### PAIDEIACADEMY Calendar:

March 13 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

March 15 - YEARBOOK orders due,

4th Quarter Club registrations due

March 18 - April 6—Spring Break

April 20 - Final Spanish Camp Payment due

(Checks payable to Concordia)

April 26 - CARNIVAL 6:30

#### **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,

This was a week that should certainly make the entire Paideia Academy community proud! Last Saturday, our Science Olympiad team placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the state (out of 30 teams) in their first state-wide competition. It was an exciting day for everyone. The students were celebrated at Monday's Morning Meeting, along with one of their teammates who was not able to compete last week because she was busy earning 5<sup>th</sup> place at the state-wide Spelling Bee! We were also proud to celebrate our Lower Academy students' progress in reading during the third quarter.

On Monday afternoon, we held our lottery for enrollment during the 2013-2014 school year. We have filled all of our open spots in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade for next year, with additional students on the waiting list in each of those grades. We still have a few open spots in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, so we will continue our efforts to market our school throughout the spring and summer. We know that Paideia Academy is a great choice for students and families who are looking for small class sizes, rigorous academic work, Music, Art, Spanish, Latin, and a close-knit community – now we just have to let more people know!

After our snow day on Tuesday (which I hope you all enjoyed), I spent an amazing day on Wednesday at the State Capitol with Leah Hood (8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies teacher), Kim Klayum (Business Manager), and one of our amazing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We met with representatives from the Minnesota Association for Charter Schools, Representative Tara Mack, and Senator Greg Clausen to advocate for charter schools and discuss issues that are pertinent to our school. It was a great opportunity for us to share our successes as well as reflect on how our legislators can support our efforts.

The highlight of the week, however, was last night's International Family Night! It was an

incredible experience to participate in an event that celebrated all of our cultures, food, music, arts, and dancing. There were lots of familiar faces there, and even some new ones. Dozens of families and staff brought traditional dishes from around the world, and we

all ended the evening very full and happy. I look forward to making this an annual Paideia tradition that we can all enjoy.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night! Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely, Marci Levy-Maguire Director





## From the Office

Yearbooks: Orders due by Friday!

Books purchased before March 15 cost \$20, books ordered after that date will cost \$25.

Clubs: Registrations due by Friday!
Please turn in your 4th Quarter club forms by next Friday!

## Paideia Academy Places 6th in State Science Olympiad Competition!

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Minnesota Science Olympiad State Competition was held last week at the University of St. Thomas. A total of 30 teams from around the state competed in 19 academic events ranging from a crime scene investigation, to student built cars and helicopters.

After all scores were compiled, Paideia Academy was awarded 6<sup>th</sup> place. Paideia students also medaled in several specific events in-



cluding 1<sup>st</sup> place in Sounds of Music (Amelia Neild and Kira Dobberman), 1<sup>st</sup> place in Rotor Egg Drop (Fisk Lundgreen, Brady Schlaefer, and Ian Burpee), 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Crimebusters (Ben Carter and Micah Lillie), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Water Quality (Ryan Herzog and Evan Casper).

This was Paideia Academy's first year competing in Science Olympiad. The team was formed last fall as an after school club, and is coached by Paideia's 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, Ben Olofson.

Paideia's result comes after a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place showing in the regional competition held in Minneton-ka on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Paideia students medaled in 4 individual regional events including: 2<sup>nd</sup> pace in forestry (Kira Dobberman), 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Reach for the Stars (Jackson Billion and Amelia Neild), 3rd place for Mousetrap Cars (Joey Dokken and Adin Dove), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Helicopters (Fisk Lundgreen, Brady Schlaefer, and Ian Burpee).

**Thank you** to all the parents and Mr. Strand for donating their time and helping!

#### Paideia Students competitors:

Evan Casper
Jackson Billion
Brantly Craig
Fisk Lundgreen
Ryan Herzog
Joe Lewis
Kira Dobberman

Joey Dokken
Tracey Treat
Scott Ockwig
Micah Lillie
Brady Schlaefer
Tim Cummins

Adin Dove Josh Lillemo Ben Carter Joseph Townley Amelia Neild Ian Burpee





## **Next Concert!**

## **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!

# International Family Night!

















## Paideia Academy PTO

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. Get rebate hand-in sheets on the Paideia Academy website. Count your time clipping and adhering the rebates to the pages as your volunteer hours!

Wendy's Night - despite the snow day on Tuesday Paideia family and friends still turned out for our monthly fundraiser at Wendy's earning \$130 for the school! The next Wendy's Night is over spring break - April 2nd. Let's see if we can at least match the snow day turn out!

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.

Ginie Klopp PTO President

Visit us at <u>www.paideiaacademypto.org</u>. Follow us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/</u>
<u>PaideiaAcademyPTO</u>

#### Carnival Committee will meet on:

April 8th, 6:30 - Paideia Academy April 17th, 6:30 - Paideia Academy April 24, 6:30 - Paideia Academy

Carnival pre-order forms are coming home in back packs. Get your meal ticket orders in to ensure you have dinner waiting for you the night of the carnival! Limited meals available, pre-order is the only way to ensure your family will have dinner.

Please join us for any of these meetings or contact <a href="pto@paideiaacademy.org">pto@paideiaacademy.org</a> to help. The Carnival is scheduled for April 26th - watch for opportunities to contribute to the Silent Auction.