



Paideia Academy

February 22, 2012

Calendar:

March 6 - Spring pictures. Please see information on p. 2

March 7 - International Family Night, 6:30!

March 13 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

March 15 - YEARBOOK orders due.

March 18 - April 6—Spring Break

April 26 - CARNIVAL 6:30

2013/14 Open Enrollment information

March 1 - Open Enrollment ends

March 4 - 4 PM—Lottery Held

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

It was a short week, but it was certainly a busy one! Our Finance Committee, Human Resources Committee, and Board meetings on Tuesday evening provided us with an opportunity to discuss our budgets for both this year and next, develop strategies for addressing Human Resources at Paideia, and review a Progress Report provided to us by our authorizer, Friends of Education. The meetings were attended by Paideia families, Board members, and representatives from some of our contracted services, and they provided great examples of how charter schools, and specifically Paideia Academy, are true communities of invested, enthusiastic people.

That message was reiterated on both Wednesday and Thursday nights as well. On Wednesday night, a few staff members and I joined three other charter schools to review our school's results from a recent workplace satisfaction survey given to our instructional staff. I look forward to analyzing the data more closely and developing plans to act on them with the entire community because, once again, I was reminded of the devotion of our staff and the strong connections that we all make at Paideia. The sense of family that is developed at Paideia was communicated loudly and clearly by staff, students, and parents at last night's Information Night for prospective families as well. The three students who spoke shared their appreciation of their teachers, small class sizes, uniforms, the interesting topics they learn about and activities they do in class, and the relationships they develop with their classmates. It was great to hear directly from them about what they love about being here! The prospective families asked a lot of great questions, and you would have been proud of the staff, Board, and student responses.

I look forward to continuing our work together to help Paideia reach its vast potential! Thank you all so much for all of your support.

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

From the Office

New! Teacher Recognition board in our staff lounge.

Our theme will include hands and hearts. We have printed out hands and hearts in various sizes and colors and would love for families to fill these out for our teachers (feel free to create your own!). Some ideas to help you get started include: What is your favorite teacher memory? How did a teacher make you feel special? What is your favorite thing a teacher does? What is your favorite funny teacher moment? Please include photos for us to hang on the board as well, if you have any. We want our teachers to know they are appreciated, not only during teacher appreciation week! The hands and hearts will be available at the student pick-up table (the table with the sorter bin that organizes lunch calendars, club forms, etc.). Please help yourself, and let's fill up the wall with hearts and hands!! Thank you!

Spring Picture Day: (Spring photos are optional)

If you wish for your student to have his or her photo taken, send them with the completed order form on March 6.

(Students will receive order forms next week)

- Only students with orders will have their photo taken.
- Students can be out of uniform for their photo.
- These photos will not be in the yearbook.
- **We 2 more need parent volunteers** to help with the photo session.

Please contact the Mrs. Watkins if you are able to volunteer. (hours 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM)



PAIDEIA ACADEMY
Wednesday March 6th, 2013

DON'T MISS OUT!
Order Online Today For the Best Value & Variety
(FLYERS WILL BE SENT HOME PRIOR TO PICTURE DAY)

TO ORDER VISIT: www.mylifetouch.com

Picture Day ID: MI102137Y0

Yearbooks:

Order your yearbook now! Books purchased before March 15 cost \$20, books ordered after that date will cost \$25.

Paideia Parents are amazing!

See where your fundraising efforts and donation are going.

1. 2011-2012 Flower Sales continue to support the Lower Academy field trips this year.
2. 2011-2012 Innisbrook Sales will be used to purchase window coverings for Mrs. Largents 4th grade room and the music room. These rooms are over exposed to the sun and the weather due to the many windows on these corner rooms. Our PTO is researching options and we hope to have this project completed by the end of Spring Break.
3. This year's Give to the Max day raised over \$5000!
 - Our 5th grade science program is getting new materials.
 - Each of our 36 teachers are purchasing books to add to their classroom libraries.
 - Four additional cameras have been purchased to be used in all classrooms and on field trips; we can't wait for next year's yearbook!
 - This spring the playground filler will be topped off to provide a safe environment for all our students.

HB Fuller Grant:

We are looking for any parents or guardians who may be employed by HB Fuller. Please contact Mrs. Watkins if you are able to help us.

Family Night!

Paideia Academy Family Night

An international Family Night and Potluck Dinner

When: 6:30pm-8:00pm, Thursday March 7th

Where: Paideia great room for dinner, surrounding rooms for activities

Why: To learn about different cultures and traditions, and to meet Paideia staff, students, and families.



Paideia Academy has a Family Night on March 7th that is going to be spectacular! We are going to celebrate the cultures of our students and their families. We are asking for some families to contribute to Family Night by bringing in a dish from their culture.

