



# Paideia Academy

May 31, 2013

## Calendar:

**Tomorrow!** - 3rd Annual Paideia Academy 5K Run / Walk

**June 10 -** Talent Show, 2:00 PM,  
PTO meeting and Volunteer Appreciation event 6:30 pm

**June 12 -** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL / 8th Grade Graduation / Yearbooks distributed

**June 21 -** Last day to register for Summer Programs

### From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

As we near the end our first school year together, we have some great successes to celebrate, including the graduation of our 8th graders - some who have been here since their 1st grade year. During those eight years, they have grown into adolescents, learned about the world and themselves, developed relationships, modified relationships, and participated in the evolution of a new charter school. In less than two weeks, they will be the fifth graduating class from Paideia Academy.

Our eighth graders should be proud of their accomplishments here, and they should know that they have a bright future ahead of them. Transitioning to high school is both an exciting and nerve-wracking adventure, but it is a rite of passage on which our students must embark. They have been prepared well for their next steps, and we wish them all the best in their high school endeavors!

I hope that our graduates always consider Paideia their home. Though the school will continue to evolve, the vision of developing productive, global citizens and the mission of providing students with a well-rounded, rich education will remain. I look forward to our alumni continuing to participate in the future of Paideia, and I hope they come back regularly and often to share their own evolving perspectives on the world.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Sincerely,  
Marci Levy-Maguire  
Director

## May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 Board Meeting Highlights:

- Results of the 2013-2014 School Board Election: 3-year term members are Erin Harmon as teacher, Jonathan Bradley as family member, and Roxanne Mindeman as community member; 1-year term for Andrew Sazama, eligible to run again next year for a 3-year term.
- Finance update: adjustments have been made throughout the year to accommodate enrollment changes to end the year with a positive balance of \$3825. A working budget for 2013-2014 with a projected enrollment of 396 has been started and will come up for review at the June meeting; this is an increase of 16 students from our current enrollment.
- Major initiatives of the month: complete fourth quarter observations; complete MCA and MAP testing; finalize 2013-2014 Programming work and compensation packages; begin revising personnel policies for 2013-2014; collaborate with Friends of Education (FOE) to develop a hiring fair; develop plans for summer programs, including Extended School Year, enrichment programs, and Computer Explorers; begin discussions on report cards for 2013-2014.
- Next steps: provide letters of renewal to staff for 2013-2014; finalize plans for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation; end-of-year compliance work and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) reporting; revise discipline policy and Family Handbook for 2013-2014; work with staff to finalize curriculum maps; end-of-year procedures.
- Committee update: motion passed to increase classroom enrollment from 22 to 24 in grades 1-8 starting in the 2013-2014 school year to help Paideia remain financially stable with the revised enrollment policy; new compensation package with salary schedule will go into place for 2013-2014; curriculum committee is working to determine new textbook needs for next year based on new standards; marketing committee has rolled about a new message specifically aimed at recruiting Upper Academy students and setting Paideia apart as a K-8 school.
- Major technology initiatives of the month include: complete MCA testing; begin MAP testing; Year End Processing at TIES; begin scheduling new program for 2013-2014; inventory and budget work; reformat iPads to easier accessibility for students; May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss standards that will now be incorporated into classrooms and how it will be reflected on report cards.

PTO update: April 26<sup>th</sup> Carnival raised ~\$7,200; May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – hosted a Board candidate forum and elected officers (Ginie Klopp – President, Jennie Wollschlager – Vice President, Kim Glogowski – Treasurer, Cara Pavek – Secretary); events coming up are the June 1<sup>st</sup> 5K and the June 10<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Appreciation event.

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00. Please join us!!!**

## From the Office

### **Paideia Summer Programs!**

Paideia Academy will be offering summer programs the weeks of  
July 8-12 & July 15-19!

[Please click here to view Summer Programs.](#)

**Student Information Update sheets** were sent home on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please review the information we have on file for you student, complete the 2013-14 Permissions section, sign it and return it to school by Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much!

### Upper Academy Word Masters

Paideia students competed at the 7 Gold level (more difficult of two levels).

**Tracey Treat is our big winner this year.** She finished the year with a score of 59/60. She was the **ONLY student in Minnesota to achieve "Highest Honors"**. Approximately 5500 students competed in the 7 Gold Division. 6 students finished with perfect scores and only 11 finished with a score of 59/60.

**ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS** need to be entered in the volunteer log books by noon on Monday.

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All students at Paideia have an account. Please email [mekrem@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:mekrem@paideiaacademy.org) for you username and password!

**Y SCHOOL AGE**™

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

**Welcome to School Age Care  
at Paideia Academy!**

Looking ahead to the 2013-14 school year we are offering **FREE** registration until June 10th for before and after school care!

Please visit [YMCAtwincities.org](http://YMCAtwincities.org) form more information and to register or see Hannah during care hours 6:30-8 AM or 3:00-6:00 PM.

Dear Paideia Community,

It is hard to believe our 2012-2013 school year is coming to an end. Where did the year go? It seems like it was only yesterday that we were dropping our students off on the first day of school in their new polos and shorts! Now their pants are becoming high water pants - beneficial this spring - and their shirts keep creeping up their arms. We've enjoyed our movie nights, our all school dance, our Carnival, our Upper Academy Dance and we are closing the year with our 3rd Annual 5k, final PTO Meeting and Graduation. We already have our eye on next year, which is just around the corner.

This Saturday the 3rd Annual 5K will be held. The starting and finish line is just across 147th Street in the green space. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the race (run/walk) begins at 9:00 am. If you haven't yet, you may register at the event on Saturday. Registration forms will be at the race. Proceeds from the 5K will directly benefit the Paideia Academy Physical Education program.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration and ensure student and runner/walker safety along the route. If you are able to volunteer please contact [PTO@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:PTO@paideiaacademy.org). If you have students or family running and are able to pitch in, please volunteer. If you just need something to get you outside on a Saturday morning, please consider helping. This is a great way to get your final volunteer hours in!

The final PTO meeting of the year will be held on Monday, June 10. Administration would like your feedback and input on Report Cards. Please come to give your opinion. A Volunteer Social will be held immediately following the PTO meeting. We hope you will come celebrate all that has been accomplished this year. We are a small community, but we can really pull off some wonderful events and this is away for your hard work to be appreciated!

Finally, you will be receiving Spirit Wear order forms in backpacks this week. Please get your orders in for next year's Spirit Wear. Note that 5th grade is considered Upper Academy and they will be able to order the black t-shirt. Orders will be available for pick-up at Back to School Day on July 31st. This is your only chance to order Spirit Wear for next year (short sleeve t-shirts). Cash and check maybe submitted at any time with the completed order form. Credit Cards will be accepted at Morning Meeting on June 3rd and 10th and at the PTO Meeting on June 10th. Order forms along with payment must be turned in by June 10th.

Our year is wrapping up and winding down, however much is still left to do. Please volunteer at the 5K, please plan to attend the Volunteer Appreciation social and preceding PTO Meeting and please enjoy and celebrate your student's accomplishments over this school year!

With appreciation,  
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.**