



Paideia Academy

January 25, 2012

Calendar:

January 28 - Re-enrollment forms sent home

February 1 - Re-enrollment forms due

February 11 - 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 Community,

We have certainly fit a lot of great and exciting work into our four-day week! At our Programming Committee meeting on Wednesday, we reviewed data on how we spend our time during the day, discussed how we include character education in our schedules at different grade levels, suggested various ways to support more early interventions to support our students in meeting the state-wide goal of "Reading Well by Third Grade", proposed some new options for Upper Academy programming, and developed ideas for better defining the work we do at each grade level.

Our Marketing Committee meeting focused on preparing for our upcoming Open Enrollment period, including advertising for our Information Night, which will be held on February 21st. We are looking forward to teaching prospective families about our school and introducing them to our wonderful community. Keep an eye out for some colorful banners which will help us advertise our Open Enrollment and upcoming events!

On the staff front, our faculty participated in working groups this week to discuss and address school-wide systems and structures. The goals of this work are to support transparency, increase consistency, improve communication, and provide additional supports for staff, both now and in the future. In addition, a group of Paideia teachers participated in a full day of professional development on curriculum mapping, which will support the entire staff by improving alignment within and across grades and between the Minnesota State Standards and Core Knowledge Sequence, provide stronger foundations for new teachers, and increase opportunities for interdisciplinary projects.

Our staff are doing truly impressive work here at Paideia – all to ensure that your children receive a quality education, are prepared with knowledge and skills for the future, and are ready to engage in global conversations. Thank you, families, for being a source of encouragement to us every day!

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

- **TAKE NOTE!**

School Closings are currently posted on all 4 network channels: NOTE: we will be listed as “Paideia Academy”. (There is also a school called Paladian Academy so watch closely!) Soon we will also have the ability to send out a mass text alert to all our families in case of an emergency or school closing.

- **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.)

- **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.

- **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!

- **Lost & Found:**

A black iphone 3GS was stolen last week, along with a red sweater. At the time, it had a white case with flowers on it. The sweater was returned to the lost and found area with a hair barrette in the pocket but no phone. (The barrette does not belong to the owner of the iphone)

The police have been contacted, and a report has been filed. (case #12-000349)

The police have stated that they do have the capability of tracking the device.

We are asking parents to speak with their students to see if they know anything about the phone. It can be anonymously turned in at the office and no charges will be filed.

- **Arrival & Dismissal**

Dismissal: Please leave your orange car tag in your window until all of your students are in the car.

Arrival: Families must arrive before 8:15! We have far too many cars pulling in the lot from 8:10 and on! Students are to be in their classroom and ready to work at 8:15. Yesterday and today we had over 45 tardies! Please show responsibility and get your students here before 8:10.

STEM Speaker Series

Students in grades 6-8 have an optional opportunity to learn about a variety of careers in science, math, technology and engineering during their lunch and recess on Fridays. Guest speakers this quarter have included professionals with careers in cybersecurity/information technology and meteorology. Speakers typically share their education, what they do on a daily basis, and their favorite part of the field with the students. Students are then given an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker. Students often find out about internships, workshops and camps that are available to them in the future. If you are interested in presenting or know someone who is, please email mekrem@paideiaacademy.org. Many thanks to Susan Carter for scheduling and communicating with the speakers and to Ben Olofson and Michelle Sherrard for their assistance with the speaker series.

Music Update

Attention 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade Families and 5th grade General Music Families,

I am looking forward to sharing your children's talents with you during our upcoming concerts this quarter. This is just a friendly reminder to mark your calendars with our concert dates.

The 2nd and 3rd grade students will perform at 6:30 pm in the Paideia Great Room on the evening of Thursday, February 28th.

