



Paideia Academy

Back-to-School Newsletter July 25, 2013

Calendar:

- July 29 - Aug. 2** Professional Development Week for Staff
- July 31** Back-to-School Event 2:00—7:00 PM (**School photos taken*)
- August 5** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 8:15 AM
Parent 'Pot Luck' Breakfast - 8:15 - 8:45 AM
Monday Morning Meeting 8:45 - 9:08 AM (**Introduction to the 2013-2014 staff*)
- August 7** Information Night for Prospective Families 6:30 PM
- August 9** Extracurricular program registrations due (**Clubs begin the week of August 12*)
- August 13** PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- August 15** Curriculum Night 6:30—8:00 PM
- August 20** Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM
- August 22** Special Education Advisory Meeting
National Junior Honor Society Induction Meeting

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year! We hope you had a fantastic summer with your family and that you all had a chance to relax and have some fun. We are excited about welcoming our new Paideia families to our school and seeing our returning students and families back for another school year. School has been a busy place during the past few weeks. We have inducted new Board members, hired and oriented new staff, provided training for our Lead Teachers, run a successful summer program, participated in the July 4th Apple Valley Freedom Days parade, finalized our calendar of events for the year, welcomed our new Paideia families, assessed our incoming Kindergarten students, and strengthened or established systems and structures to better support collaboration, communication, and community. This year is a special year because we will, for the first time ever, be graduating some students who have been at Paideia since Kindergarten!

Next Wednesday, July 31st 2:00pm – 7:00pm, is our Back to School event during which you will be able to meet the 2013-2014 staff, Board of Directors, and PTO Executive Board members; sign up to participate on school committees and for volunteer opportunities; fill out paperwork; meet fellow Paideia families; have your child's official school photo taken; log on to your Schoolview account to learn about your child's progress and performance; etc. Please see specifics below. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

We have a wonderful year ahead of us! Thank you so much for making Paideia Academy your school of choice for the 2013-2014 school year.

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire

Volunteers needed!

- We could use the support of some volunteers to help us prepare for the beginning of school. Everything from papering bulletin boards, to unpacking and inventorying boxes of books, to helping teachers set up their classrooms. If you can help, please contact Kim Klayum at kklayum@paideiaacademy.org. What a great way to get a head start on your family's 50 hours of community service!

Back-to-School Night Information

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT JULY 31ST, 2:00PM-7:00PM

Please join us between the hours of 2:00pm and 7:00pm on Wednesday, July 31st. (You are not required to stay for the entire 5 hours—just the time it takes you to complete the stations below.) Please bring any paperwork required to complete your registration, check or cash to pay any student fees, student school supplies in a paper bag marked with his/her name, student medications/health information, and any other items/information the school should have to meet the needs of your child.

During this event, you will have the opportunity to learn who your child's teachers are, sign your child up for extracurricular activities, sign up for PTO carpool and directory, sign up to participate on school committees, sign up for volunteer opportunities, get your child's car tag, and more!

Students should bring or wear their Paideia uniform for school photos.

Back-to-School Night Stations

**Check-In
Meet your Teachers
Drop off School Supplies
Board of Directors
PTO
Forms & Transportation
School Photos
Schoolview
Student Health
Special Education
Upper Academy Student Schedules
Check-Out**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Fees May Include:

**Uniforms
Gym Uniforms
Yearbook
Extracurricular Activities
Student Planners
Lunch
Kindergarten Enrichment**



- = School Open
- = Break/Holiday
- = Family Night
- = Staff Training
- = MMM (Monday Morning Meeting)
- = Conferences
- = Board Mtg (7:00)
- = No School

School Calendar 2013-2014

Paideia School Hours:

M, Tu, Th, F - 8:15 - 3:25

W - 8:15 - 2:25

AM Kindergarten - 8:15 - 11:50

August

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July 31, 2-7 PM Back to School Day

July 29- Aug 2, Staff PD
August 5, School Starts - MMM
August 7, Information Night
August 15, Curriculum Night
August 20, Board Meeting

September

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September 2-3, Labor Day
September 9, MMM
September 17, Picture Retakes
September 17, Board Meeting
Sept 30-Oct 4, DDI Assessments

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October 7-18, Fall Break
October 18, Staff PD Day
October 21, MMM
October 21, 2nd Qtr. Starts
Oct 21-25, Re-Teaching Week
October 22, Board Meeting
Oct 23, Report Cards on SchoolView
October 24, 4-8pm Conferences
October 25, No School
8am -3pm Conferences

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Nov 1, Open Enrollment Begins
November 7, Family Night
November 14, MMM
November 19, Board Meeting
November 20, Information Night
Nov 27-29, Thanksgiving Break

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December 2, MMM
December 5, UA Music Concert
Dec 16-20, DDI Assessments
December 17, Board Meeting
Dec 23 - Jan 10, Winter break
Dec 23-Jan 1, Office Closed

