



Paideia Academy

October 26, 2012

Calendar:

Tonight! Movie Night!

November 1- Family Night

November 7 - Strategic Long Range Planning Committee Meeting 7 PM & Technology Committee Meeting, 6 PM

November 12 - PTO Meeting

November 14 - Board Meeting

November 21-23 - Thanksgiving Break

**Tonight is
MOVIE NIGHT!
Costumes
welcome!
6:30 PM**

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 development.

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

Welcome to the end of the first week of the second quarter! It's been great seeing everyone again after the two-week break. There seems to have been lots of lost teeth, new haircuts, and increases in height in a very short time. We even welcomed some new babies to our Paideia community! Our week has been a busy one as teachers have implemented their re-teaching plans to support all students in meeting or exceeding the standards that were taught during first quarter. On Monday, our Upper Academy students learned how to use their new built-in locks on their lockers, and our Lower Academy students participated in a Morning Meeting focused on our character strength of the month, "self-control". In addition to discussing how students can and why they should demonstrate self-control, I shared with the students and families present a long-term study that was done by Stanford University that assessed children's self-control and how it affects their future lives. If you'd like to learn more about these studies (which are extremely interesting) see http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2009/05/18/090518fa_fact_lehrer to learn about the original study in depth, or see <http://www.businessinsider.com/environment-and-marshmallow-self-control-study-2012-10> to learn about current research that demonstrates how a child's environment affects how he/she develops self-control.

We welcomed a few new members to our faculty this week, and it's been exciting to observe new relationships being formed. Heidi Clendening, our new second grade teacher, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from her years of teaching first grade in the St. Paul school system and substituting in the local area. Tom Szewczyk, a new member of our Special Education department, joins us after working in Eden Prairie and Chaska schools, and Katie Bormes is our long-term substitute taking over for Mrs. Cooper who welcomed her baby daughter this week.

I look forward to seeing many of you at tonight's PTO-sponsored Movie Night and at our Nov. 1st Family Night, where you'll be able to participate in fun activities with your children as well as have the opportunity to meet and speak with some of the candidates running for State Senate and House of Representatives. Welcome back!

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

Technology Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 7 at 6pm

Topics: website security, increasing Schoolview use, future technology plans

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures:

Time for a REFESHER!

We ask that everyone please read page 18 of the Family Handbook to make sure proper procedures are being followed. **Click the link below for the 2012 / 13 Family Handbook**

<http://www.paideiaacademy.org/Portal/Attachments/2012-13%20Family%20Handbook%208%203%2012%20FINAL.pdf>

**Don't forget Family Movie Night tonight!**

What: Spooky Buddies (G rated)

When: Tonight! Doors open at 6:30, Movie Starts at 7:00

Where: Paideia Academy Gym. Bring blankets and pillows to camp out on the Gym floor.

Students may wear their costumes and must be accompanied by a parent - no drops offs allowed.

A classroom will be available for students who don't handle the commotion of a crowd well.

Concessions will be available (only purchased pre-packaged items). Please do not bring outside food or beverages. The money raised at these events allows the PTO to put on additional events and pay for the movie license.

Carnival Planning

What: Early Planning for April 26th Carnival

When: Tuesday, October 30th, 6:30 pm

Where: Paideia Academy

The Carnival is Paideia Academy's largest Fundraiser. This event takes months of planning and ends in an evening of fun and community building. Planning may sound boring, but in actuality is a great way to get to know fellow parents and have input into the largest PTO event. We need your help! Please plan to join us on Tuesday, October 30th.

Innisbrook & Spirit Wear

We apologize for the late notice regarding the Innisbrook delivery date. We were notified of the delivery date at the end of Fall Break. Next year we will have a delivery date pre-set so you will know when to expect product when ordering. If you have not picked up your Innisbrook orders please do so; delivery was Tuesday. Thank you to the parents who helped sort orders and who have already picked up their products.

Pre-ordered Spirit wear were sent home this week with your children. Only t-shirts are available for purchase at the office through the school store, starting next week.

PTO Meeting November 12 at 6:30 - Safety Night

Our police liaison officer, Officer Demming will be presenting to parents and bringing in the Geek Squad. After viewing the chilling video, Tracking Theresa, you'll be glad you attending this PTO meeting and learned ways to keep the people most precious to you (your children) as safe as possible.

