



# Paideia Academy

April 26, 2013

## Calendar:

**TONIGHT AT 5:30!**

- April 26 -** CARNIVAL 5:30!
- May 1 -** Uniform Committee Meeting 6 PM
- May 9 -** Staff Talent Show, 6 PM
- May 16 -** K & 1st grade General Music Concert, 6:30 PM
- May 20 -** Final Spanish Camp payment due  
(Checks payable to Concordia)
- May 29 -** Final Wolf Ridge payment due  
(Checks payable to Paideia)

### 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,

It's been yet another busy and exciting week here at Paideia Academy! On Tuesday night, we welcomed our incoming Kindergarten families to provide them with an orientation to our Kindergarten program. My sincere thanks go to Heidi Johnson, Jen Rothstein, Tonya Lundstrom, and Rachel Chamley for organizing the evening and communicating so effectively with families. We were really excited to have such a great turnout, and it was wonderful to see both new and returning families together in a Kindergarten classroom. In addition to discussing the academic expectations for our Kindergarteners, we also discussed recent decisions of the MN Legislature to fund full-day Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year and beyond. It is an exciting prospect that will offer us the ability to provide all of our students with an entire day of instruction.

On Wednesday night, the Board of Directors approved the academic programs for 2013-2014 as well as a revised 2013-2014 calendar of events. A tremendous amount of work went into these revisions, and I believe they will make all our lives better and more streamlined. I am currently developing a plan to share these changes with you and your children in a way that makes sense, so you should expect to hear more details in the coming weeks.

This morning, on the first of many (I hope) beautiful, sunny days, we held our fourth fire drill of the year. We were a little rusty, and children needed some reminding of appropriate behavior during drills. Please take a moment this weekend to talk to your child or children about the importance of being prepared for emergency situations and the necessity of being quiet and following directions during all drills. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring the safety of our community at all times.

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate two of our 1<sup>st</sup> graders who have been invited to the State Capitol to publicly read the essays they submitted for the Center for School Change Charter Public School Writing Contest. Cy Alexander earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award, and Tarek Selim earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award for their essays that responded to the following prompt, "Please describe your best day in school. Why was it your best day?" In preparation for this big event, the boys will practice reading their essays in front of the Paideia community at Morning Meeting on May 6th. I hope you will join us then!

Have a wonderful weekend! I look forward to seeing you all at tonight's CARNIVAL .

All the best,  
Marci Levy-Maguire  
Director

## From the Office

### Pay for lunch by check?

All lunch checks dropped off between April 24 and May 1 will be entered into your student's lunch account on May 2. Please disregard any "below balance notices" you receive during that time.



### **Paideia Academy Fundraiser May 8th, 9th & 10th!**

Bring your donations to the office.

**GOAL is \$300!**

**If we reach our goal the students and staff will earn an OUT OF UNIFORM DAY  
on Thursday May, 16th!**

- *Out of Uniform must be appropriate school clothing:*

*No sweatpants, pj's, leggings, yoga pants, or tank tops, skirts must be 2 inches above knee, no boots and no heels above 1"*

## Community Project with Paideia and the School of Environmental Studies

To everybody at Paideia Academy:

Hello, my name is Jackson Groskreutz, and I am a senior at the School of Environmental Studies. Each year at my school, seniors get the opportunity to create a project that relates to community and the environment. For me, the initial brainstorming process for a project was difficult. I love art, I want to be a teacher, and I'm passionate about the temperate rainforests in the Pacific Northwest. But how could I put these three pieces together? After a couple of weeks, the idea popped in my mind. Why not work with kids from a school on an art mural?

The first and only school I wanted to work with was Paideia Academy. I loved attending Paideia in eighth grade, and wanted to work with the school again. What I will do is work with Mrs. Cooper's fifth and sixth grade art class for a couple of days during the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will create a mural that relates to temperate rainforests and appreciation of nature. I believe all children love the environment and painting. The students would not only have fun creating the mural, but also feel proud of their work.

After the mural is made, the big plan is to set the mural up in a community center, which I am currently looking for. Everybody will be able to look at the great work that the students at Paideia put in to it. Next to the mural will be a sign that gives information about the mural. There will also be a donation box next to the mural. Proceeds will go to the Save the Redwoods League, which will use the money to buy private lands where Redwood trees are located, so logging companies won't be able to cut down the trees.

I think this collaboration will be something very cool and unique to our community. I am very excited to start working with the school soon, and I thank Paideia Academy immensely for agreeing to work with me!

Sincerely,

Jackson Groskreutz

## Marketing Committee needs you!

Please join us for a Marketing Committee Meeting on April 30th at 5:00 PM.

We need your help recruiting Upper Academy students! Marketing has a tremendous need for parents with skills in marketing, advertising, web design and promotion. During this meeting, we will discuss strategies and steps for getting out the message about our wonderful Upper Academy. Be a key player in crafting and executing Paideia's approach to Upper Academy marketing and recruitment!

# Paideia Academy PTO

## Carnival NIGHT!

I hope to see you tonight at the Carnival. Doors open at 5:30. There are a very limited number of meal tickets remaining and they will sell out fast. The hot dogs are all beef (this has been confirmed). Game tickets will be available all night for your fun and concession needs. For your convenience the PTO is happy to announce that we will be able to accept all major credit cards for tickets and Silent Auction purchases (Visa, Master Card, Discover & American Express). Volunteers should sign in at the Volunteer desk at the main doors.

Paideia Academy PTO is holding Executive Officer Elections. Nomination forms are on the PTO website! Please consider joining this team and leading the PTO into another successful year. Nomination forms are due by May 6th. Elections will take place at our May 13th meeting. We are also happy to be hosting the School Board Candidate forum. Come ask questions of your potential school board members before casting your vote.

The week of May 6th is Staff Appreciation Week. The PTO has planned a variety of ways to honor and appreciate our staff. On Tuesday, have your child write a note to their home room teacher. A thank you, a memory, a story, whatever they feel like sharing. On Thursday, have your child write a note to a specialist or administrator or other staff member they have a relationship or appreciation of.

Finally, our final event of the year will be the 3rd Annual 5k Walk/Run. The attached registration form needs to be completed by each participant, but families can turn their forms in together to get the discount. Please note that registration and payment must be received by May 10 to guarantee an event t-shirt. If you are interested in helping to plan or work at the 5k, please join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday, April 30 in the Small Commons after dismissal (3:45 pm). This event will directly benefit the Physical Education department of Paideia Academy.

See you Tonight!  
Ginie Klopp  
PTO President

## **3rd Annual Paideia Academy 5K Run / Walk Saturday, June 1**

We encourage you and your family to join us for a walk, run or jog with friends.  
look forward to being FIT FOR LIFE with you!

Contact [mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org) or  
[pto@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:pto@paideiaacademy.org) to volunteer!