To be sure that we have the right amount of food, we would like for kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade to bring main dishes; 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade to bring appetizers; and 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to bring desserts.

In order to help us organize this best, we ask that you share the grades that your children are in, your last name, the origin of the dish, and the ingredients. Please fill out the form below and e-mail it to jcreighton@paideiaacademy.org or kschnase@paideiaacademy.org by Friday, March 1st.

*Please inform them of any of the following ingredients in your dish:

Peanuts (nuts), Dairy, Eggs, Gluten, Pork, Fish, Chocolate or if the dish is vegetarian/vegan.

Thank you for all that you do! It will be a blast sharing and trying foods from all over the world.

Grade:	Family Name:	Country of Origin:	Ingredients

Concerts

A Little Night Music

Brought to you by Paideia 2nd and 3rd graders

Thursday, February 28th at 6:30 pm

in the Paideia Great Room

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!

Bright Kids Come from All Cultures: Celebrating Diversity in Gifted Education

February CHAT Night

(Connect, Help, Advocate, Talk)

Thursday, February 28th, 2013

6:30 -8:00pm

Burnhaven Library ~ 1101 W. County Road 42, Burnsville 55337 (across from Burnsville Ctr.)

All of the parents on our panel have first-hand experience of raising culturally diverse gifted children. We will enjoy a brief presentation by Hawona Sullivan-Janzen on ways in which our cultural heritage influences our perceptions of gifted education. Then it's time for your questions, comments, and stories. Our panel members will share their stories and answer your questions. We will have an assortment of treats from around the world. If you would like to sign up to bring a food item from your culture to share, email burnsville@mcgt.net.

We will have Spanish and Somali interpreters.

This event is free of charge, and is open to everyone—feel free to bring a friend!

Visit www.mcgt.net for more information, or email burnsville@mcgt.net.

Note: We will not have supervision for children in the library. School-age children may stay in the children's reading section during the meeting. Younger children may accompany you to the meeting or play games in the meeting room.

Hosted by: Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Council for the Gifted and Talented (BESCGT)
Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented (MCGT)

STEM Career Fair, Tuesday

February 26, 6-8pm in the Eagan High School Commons

- Tech IT Out sessions at 6:15pm and 7:15pm in the Auditorium
- Students come explore careers in science, health care, engineering, information technology, actuarial science, geology, meteorology, technical writing, STEM Education, and more.
- Parents come gather information to support your teen in career exploration and preparation.
- Over 80 professionals will be available to share about their career field. There is something for everyone - from technician positions to PhD level careers.
- Science Museum staff will be available to share volunteer opportunities.
- A university student group will be available to share what it is like to study STEM fields.
- A few local technical and community college reps will also share pathways to STEM careers.
- Door prizes from Best Buy, Science Museum, Chipotle, and Dunn Bros.



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National Alliance on Mental Illness
MINNESOTA
Educate Support Advocate

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.

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>

Paideia Academy PTO

These are exciting days for the Paideia Academy PTO! Lots of hard work behind the scenes is starting to pay off. The Paideia Academy PTO website is up! You can visit us at www.paideiaacademypto.org and you can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PaideiaAcademyPTO!! Via Facebook you'll be able to get reminders about meetings and events. Via the website you'll be able to see agenda's, meeting minutes, events and much more.

The start of this year saw a lot of changes the PTO was making a big switch from a School Board Committee to a stand alone entity. Many people have been working on so many areas to get this PTO up and running and I can't thank them enough for their efforts. I hope you see that this work is starting to pay off and you see that we aren't crawling anymore, we're walking! Next year expect to see this PTO running, the momentum will just keep increasing and I hope you will be a part of that positive energy!

Remember today is the last day to turn in your Parent Spirit Wear orders. Order forms are at the Front Desk where t-shirts are on display and available to try on.

Be collecting your Box Tops, Labels for Education, Milk caps, Moo-La for the rebate contest. Turn those into your homerooms - the class with the most, non-expired, usable rebates will win an out of uniform day.

Mark your calendars for the next PTO Meeting, Monday March 11. We will meet at 6:00 pm (please note this is 30 minutes earlier than usual). This is a planning meeting for 2013/2014. Be part of the discussion for events and their scheduling. We do expect this meeting to last 3 hours.

Today of all days, please be careful, stay warm and have a great weekend!

Ginie Klopp
PTO President

Carnival Committee will meet on:
March 6th, 6:30 - Paideia Academy
April 8th, 6:30 - Paideia Academy
April 17th, 6:30 - Paideia Academy
April 24, 6:30 - Paideia Academy

Please join us for any of these meetings or contact pto@paideiaacademy.org to help. The Carnival is scheduled for April 26th - watch for pre-order forms and opportunities to contribute to the Silent Auction.