



Paideia Academy

February 8, 2012

Calendar:

February 11 - PTO Meeting
February 14 - Evening Conferences
February 15 - Conferences, No school
February 18 - President's Day, No school

2013/14 Open Enrollment information

January 31- Open Enrollment begins
(This includes siblings intending to enroll for 2013/14)

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

March 1- Open Enrollment ends

March 4 - 4 PM—Lottery Held

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

This week has been full of the past, present, and the future here at Paideia. On Monday, I was invited to Crystal Creighton's 4th grade classroom where they were watching a video on electricity. They were pretty surprised when they realized that the person doing experiments with students in the video was...me! (It was one of a series of physical science videos that I worked on over a decade ago. It was great fun!) We spoke for a while about my prior experiences as a science educator, and the kids were excited to see that, yes, my hair looked different years ago.

On Tuesday, our 8th graders participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Our school had been chosen at random to take part in the reading and math portions of this assessment that is used to assess what American students know and can do. While we will not receive our students' results, we should take pride in our participation in a national effort to support schools and educators. If you'd like to learn more about this assessment, see <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/>.

Wednesday provided me with an opportunity to meet with all the girls in 5th grade to discuss some of the challenges of friendships, adolescence, and effective communication. I was really affected by the seriousness with which they took the conversation and their willingness to examine relationships in a new way. As a graduate of a women's college myself, I truly appreciate the opportunities that our students have to spend time in single-gender groups with their teachers.

On Thursday, we continued our safety training with students by conducting a severe weather drill. You would have been very proud of their efficiency and willingness to follow directions. I was very impressed by all the students and staff. I was also able to watch the Science Olympiad students preparing with Mr. Olofson and a bunch of fantastic parents for this weekend's regional tournament.

Today has been fun too! The National Theatre for Children presented the second of two performances for our students. The Lower Academy students truly enjoyed learning about energy use in a fun way this morning, and they are now fully prepared to help you conserve energy at home. Feel free to ask them about the temperatures of your refrigerator and freezer.

Throughout the week, we have also continued our work to prepare for next year. One way you can support this effort is by completing a short survey about field trips at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HFXFPHH>. We ask that these surveys be completed by next Friday, 2/15/13, so we can review them and plan accordingly for next year.

I look forward to seeing you all at next week's conferences! Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

Arrival:

1. All cars must enter the carline from the southeast corner of Bogarts.
DO NOT ENTER FROM THE WEST SIDE of the building and cut in line!
2. After your student has left the car, do not pull around the car in front of you when leaving,

Morning Arrival Procedures



Curbside drop-off is the preferred arrival method.
Students should be ready to exit the vehicle.
Drivers should pull up as far as it allows.
Students may exit vehicle **ONLY** at Yellow curbside.
Drivers are to stay in their vehicle.
Drop-off starts at 7:50 and ends at 8:10 students are expected to be in their classrooms at 8:15.



Congratulations go to 7th grader, Tracey Treat.
She has qualified for participation in the 2013 Minnesota Seven County Metro Area Regional Spelling Bee on **March 2 with a score of 48 out of 50!** The top 50 spellers must have attained a score of at least **43 out of 50** on the online semifinals test to qualify. This is the next step to qualify and participate in the National Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. Best of Luck Tracey!



Conferences February 14 & 15

- **Lower Academy** teachers have been scheduling individual meeting times for conferences, if you have not yet scheduled a meeting time please contact your student's teacher.
- **Upper Academy** will hold drop-in conferences in the gym on Thursday night from 4-7:30 PM and will be available for a few drop-in conferences in their classrooms during the day on Friday from 8AM—3PM.

** This is the same format as we had in the fall.*

Science Olympiad Tournament!

The Paideia Science Olympiad students have been working very hard over the last few months and are excited to show off their talents at the regional competition!

All Paideia students and families are welcome to attend and cheer the students on.

The tournament info is as follows:

What: Science Olympiad Regional Tournament

Where: Minnetonka Middle School East

17000 Lake Street Extension, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345

When: Saturday Feb. 9th; 8:30AM - 12:30PM

Hope to see you there!

Continental Math

There will be Continental Math on February 11 for grade 6 since the following Monday we are off of school. There is no Continental Math during the week of February 11-15 for **grades 2-4** due to conferences. I'll see everyone the week of February 18-22! We will review the meet test.