The 4th grade students and Ms. Olson's 5th grade general music students will perform at 6:30 pm in the Paideia Great Room on the evening of Thursday, March 14th

Children should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the concerts begin. Please contact me if you have questions about the concerts or if you know that your child will be unable to attend. I am excited to share our music with you! solson@paideiaacademy.org

PTO

Upcoming events:

Carnival Planning Meeting - Wednesday, January 30th @ 6:30 pm in the Small Commons at Paideia Academy

Mighty Ducks Movie Night - Friday, February 1 @ 6:30 pm in the Gym - Volunteers needed, please e-mail pto@paideiaacademy.org if you can help. No outside food. Rre-packaged snacks will be available for sale; this supports the PTO's events.

Community Fundraising Night - Tuesday, February 5th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm @ Wendy's (on the Southeast corner of County Rd 42 & Cedar) - 10% of ALL sales (including drive through) will be donated to the school. Please come and meet your fellow Paideia Families while supporting the school. This will be a monthly fundraiser!

PTO Meeting - Monday, February 11 @ 6:30 pm in the Large Commons at Paideia Academy

Letter from the PTO President:

Volunteerism. Volunteer. Voluntary. Words that are fundamental to Paideia Academy and our culture. I am often amazed at the amount of time our families are willing to give the school in order to help it succeed. It is very often voluntary, our parents give of their time whether or not the school required 50 volunteer hours per year per family. We have so many ways to achieve those hours and yet many are not aware of all of them. First, there are the opportunities in the classroom - this could be for parties or for regular things like reading groups or spelling test or it could be for field trips. Second, there are the opportunities in the school/administration - this could be supervising during lunchtime or making copies or helping at music concerts. Third, there are opportunities at home - this could be helping correct math tests or cutting out project needs. One way that it seems has been forgotten is with the PTO. Your time volunteering at PTO events, attending PTO meetings, and planning events is counted toward your volunteer hours with the school. This is important to note because the PTO is a true partner with the school. Our efforts directly affect the success of the school. Fundraising efforts provide the school a source of income to purchase some of things that are not in the budget. The playground and the Smart Boards in all the classrooms are just two of the large fundraising efforts that took place in the past. We are also fundamental in providing events for families to get to know each other at. Building a sense of Paideia Academy community is an important responsibility for the PTO.

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Movie nights, dances, Wendy's Night Fundraiser are all opportunities for you to meet fellow Paideia families. The PTO is also a forum for parents to be educated about what takes place at school. Our meetings are designed to give parents accurate information about what it is taking place between the hours of 8:15 am and 3:30 pm that your children may not be able to accurately explain to you. The last PTO meeting reviewed our drill practices with Director Levy-McGuire. If there are changes to curriculum the PTO will invite teachers or administration to attend and explain the changes so you are informed.

Your voice matters at the Paideia Academy PTO!

Genie Klopp
PTO President



**HAVE DINNER AT WENDY'S AND
EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

**Wendy's will donate 10% of all sales dine in or drive through from
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on our Community Night!**

Be True to your School

**Wendy's
Community Night!**

**PAIDEIA ACADEMY
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH**

Don't miss a great time and dinner.

Everyone will be there.

Join the fun and help our school while you're at it!

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Lower Academy Spelling Bee

Our Spelling Bee for grades 2-4 will be held Tuesday, January 29 at 2 p.m. Plan to attend! Many thanks to the parent volunteers who scored the classroom written bees: Mrs. Dokken, Mrs. Treat, Mrs. Wright-Walstrom, Mrs. Joubert, Mr. Bahr and Mrs. Steeves!



Congratulations!

A student representing Paideia Academy recently received a perfect score in the first of three meets for this year's **WordMasters Challenge™**—a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 150,000 students annually.

Competing in the very difficult Gold Division of the **WordMasters Challenge™**, seventh grader **Tracey Treat earned a perfect score of 20 in the December meet.** Nationally, only 180 seventh graders achieved a perfect score. Tracey was coached in preparation for the **WordMasters Challenge™** by Susan Sailors.

The **WordMasters Challenge™** is an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words (considerably harder than grade level), and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Working to solve the analogies helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. Although most vocabulary enrichment and analogy-solving programs are designed for use by high school students, **WordMasters Challenge™** materials have been specifically created for younger students in grades three through eight. They are particularly well suited for children who are motivated by the challenge of learning new words and enjoy the logical puzzles posed by analogies.

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