have been taking proactive efforts to talk with Upper Academy students about what they like about Paideia and what areas they would like to see changed.
 4. The marketing committee is working on a plan to target middle school students through our website, after-school activities, and electronic marketing. If you have any ideas to share, please contact Jayne Largent at jlargent@paideiaacademy.org.
- Carpool information, organized by neighborhood, is now available through the PTO. If you are interested, please contact PTO at PTO@paideiaacademy.org. Work is currently being done to update Paideia's 3-year long-range strategic plan to determine where Paideia is headed in terms of student performance, staff retention, and enrollment; updates will be finalized and published to the website this fall.
- Olweus kick-off was successful; Kindergarten is implementing a new phonics/phonemic awareness program; teachers were trained in how to read and report MCA data to families during conferences; collaboration time focused on how to align DDI assessments with MCAs and rigor.
- Fundraising update from PTO: we will receive \$1,192.30 from Box Tops, and we have 2,000 Labels for Education points. The Kemps program ends in November, and we'll receive \$43 from them for this last drive. For Kwik Trip we earned \$105.

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For Land'O'Lakes we don't have enough caps to send in, but we do have a missing box of caps if anyone knows where that went. We entered 3,300 points from Coke. Innisbrook, total sales were \$6,400 which will give us about \$2,000-3,000 profit.

Next steps: develop strategies to increase school wide consistency of curriculum and instruction, complete and administer DDI assessments in math and reading, gather information about the strategic vision and missing of Paideia's future, and meet about the management of our facilities.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00pm. We welcome all staff and families to attend!

Did you know???

In 2011-2012, the State of Minnesota provided Paideia Academy approximately \$251.18 per student for transportation services.

In 2011-2012, the cost of transporting one student to/from Paideia was \$1935.70.

For every transported student, the school lost the ability to utilize \$1684.52 toward classroom/school wide upgrades.

Last year, Paideia saved \$83,208.12 by families signing the transportation waivers.

This allowed us to purchase:

- **SmartBoards for all classrooms**
- **A class set of mobile iPads**
- **New paint for all open areas in Paideia**
- **New maintenance equipment**
- **A new phone system for the entire building**
- **Updated furniture**
- **Visual learning tools**

Transportation is a right to those who qualify, and Paideia will provide transportation if needed. However, we ask that you consider other options, such as carpooling, if at all possible. If you are interested in setting up a carpool, please contact the PTO at PTO@paideiaacademy.org for a directory of interested families! If you have questions about transportation, please contact Rachel Chamley, Chair of the Transportation Committee, at rhamley@paideiaacademy.org.

Remember:

- Locks will be installed on the lockers over the break.
- Upper Academy students will need to take their personal locks home on October 5th.
- Any locks left on the lockers will be cut and discarded.



* It may be helpful to have your student learn how to use a combination lock; if you have one at home, they should practice over break.

Students will be given their new combos the first day of 2nd Quarter.



Attention 5-8th Grade Parents! Plan to attend High School Night, next Tuesday, October 2, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Come meet with local Charter and District High School representatives to find out more about your options after Paideia.

This is a great chance to start planning for High School in addition to finding out what is required for enrollment.

A PTO Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 8th at 6:30 pm. All parents, guardians and teachers are welcome to attend. We will be meeting at the Panera south of school by Target. This meeting will focus on finalizing the PTO set-up and working plans for the remainder of the school year.

Mark your calendars for **Family Movie Night! October 26th at 6:30 pm.** Movie will be announced shortly. Anyone interested in assisting to plan or volunteer at this event please contact the PTO at pto@paideiaacademy.org.

Enjoy these beautiful fall days!
Ginie Klopp
PTO President

It's Time to Register For 2nd Quarter Clubs!

Only 8
registrations
received so far!

Forms are due Monday, October 1st
Click the link below for Club options

*Please do not wait until after break to register;
the club you want may be cancelled by then!*

<http://www.paideiaacademy.org/Portal/Attachments/2nd%20Quarter%20Flyer.pdf>



TEACHER AND STUDENT APPRECIATION DAYS



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Congratulations! The Minnesota Vikings would like to show their appreciation for teachers and students with a FREE* Minnesota Vikings ticket with the purchase of an additional ticket(s).

- One (1) Complimentary ticket for teacher or student with the purchase of an additional ticket(s).
- Additional ticket(s) prices are \$76 (upper level sideline/corner) or \$50 (upper level end zone/corner). To view a seating chart go to vikings.com.
- The tickets are located in the **upper level** of Mall of America Field. The complimentary ticket and additional ticket(s) on this form will be seated together.
- Orders will be filled on a first come-first serve basis with the best available tickets at the time the order is received.
- **Order quickly, quantities are limited!** Offer valid while supplies last. No refunds or exchanges. No substitute games. May not be combined with other promotions. Offer valid while supplies last.
- Return this order form **via mail or fax (612-333-0458) only**. Tickets will be mailed to the address below.

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TICKET REQUEST

* Mail or fax separate form for each game.

GAME (CHECK ONE): ☐ TENNESSEE 10/7 ☐ ARIZONA 10/21

ONE (1) COMPLIMENTARY TEACHER OR STUDENT TICKET = \$FREE

ADDITIONAL TICKET(S) # _____ x \$76 = \$ _____

ADDITIONAL TICKET(S) # _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

HANDLING + \$4.00

TOTAL \$ _____

GAME DATES



SUNDAY, OCT 7
 VS. TENNESSEE
 3:25 PM
 Deadline to order is 10/5/12
 at 5:00 PM



SUNDAY, OCT 21
 VS. ARIZONA
 12:00 PM
 Deadline to order is 10/19/12
 at 5:00 PM

PAYMENT INFORMATION (Credit card only)

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

(Credit card orders cannot be processed without a signature.)



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 425 CHICAGO AVE
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