



# Paideia Academy

December 7, 2012

## Calendar:

**December 10**– PTO Meeting 6:30 PM

**December 11** - Programming (Scheduling) Committee Meeting 4:00 PM

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

**December 18** - Technology Committee Meeting 6:00 PM  
Board Meeting 6:30 PM

**December 24 through January 11** Winter Break

### 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,

My toes are still tapping from the amazing Upper Academy Music Concert last night! It was truly wonderful listening to and watching our incredibly talented students play their hearts out in front of a huge crowd of family and friends. Tremendous thanks to Troy Strand, our Upper Academy Music teacher who led his students to greatness. Thank you as well to the guest musicians (Niehoff rocks!) and all the parents who volunteered to supervise pre-concert practice and corral the entertainers' energy as they awaited their turn to perform. It was a true collaborative effort of staff, students, and families, and I am thankful to have been able to play a small part in it.

With two weeks left in the quarter, there will be a lot of activity at Paideia! We will be conducting our second round of DDI tests to assess our students' progress and performance this quarter, then, after break, teachers will implement re-teaching and extension plans to ensure that all students have met the required standards in their classes.

Teachers will also be supporting students to develop plans to ensure that their academic gains aren't lost during the winter break. While many of you already picked up some great books for your children at the Book Fair last week (thank you to all the parent volunteers who made that such a success!), you can also check with your child's teachers to see if there are any specific books at their reading level which might keep them engaged during the holidays.

There are two opportunities next week for parents to play an active role in shaping the future of Paideia. First, on Monday night (12/10) at 6:30pm, is the December PTO meeting. I know that you have all received emails from your grade-level representatives regarding the agenda, and I would like to encourage you to attend. Second, on Tuesday (12/11) at 4pm, we'll be having our first 2013-2014 Programming Committee meeting. The goals of this committee are to examine the strengths and challenges of our current academic programs, develop programming priorities for next year, and sketch out a plan for next year's programs. I encourage parents to take part in this committee to ensure that your voices are heard. Though this meeting will take place right after school, future meetings will occur at various times to increase participation. We will keep the entire community posted regarding our progress.

I appreciate your continued support for Paideia and your appreciation for the hard work the staff does to create a safe and joyful educational environment for your children every day. There is much to celebrate this holiday season! Enjoy.

Sincerely,  
Marci Levy-Maguire  
Director

## From the office

### Programming Committee Meeting

Dec 11, 2012, 4-5:30pm

Small Commons

Please join us to discuss scheduling changes for next year. Topics will include specialist schedules, middle school core classes, electives and more. Parents/guardians, teachers, students and staff are welcome.

### Technology Committee Meeting

Dec 18, 2012, 6:00

Small Commons

Please join us to discuss teacher laptop use, technology expectations for teachers and a 1:1 laptop program for middle school students. Parents/guardians, teachers, students and staff are welcome.



The lost and found is  
overflowing!  
Please make a point of  
stopping in to check it out.  
All items will be donated  
during winter break.

## PTO

### PTO Meeting - Monday, December 10, 2012. 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Your voice counts! Please come and participate in the planning session for the PTO. We'll be discussing plans for the end of the year, including parent spirit wear, fundraiser, and events such as Movie Nights, Dances and the Carnival. You get a vote, you get the ability to bring up new business, you get a say in the direction of this PTO - don't miss it!

## Volunteers opportunities

### • 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, assisting with bingo, and 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, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

# SCRIP Fundraising Program

**Would you like to help raise money for Paideia without having to do anything more than your Christmas and regular everyday shopping?** You can through the Shop With Scrip program. Scrip may be better known to some as gift cards. You buy a Scrip card for retailers you use regularly and Paideia gets a percentage back from the sale of those cards. Paideia keeps several of the most commonly purchased cards in stock in the office. You can purchase them with cash or check either in the office or at the table in the lobby at Monday Morning Meetings.

## **Here are a few things that you might not know about Scrip:**

- If 100 Paideia Families purchased only 1 \$100 Cub or Rainbow Foods card per month Paideia could earn over \$4000 each year with those cards alone.
- WalMart cards can be used at both WalMart and Sam's Club.
- Kohl's Cards can be used to pay your Kohls Credit Card bill in the store.

## **Here is what Paideia keeps in stock and how much the school gets from each card purchase:**

**Groceries:** Cub Foods 4%, Rainbow Foods 4%

**Retail Stores:** Best Buy 3%, Kohl's 4% Target 2% WalMart/Sam's Club 2%

**Gifts & Services:** Barnes & Noble 9%, Great Clips 8%, iTunes 5%

**Dine In Restaurants:** Applebee's 8%, Chili's 11%, Olive Garden 9%, Red Lobster 9%, Red Robin 9%

**Fast Food Restaurants:** Bruegger's Bagels 7%, Caribou Coffee 7%, Chipotle 10%, Cold Stone Creamery 8%, Domino's Pizza 8%, Great Harvest Bread 6%, Little Caesar's 8%, Noodles & Co 8%, Panera Bread 9%, Papa Murphy's 8%, Pizza Hut 8%, Starbucks 9%, Subway 3%, Taco Bell 8%, Wendy's 4%

**Gas:** Holiday Gas 2%, Kwik Trip 9%

