



# Paideia Academy

March 1, 2013

## 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

### 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.

## From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

Once again, my toes are tapping from a fantastic Paideia Academy music concert! Last night, Sarah Olson, our illustrious Lower Academy Music Teacher from MacPhail Center for Music, led the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders as they demonstrated their multiple talents – singing, dancing, drumming, playing the glockenspiel, and using rain sticks to create a mood. Each song was intricately directed, with lots of action, multiple parts, and intricate arrangements. It was truly wonderful! I look forward to the next concert on March 14<sup>th</sup>, when the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to show off their musical prowess as well. Congratulations to Sarah Olson who was just celebrated by MacPhail for 15 years of amazing work!

Thank you to the 38 of you who completed the Field Trip Survey! This information will be used to support us in planning our field trips in future years. Respondents' feedback included the following:

- The most important aspect of a field trip is relevance to specific content being covered in class
- More than 75% of respondents believe that single-day field trips are important to extremely important to their child's education
- Single-day field trips are considered much more important than overnight field trips
- Families should not be asked to spend more than \$500 on field trips in the entirety of their child's experience at Paideia Academy (K-8)
- Overnight field trips should occur in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (according to 95% of respondents)
- Earlier communication about field trips would be appreciated

With only two weeks left in the quarter, we are finalizing our DDI assessments for the third quarter, working on individual teachers' professional development plans, preparing for our fourth quarter standardized testing (MCAs – 4/15/13 – 5/8/13; MAP tests – 5/13/13 – 5/24/13), and gathering feedback to support planning for the summer and next year. It is an exciting time, and I appreciate the time many of you have taken to ask questions, share concerns, and offer solutions as we plan for the future.

I hope you will all send good thoughts tomorrow to our Science Olympiad team as they compete in the Minnesota State Science Olympiad at St. Thomas University! After coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the regional tournament, they are poised for success at the state level. We should all be very proud of their accomplishments this year.

Sincerely,  
Marci Levy-Maguire  
Director

## February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Board Meeting Highlights

- Finance update: Paideia is in outstanding shape financially. We are operating within our working budget, and will make one last revision before the end of the year for final adjustments and spending.
  - Major initiatives of the month: 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter observations; support for Lead Instructors in developing Personal Professional Development Plans and Performance Improvement Plans with all teachers; develop and release Spring Testing calendar; 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter DDI assessment development; Parent-Teacher conferences; support for Lower Academy Dean with Child Study Team, discipline tracking and implementation, 504 Plan procedures, and overall staff support.
  - Next steps: create a follow-up plan for Eklund Survey results and action items; follow up on Friends of Education site visit; revise non-teacher evaluations; continue development of organizational chart for 2013-2014; student and staff recruitment for 2013-2014.
  - Committee update: Governance and Long-Range Planning is working on compiling materials for the upcoming Board elections (there will be three openings); Curriculum Committee is working to support the development of an ESL program; Human Resources committee is working to put together a teacher recruitment and retention proposal for the April Board meeting.
  - Major technology initiatives of the month include: MCA and MAP testing schedule developed and computer preparations underway; meet with TIES to discuss suggestions and upload assessment data; new content filter and new barcoding system are in use; working to create family specific passwords for protected parts of the website; working to finish scope and sequence for K-8 computer proficiency. The next Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for March 13th to discuss technology expectations for staff and a student filtering system.
- PTO update: First Wendy's Night was very successful; raised approximately \$170 for the school and many families were in attendance. The next Wendy's Night is March 5th from 5 - 7pm. Carnival Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm; planning is underway and we are hard at work for the April 26th event. March PTO Meeting will be a planning meeting for the 2013-2014 year; the goal is to have our calendar set for next year.

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00. Please join us!!!**

## From the Office

### Spring Pictures: Next Week! (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.

**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)

<b>TO ORDER VISIT:</b> <b><a href="http://www.mylifetouch.com">www.mylifetouch.com</a></b>	<b>Picture Day ID:</b> <b>MI102137Y0</b>
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## Yearbooks:

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

# Family Night!

## Paideia Academy Family Night

### An International Family Night and Potluck Dinner

**When:** 6:30pm-8:00pm, Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to bring main dishes; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade to bring appetizers; and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jcreighton@paideiaacademy.org) or [kschnase@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:kschnase@paideiaacademy.org) by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*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



### Come and Sing Together

Brought to you by the Paideia 4<sup>th</sup> graders and the Paideia 5<sup>th</sup> grade general music students

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

**in the Paideia Great Room**

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

## Upper Academy Spring Play Auditions

Auditions for *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* will be held next Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 3:45-5:30 PM in Ms. Hood's classroom!

The play is open to all 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Paideia students.

