



Paideia Academy

May 10, 2013

Calendar:

- May 16 -** K & 1st grade General Music Concert, 6:30 PM
- May 17-** Upper Academy Dance
- May 20 -** Final Spanish Camp payment due
(Checks payable to Concordia)
- May 22 -** Board meeting 7:00 PM
- June 1 -** 3rd Annual Paideia Academy 5K Run / Walk
- June 12 -** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL / Yearbooks distributed

Board Election Timeline:

May 3 - Voting Guides were distributed and are available at the front desk

May 13 - Candidate Information Forum at 7:00pm, hosted by the PTO

May 13 to May 21 - Voting period

- ◇ Ballots are due at 5:00pm on Tuesday May 21
- ◇ Ballots may be obtained through the school office or at the PTO Candidate Forum

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

It has been a great Teacher Appreciation Week here at Paideia! Thank you to all of you for all the wonderful thoughts, gifts, food, cards, and good wishes you have sent our way. Our teachers and staff do a great job every day, and I thank you for sharing your appreciation with us.

Last night's Paideia Staff Talent Show was a ton of fun! It was a great night of community-building for all of us, and it was definitely enjoyable on all sides. I'm excited to announce that we earned **\$670** to support our 2013-2014 extracurricular program. Special thanks go to Erin Harmon for organizing it all and to Andy Grover for providing tech support and creating the beautiful programs.

We have now officially finished our MCA testing for the 2012-2013 school year. Hooray!! I am looking forward to getting our scores in August and being able to celebrate our successes with you all. Throughout the year, we have made many changes to support our students' achievement on standardized assessments while continuing to provide our students with a well-rounded education that supports our mission and vision. Given the students' positive feedback after testing, I think we have, at the very least, succeeded in building their confidence. We'll keep you posted on official results as they come in.

As we continue to examine and revise our policies for next year, I have received a lot of questions and comments about our uniform policy. During our first meeting this spring, the Uniform Committee and I discussed our community's reasons for having a uniform policy in the first place. Some of the ideas we came up with were:

Uniforms promote school pride and a sense of community.

Students are not defined by their clothes, but rather by their knowledge, skills, behaviors, and personalities.

Uniforms allow us to focus on learning rather than clothing.

We are hoping that you will provide us with some of your thoughts on the issue by completing a short survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/paideiauniforms> by next Friday, May 17th. We appreciate you taking a few minutes to give us some feedback.

Thank you so much for your flexibility this week as we address the safety concerns of our parking lot. I'm looking forward to the day when we no longer have an obstacle course out front ☺.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you! I hope you enjoy a relaxing and warm weekend.

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

Thank you for your donations!



You helped us raise over \$150.00

Miss Niehoff's Exploratory class wrote letters to pen pals in Seoul, South Korea.

They are really excited to learn about another culture, and can't wait to keep in touch with new friends from around the world! The pictures show the 6th grade class opening their first letters from new friends.



PEN PALS



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.
We look forward to being FIT FOR LIFE with you!

Contact mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org or
pto@paideiaacademy.org to volunteer!

Paideia Academy News

Art Announcement! Community Mural

Paideia 5th and 6th Grade art students have been working with a Paideia alumnus to create an environmental mural for public display! The art will be on display at the Apple Valley Community Center on May 27th for two to three weeks. Please see the letter below for more information.

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. I worked with Mrs. Cooper's fifth and sixth grade art class for a couple of days during the week of May 6th. We created a mural that relates to temperate rainforests and appreciation of nature. I believe all children love the environment and painting. The students not only had fun creating the mural, but also felt proud of their work.

Now that 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 was excited to work with the school, and I thank Paideia Academy immensely for agreeing to work with me!

Sincerely,
Jackson Groskreutz

Paideia Academy PTO

SPRING HAS FINALLY SPRUNG!

What a beautiful way to start off a week; bright sunshine and crowning a Carnival Queen. Ms. Daugherty was crowned at morning meeting as the winner of the Shaving Cream Pie contest. A big thank you goes out to all our teachers who were creamed: Ms. Prins, Ms. Harmon, Ms. Hood, Mrs. Sherrard, Mrs. Cooper and Ms. Daugherty! It was a very tight race among all six.

Thank you for your participation in Staff Appreciation week. Please continue to show your support and appreciation for our staff through the end of the year. I know my boys are starting to get spring fever so just imagine 22 spring fever bodies from 8:15 to 3:30!



Please plan to attend the PTO Meeting Monday, May 13th starting at 6:30 pm. We will have a verbal vote for the PTO Executive Board and will host the School Board Candidate Forum. Come with questions for the Board Candidates so you can make an informed vote.

The Upper Academy Dance is Friday, May 17th. 6th through 8th Grade students may attend (Paideia Academy students only) from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Concessions will be available for purchase (no dinner items will be sold so please plan accordingly). Students may attend as a group, however at least 1 parent must be in attendance per 5 students. Please make appropriate plans with your student's parents. No student will be allowed to be dropped off without a parent entering the building and making oversight plans. No student will be released from the school without a parent - you must come into the school to pick up your child! If you would like to volunteer while at the dance we would appreciate your help. Please e-mail us at pto@paideiaacademy.org, options to help are concessions, school security, and dance chaperone.

Please join us for the Annual Paideia Academy 5k run/walk. Early registration is due today. Get your forms in to ensure a t-shirt. All participants must complete an entry form. Forms can be found at the volunteer table, they also went home in your student's back pack and were e-mailed to you by your grade reps last week. Encourage friends and family to participate; this is a community event to benefit the Paideia Academy Phy Ed program. The 5k will be June 1; registration begins at 8:00 am the race will begin at 9:00 am. If you are able to volunteer at the event please contact pto@paideiaacademy.org.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook! Paideia Academy PTO. We'll keep you in the know!

Happy Mother's Day!
Ginie Klopp
PTO President

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.