



# Paideia Academy

January 18, 2012

## Calendar:

**January 21 - Martin Luther King Day, No school**

**January 23** - Program Committee Meeting, 5 PM and  
Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

**January 28** - Re-enrollment forms sent home

**February 1** - Re-enrollment forms due

**February 4** - PTO Meeting

**February 14** - Evening conferences

**February 15** - Conferences, No school

**February 18** - President's Day, No school

### 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.

### 2013/14 Open Enrollment information

**January 31**- Open Enrollment begins (This includes siblings intending on enrolling for 2013/14)

**February 21**— Information Night, 6:30-8:00 PM

**March 1**- Open Enrollment ends

**March 4** - @ 4 PM—Lottery Held

Tell your friends and neighbors!

## From the Director

Dear Paideia Families,

Happy 2013! It has been great having everyone back in the building this week. In many ways, it feels like we never left, while, in other ways, it feels like we've been apart for years rather than weeks. I'm convinced that each of your children grew at least an inch over the holiday season!

We have already started off the second half of our year with lots of exciting work. On Monday night, the PTO met for their monthly meeting and invited me to speak about our safety protocols. It was an important and productive conversation that focused on what we are already doing to ensure our students' and staff's safety, some ways we can improve, and the challenge of balancing prevention and preparation with a welcoming environment. I, again, urge you all to take an active role in the PTO and engage in the important work they do for the entire Paideia community.

In class, our teachers are focusing this week on re-teaching standards that were not mastered by all students during the second quarter, as determined by their results on DDI (data-driven instruction) assessments. They developed differentiated re-teaching plans with their DDI Lead Teachers during the break, including enrichment activities for students who have already met standards, and will move on to new material once students demonstrate mastery. This data-driven approach has already made a big difference in our students' progress and performance, and I anticipate that the process will continue to improve our student outcomes as we gain more experience with it.

For schools, the second semester often flies by because we are working on two projects simultaneously: 1) supporting our students to do their best this year, and 2) making plans for next year so we can continue our progress and improve our performance. Most times, these tasks go hand in hand. As we reflect on this year's programs and practices, we also develop ideas for building on our strengths and addressing challenges next year.

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Our Programming Committee meetings will help us address both concerns by examining our current programs, reflect on the goals and outcomes of our academic, languages, arts, music, and character education programs, and refine our structures and systems to support each. I hope to see more of you engaging in this process with us so our school-wide and grade-level programs reflect and are understood by the entire school community.

Lastly, we have two very important phases of the school year coming up. First is our Open Enrollment period (1/31/13 – 3/1/13) during which new families will be enrolled in Paideia, and, second, is the Board of Directors elections for 2013-2014. Please keep an eye out for upcoming information on both.

I wish you all the best in 2013, and I look forward to our continued work together to ensure that your children are prepared to be members of a new generation of engaged, productive citizens!

Sincerely,  
Marci Levy-Maguire  
Director

## From the Office

- **Enrollment 2013/14:**

Re-enrollment forms for current Paideia students will be sent home the week of January 28.

**Please note:** Any siblings wishing to enroll must complete a 2013/14 enrollment form by March 1. (This includes siblings that are on the current 2012/13 waitlist.)

- **Report Cards:**

Did you view your students 2nd Quarter report card? If not, please log on to Schoolview and do so. You can even print a copy for future reference!

- **Parents / Visitors to in the building:**

Please do not enter the classrooms during the school day unless you are here to volunteer with a particular class. We have many parents who walk right in during lesson times to chat or deliver an item to their child. Entering the classroom is very disruptive; we are asking you to please inform the office of where you are going when you sign in and if you do have an item to deliver please leave it at the office. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

- **Clubs:**

Clubs begin next Tuesday and run through March 14.

**There are still openings in:**

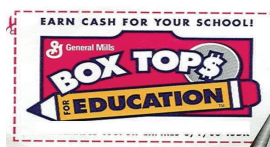
Chamber Music

Gym Games

Pinterest Crafts ( Now also open to 5th graders! )

Bowling

\* Chefs in Training has been cancelled.



Your box tops make a difference!  
We just received a check for \$1204.10!

**SPRING CARNIVAL:**

Planning is underway for the 2013 Spring Carnival. We have filled the following Chair positions: Finance, Volunteer Coordinator, and Silent Auction. We are still looking for a Food/Concessions Chair and a Marketing Chair. Please see Ann Schomisch or contact her at [annscho-misch@gmail.com](mailto:annscho-misch@gmail.com) if you are interested in either of these roles. Note we have many people that have done this in the past and provide support where needed.

**Spelling Bee**

Kudos to all of our Spelling Bee participants for a job well done! They were all poised, clear-headed and enthusiastic! It was a fantastic show of our Paideia virtues. Our bee started with 26 students and continued through 14 rounds. Tracey Treat is our Spelling Bee champion! Brantly Craig and Emily Sailors placed second and third respectively. Our Spelling Bee for grades 2-4 will be held Tuesday, January 29 at 2 p.m. Plan to attend!