Concerts



A Little Night Music

Brought to you by Paideia 2nd and 3rd graders

Thursday, February 28th

In the Paideia Great Room at 6:30 pm

Please join us for an evening of singing, moving, and playing instruments!

Come and Sing Together

Brought to you by the Paideia 4th graders and the Paideia 5th grade general music students

Thursday, March 14th at 6:30

In the Paideia Great Room

Join us for an evening of singing, moving and playing!



Community

On Saturday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m.–noon at the Galaxie Library, **The Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir** is going to be having a *FREE* concert for Black History month. Enjoy the soulful interpretation of the African-American gospel



Recognizing Early Warning Signs of Mental Illness in Children and Adolescents

Early intervention and treatment is essential for a child's success. This two-hour workshop provides information on the biological nature of mental illness and how parents and teachers can work together as allies to support these students.

This workshop meets the continuing education requirement for teachers.

April 17, 2013

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Paideia Academy (The Great Room)

7200 West 147th Street

Apple Valley, MN 55124

Please register at

<http://ews-april2013-applevalley.eventbrite.com>

NAMI Minnesota, 800 Transfer Road, Suite 31, St Paul, MN 55114 - 651 645 2948
www.namihelps.org

PTO

It was so great to see so many families on Tuesday night at Wendy's. The school earned over \$150 with very little effort. I am really looking forward to this ongoing fundraiser. If nothing else, it gives me a reason to not make dinner one night a month! Won't it be great to come in for the April Wendy's Night and see all red, black and white shirts on students and **Parents**! Parent Spirit Wear is available for pre-order only. Get your orders in by Friday, February 15th. Samples are on display at the Front Desk. Show your Paideia Pride!

Carnival Planning is underway and your help is needed! We have opportunities for daytime, night time, at home or in the school/community. Please contact pto@paideiaacademy.org if you can help. Every small bit is appreciated! Most importantly save the date and plan to attend the 5th Annual Carnvial! April 26th, 2013 - it's a Friday and we will be providing dinner!

The PTO is helping with another Label/Box Top drive. If you have time to adhere your labels to the included sheets please do so and count it toward your volunteer hours. Have your students turn in their Labels and Box Tops and milk tops, etc. and their class could win an out of uniform day! The class with the most non-expired, usable items will win the out of uniform day.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, February 11 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to join us in the large commons. Remember March will be our planning session for 2013/2014 and as always your voice and vote count!

Stay warm!
Ginie Klopp
PTO President

Fundraising

Dear Paideia Academy Families,

During the month of January and February please collect the following labels and caps for a contest. We will be collecting Box Tops for Education, Land O lakes caps, Milk-Moola caps, price ovals, Campbell labels for Education, Coke caps, labels from inside the 12 or 24 packs, and County Health Breads labels. Each will be considered 1 point. We will be collecting the rebate the first week of March in the class room.

Classroom PTO representatives will be sending out UPC collection sheets for various products that are worth cash for our school. If you already purchase these products, be sure to send in the labels/box tops/caps!

We now have six ways to raise funds.

1. General Mills Box Tops- Clip Box top coupons worth 10 cent from participating products.
No expired box top will be accepted
2. Land O Lakes Milk Caps – Each stickered cap on gallon jugs of milk, chocolate and orange juice marked “Save five for School is worth 5 cents. **PLEASE CLEAN AND LET DRY BEFORE TURNING THEM IN.**
3. Loaves 4 Learning by County Hearth and Village Hearth Breads collect the UPC on the bottom of the bread.
4. Milk Moola/Donuts to Dough (Kwik Trip stores) - Each stickered cap and marked bag top earns 5 cents. Each Glazers price oval from dozen or half-dozen boxes of Glazers donuts earns 10 cents. **PLEASE CLEAN AND LET DRY MILK CAPS AND BAG TOPS BEFORE TURNING THEM IN.**
5. Campbell's Soup label points – clip the UPC product code from Campbell's products and send to school.
6. Coke caps and in the inside of the carton there is a code. Clip it off the carton. We can use these to redeem items we use at the school. **PLEASE CLEAN CAPS AND LET DRY BEFORE TURNING THEM IN.**
7. **Kemps-WE DON'T COLLECT ANYMORE.**

If you have questions, feel free to contact paptofundraising@gmail.com

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.

Our Vision

We envision a new generation of engaged, productive global citizens.