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January 10, Staff PD day
Jan 13, MMM & 3rd Qtr. Starts
Jan 13-16, Re-Teaching Week
Jan 15, Report Cards on SchoolView
Jan 16, 4-8pm Conferences
Jan 17, No School 8-3pm Conferences
January 20, MLK - No school
January 21, Information Night
January 21, Board Meeting

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February 3, MMM
February 13, K-2 Music Concert
February 18, Board Meeting
February 17, President's Day
Feb 28, Open Enrollment Ends

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March 3, MMM
March 3, Lottery
March 6, Family Night
March 10-14, DDI Assessments
March 12, Board Meeting
March, 13 Spring Pictures day
March 17-Apr 4, Spring Break

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Mar 17-April 4, Spring Break
April 4, Staff PD Day
April 7, MMM & 4th Qtr Starts
April 7-11, Re-Teaching Week
April 9, Report Cards on SchoolView
April 15, Board Meeting
April 17, 3-4 Music Concert

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May 5, MMM
May 8, Staff Talent Show
May 20, Board Meeting
May 26, Memorial Day- No School
May 27-30, DDI Assessments
May 29, Information Night

June

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June 2, MMM
June 2-6, Re-Teaching Week
June 5, UA Music Concert
June 6, Campus Clean Up Event
June 11, Graduation
June 11, Last Day of School
June 11, Report Cards on SchoolView
June 17, Board Meeting

July 15 - Board Meeting

Approved 24 August 2011

Updated 7/17/2013

173 total instructional days

From the Board of Directors

Brian Steeves

Stephanie Abraham

Phil Sterner

Jonathan Bradley

Andrew Sazama



Leah Hood

Allen Johnson

Heidi Johnson

Roxanne Mindeman

Meet Your New Board of Directors

Allen Johnson (Chair)

- Connection to Paideia: *Father of 3 daughters enrolled at Paideia (2nd, 4th & 6th)*
- Higher education: *MBA Carlson School of Management (University of Minnesota)*
- Career information: *Senior leader at Target in information technology*
- Committee leadership: *Led G&LRP and HR last year*
- I chose to be a member of the Paideia Academy Board of Directors because... *I wanted to make an investment and positive impact in the school and community where my daughters spend most of their time during the school year.*

Jonathan Bradley (Vice Chair)

- Connection to Paideia: *Father of 2 daughters enrolled at Paideia (K & 1st)*
- Higher education: *Bachelor's degree in Business with emphasis in Finance & Marketing (Bethel University)*
- Career information: *Branch Manager at Dakota Supply Group in Burnsville*
- Committee leadership: *Human Resources Committee Chair*
- I chose to be a member of the Paideia Academy Board of Directors because... *I want to be more involved in all of the great things that are happening here at Paideia Academy.*

Brian Steeves (Treasurer)

- Connection to Paideia: *Father of 2 children at Paideia (3rd & 5th grade)*
- Higher education: *Bachelor's degree in Political Science (Minnesota State University – Moorhead); Master's degree (University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs)*
- Career information: *Executive Director of the Board of Regents and Corporate Secretary of the University of Minnesota*
- Committee leadership: *Finance Committee Chair*
- I chose to be a member of the Paideia Academy Board of Directors because... *I believe that this school has the capacity to deliver a superior academic experience in a supportive, nurturing environment.*

Meet Your New Board of Directors (cont.)

Leah Hood (Secretary)

- Connection to Paideia: *7th/8th Grade Social Studies Teacher*
- Higher education: *Bachelor's degree (Macalester College); Master's in Teaching (Hamline University)*
- Career information: *7th/8th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Paideia Academy since 2008*
- I chose to be a member of the Paideia Academy Board of Directors because... *I believe it is essential for teachers to have a strong voice on the Board; operating a public school is a shared responsibility, and I want to do my part to try to ensure that Paideia grows in the ways we need to grow while maintaining our strengths.*

Heidi Johnson (Director)

- Connection to Paideia: *Founding Kindergarten teacher & Parent of a Paideia alumnus*
- Higher education: *Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Kindergarten Endorsement (St. Cloud State University)*
- Career information: *Elementary school teacher since 1994; Kindergarten teacher at Paideia Academy since 2005*
- Committee leadership: *Academic Excellence Committee Chair*
- I chose to be a member of the Paideia Academy Board of Directors because... *I want to continue my service to the students, families and teachers at Paideia in a leadership position. I have been a teacher at Paideia since the opening in 2005. We are a great school with a great staff, great students and great families and I want to ensure that continues.*

Andrew Sazama (Director)

- Connection to Paideia: *Parent of 1 child at Paideia (3^d grade)*
- Higher education: *Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, International Business (Augsburg College)*
- Career information: *Partner, StradeFuse, LLC - Custom Software Development*
- Committee leadership: *School Culture & Communication Committee Chair*
- I chose to be a member of the Paideia Academy Board of Directors because... *I am concerned about my son's education and want to make sure that I am doing everything I can to see not only him, but his friends and fellow students succeed.*

Stephanie Abraham (Director)

