



Paideia Academy

November 16, 2012

Calendar:

November 20 - Board Meeting

November 21-23 - Thanksgiving Break

November 27 - Concordia Language Camp informational meeting (6th grade) 5 PM

December 13 - OPEN HOUSE!
6:30-7:30 PM

Clubs will be held November 19 & 20

**All School
Dance
Tonight!**
6:30 - 9:00 pm

*Parents are to
attend with
children*

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,

Thank you so much for your generosity on Give to the Max Day yesterday! With additional donations today, we are over \$5,000 with which we will be able to make your children's education even stronger and more exciting. Hopefully some of you were compelled to give by my crazy 26 rides on the Orange Streak roller coaster, which turned out to be a lot of fun. I truly wish I could ride a roller coaster with each of my students! I was very thankful to my wonderful "Pit Crew" and happy to be able to learn more about each of them as we shared this experience together.

This week has included a celebration of our Veterans (including many in our Paideia community), a PTO meeting focused on safety, bowling in Physical Education classes, teachers working collaboratively to develop DDI assessments for Reading, Lower Academy teachers examining and revising their science curriculum to ensure that our students get a rich science education, and a Marketing Committee during which we planned for our upcoming Open House on December 13th. This Open House will be the first of a few we will have this year to increase student recruitment.

This week, I was also fortunate enough to attend an Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce Luncheon where I learned about the new Master Plan of the Minnesota Zoo, with whom we are working to write a grant to support inquiry-based science at Paideia, and the Apple Valley city planners' visions of the local area in the future. (If you are interested in learning more about this, see <http://av-laserfiche.ci.apple-valley.mn.us/Weblink8Public/0/doc/69636/Page1.aspx>.)

Thanksgiving is only a few days away now, and I would like to wish all our families a healthy and happy one. I, personally, am thankful for my incredible family and friends as well as the opportunities to work with and for such wonderful people at Paideia, to partner with amazing organizations, and to truly impact a community's development.

I look forward to seeing you all at tonight's All-School Dance! I'm sure we'll have a lot of fun together.

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director



**Thanks to our Vendors
who donated!**

**Synergy Services
Caravan Kids Catering
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We appreciate you!

From the Office

Our 6-8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in a study on adolescent decision-making through the University of Minnesota. In return for their participation in this optional study, they will receive a \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble. If your child is interested in participating in this unique opportunity, please have him/her pick up the necessary paperwork from the main office and return it to Sandy by November 30th. The study will take place after school in early December here at Paideia. For more information about the research, please read below:

Dear Parents,

I am a doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota. For my dissertation I am studying how peers may influence adolescent decision-making. If your child is between the ages of 12 and 15 years old, then he/she is invited to be in this research study.

Your child's potential involvement is very important to me. As a thank you for participating, your child will receive a \$10 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

Feel free to call 612-624-5096 with any questions you may have before agreeing to be in this study. I am also available via email at gabbi002@umn.edu.

*Sincerely,
Raquel*

Save the date!

The sixth grade will be participating in an overnight field trip at the Concordia Language Villages in Bemidji, MN on May 20 -23. Students will be immersed in the Spanish language, celebrate Mayan culture, eat culturally authentic food, and engage in crafts, games, and activities that promote global citizenship. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27 at 5 pm for parents and guardians to learn more about this overnight field trip.

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 Saturday Nov. 24th, Dec. 1st and 15th 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.

Spread the News!
**Paideia will be hosting an Open House event on
December 13th**



All School Dance TONIGHT 6:30 - 9:00 pm

The annual All School Dance will be held tonight from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. This is an excellent chance to meet other Paideia families and have some fun with your students dancing the night away! Concessions will be sold - only pre-packaged non-dinner items will be available. Please no outside food or drinks; the PTO sells concessions to cover the cost of this event. Volunteers are needed for the concessions and security - these events can't take place without your help! Please contact pto@paideiaacademy.org if you can volunteer or stop by concessions to see how you can help.

Poinsettia Sale

Please turn in your poinsettia orders by next Tuesday (November 20th). This fundraiser is a PTO fundraiser and funds raised will be used for community building events. Please contact pto@paideiaacademy.org if you can volunteer on December 4th to organize and distribute the flower delivery. These beautiful plants make great gifts and are locally grown by Eisele Greenhouse.

Volunteers needed

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

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

Poinsettia Sale (PTO Fundraiser) - Delivery Date: December 4th, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - shifts available

Your Voice Matters

This could be the theme to the 2012/2013 PTO year. At the December PTO Meeting you will experience something new at Paideia Academy, the ability to vote on the direction of PTO agenda items. Parents truly have a say in what the PTO does moving forward. Did you know that every parent, guardian, teacher and staff member of Paideia Academy has the right to vote during PTO meetings? You do! Not only that you will be able to participate in the discussion!

Grade Level Parents will begin sending PTO agendas to parents one week prior to the PTO meeting. This gives you the opportunity to see what will be discussed in advance. We hope to see you at the PTO meeting frequently so that you remain informed. In addition, you receive volunteer hours for attending PTO meetings - simple and easy, plus you get the benefit of knowing what events are taking place and helping to direct PTO efforts.

You will also receive Meeting Minutes from your Grade Level Parents about one week following the PTO meeting. This not only benefits the environment because we won't be making several copies each meeting, but it allows you the opportunity to see what took place at the meeting if you missed it and to be ready to VOTE to approve meeting minutes at the following PTO Meeting. Transparency and communication are key to moving the PTO forward. Your input is appreciated and welcome.

See you at the dance!

Gifted and Talented

Saturday, November 17th (10am-4pm) is a free Math and Science Family Fun Fair at the University of Minnesota. To learn more about this opportunity, see http://cse.umn.edu/k12/CSE_CONTENT_254378.php. It's a great opportunity to engage your children in fun activities that help them see the connections between how what they learn in school is applied to the real world.

Math Enrichment Reminder for Next Week

There will be **no** Grade 6 Continental Math on Monday and no Math Counts Club on Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Take Note: All other clubs are being held Monday (19th) and Tuesday (20th).

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box tops!
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