Volunteers needed

Please contact PTO at pto@paideiaacademy.org if you are able to help at the:

All School Dance - November 16th, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Book Fair - November 26th - 30th, hours to be determined

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in completing your parent volunteer hours in the community?

The Community Service Committee is partnering with Augustana Senior Health Care Center of Apple Valley in an effort to expand volunteer opportunities serving seniors in the community. Augustana is looking for volunteers of all ages to help transport residents to and from activities, running a popcorn machine, serving refreshments, playing games, reading and visiting with residents. This is a great way to serve your community and engage in a family activity, while fulfilling some of your Paideia Academy volunteer hours. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays, November 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10:15 am - 11:30 am. The sign-up sheet is located at the volunteer table. For further information, please contact Mike Roll at 952-953-6200.

A special thanks to Dave Ehrhardt for taking time out of his busy schedule to “recycle” and donate tons of much needed office supplies!

Thank you to Susan Carter for all her volunteer time with dismissal, Scrip Program and other office duties!

Gifted and Talented

Gifted and Talented Testing Finalized

Mrs. Pettinger has completed all testing for the Gifted and Talented Program. Services will begin for qualifying students during the week of November 5-9. Informational letters went home on Thursday, October 25 with all students who were part of our initial testing pool. Please visit Mrs. Pettinger's classroom page on the Paideia website if you have questions about our identification process. There will be an informational meeting for qualifying families on Thursday, November 1 at 6:00 pm.

[Mrs. Pettinger's classroom page](#)

FAMILY NIGHT- AROUND THE WORLD

When: Thursday, November 1, 6:30-8:00 pm

Come and visit every continent on the globe in one night!
Get your passport stamped at all stations and be eligible for prizes!!



The following candidates will also be doing a meet and greet at our family night:

Roberta Gibbons (DFL State House of Representatives Candidate)
Pat Hall (GOP State Senate Candidate)
Greg Clausen (DFL State Senate Candidate)

This event is appropriate for all students and families.

See you there!!

Families of 6th-8th grade students, please join us in recognizing our wonderful students and their exceptional traits on Monday, November 19th and Monday, December 17th during morning meeting. ***These dates have changed since the previous 6th-8th grade newsletter.***

Fieldtrip update

The Paideia Academy middle school teachers and administration have been busy planning and researching field trips in the area. We are focusing on field trips that are academic in nature and correlate with our Paideia mission and vision. It has been decided that there will be two local field trips for every 6th-8th grader, as well as one overnight field trip for every 6th-8th grader. Currently, the following field trips have been arranged:

6th Grade:

Local Field Trips:

- Spanish Day at the Minnesota Zoo: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 (approximate cost: \$19 without a zoo membership and \$12 with a zoo membership)
- TBD

Overnight Field Trip:

- Spanish Camp: May 20th-May 23rd (approximate cost: \$290)

Students' understanding can improve dramatically during a Concordia Village Field Trip and their enthusiasm for language learning is increased dramatically. Language and culture come to life through authentic games, arts, sports, traditions, music, food and native-speaking staff. Students have continuous opportunities to use their present language skills at any level and develop a higher level of proficiency during a fast-moving, activity-filled week. Meals are culturally authentic and are often named in evaluations as one of the best parts of the program. This year's theme will focus on Mayan culture.

7th and 8th Grade:

Local Field Trips:

- Math Day at the Minnesota Zoo: Wednesday, November 7th, from 8:30-2:00. (Cost: \$19 without a zoo membership and \$12 with a zoo membership)
- TBD

Overnight Field Trip:

- Wolf Ridge (tentative dates: June 5th- June 7th)—Approximate cost is \$175.

Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center is an accredited environmental school located on the North Shore of Lake Superior, near Finland, Minnesota. During their 2 night stay, students will experience a wide variety of classes and programs centered around environmental study, teamwork and citizenship. The mission of Wolf Ridge is "To develop a citizenry that has the knowledge, skills, motivation and commitment to act together for a quality environment." More information including pictures and videos can be found at the Wolf Ridge Website. www.wolf-ridge.org

The teachers and administration are very excited to present these field trip opportunities to the middle school Paideia students. We are currently still deciding on the second local field trip and will inform you of the location, dates, and times as soon as they are confirmed.