- Connection to Paideia: *Mother of 1 Paideia student (7th grade) and 1 Paideia alumna (the Abrahams have been at Paideia since our doors opened in 2005)*
- Higher education: *Bachelor's degree in International Business & Economics (College of St. Thomas)*
- Career information: *National Account Executive with Meet Minneapolis Convention and Visitors Association*
- Committee leadership: *Marketing & Enrollment Committee Chair (2013-2014); previously led Human Resources Committee, Finance Committee, and Marketing Committee*
- I chose to be a member of the Paideia Academy Board of Directors because... *I saw a missed opportunity of elevating Paideia Academy's profile to the surrounding community. Having volunteered in leadership positions for the school, even before its opening, I was intimately aware of what the school was doing well and what needed to be addressed. Serving on the Board has allowed me to focus attention on how to take Paideia to the next level of being an amazing educational option for children in the south metro area.*

Roxanne Mindeman (Director)

- Connection to Paideia: *Local Community Member (Parent of a Paideia Academy alumnus)*

Phil Sterner (Director)

- Connection to Paideia: *Local Community Member*

Board Beat

July 16, 2013

The following is a summary of information discussed at the July 16, 2013 board meeting. Approved minutes including all details will be published after they are approved on August 20, 2013.

- Major initiatives of the month were completing end-of-year compliance reporting; revising the 2013-2014 Personnel Manual and Family Handbook; summarizing and reflecting on the results of the Family Satisfaction Survey; continuing with the hiring process; collaborating with staff on student schedules, planning New Family Night, New Staff Training, Lead Teacher Training, Professional Development Week and Back to School Day; working on curriculum, assessment, and instruction with individual teachers and teams; supervising summer programs; determining rooms and offices for all staff; developing fundraising priorities for PTO; planning the first Monday Morning Meeting; and reviewing the 2012-2013 Math and Science MCA data.
- Next steps include writing the 2012-2013 Annual Report; finalizing Family Handbook, Personnel Manual, hiring, and plans for professional development; determining extracurricular programs for the first quarter; and strengthening safety plans and procedures.
- Financial update: Paideia ended the year at the proposed budget with a fund balance at 34%. Paideia is on a strong financial footing.
- Committee Updates: Governance and Long-Range Planning worked on the 2013-2014 Family Handbook and School Calendar to be ready for Back to School Day. New board members Leah Hood and Heidi Johnson were elected to fill the vacant board spots created by the changes in legislation. New committees were established and defined. Officers and Committee Chairs were elected. Human Resources reported on legislation regarding teacher evaluations and the Director evaluation has been completed pending final test scores. Academic Excellence Committee will be working on the re-authorization of Paideia's charter throughout the year. A new ad hoc committee established entitled Facility Purchase Committee.
- PTO: All PTO board positions have been filled with the exception of fundraising. Gym uniforms and spirit wear will be available for order at Back to School Day.
- Fundraising priorities established for 2013-2014 included curriculum, instruction and assessment; facilities and equipment; and extracurricular activities.

Please join us at the next Board meeting on August 20, 2013 at 7:00pm!

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.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES

School Committee	Chair
Academic Excellence	Heidi Johnson
Human Resources	Jonathan Bradley
Finance	Brian Steeves
Governance & Long-Range Planning	Roxanne Mindeman
School Culture & Communications	Andrew Sazama
Marketing & Enrollment	Stephanie Abraham
Operations	Phil Sterner

Student School Hours

Kindergarten
8:15am – 11:50am (Monday through Friday)
Kindergarten with Kindergarten Enrichment
8:15am – 3:25pm (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)
8:15am – 2:25pm (Weds.)
1 st – 8 th Grades
8:15am – 3:25pm (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)
8:15am – 2:25pm (Weds.)

PTO

Dear Returning and New Families,

On behalf of the Paideia Academy PTO, I welcome you back or to school for the 2013/2014 year. There will be plenty to keep you busy over the next week as we all prepare for the first week of school. To keep you informed of what the PTO has going on and has been diligently planning and working over summer break on please continue to read on!

At Back to School Day, be sure to stop at the PTO table. We will have your pre-ordered Spirit Wear shirts available to pick-up, Gym uniform order forms for 5th through 8th graders, Volunteer sign-up, PTO Event & Fundraising Calendar, Directory and Car Pool data entry and past Spirit Wear/Uniforms for purchase. Check and credit will be accepted for any orders.

Directory and Car Pool data entry - the PTO is gathering information to quickly provide you a School Directory along with Car Pool information. Your assistance is required. Please go to the Paideia Academy PTO website: www.paideiaacademypto.org and complete the School Directory form. You will be able to enter information for all family members who want to receive information regarding PTO Volunteer opportunities (we know how Grandparent, Aunts, Uncles and others like to help out where they can). You must provide this information voluntarily to be included in the School Directory - this is the only approved contact sheet provided to the school community.

First Day of School - Let's give our students a round of applause and then get to know each other a bit. Returning families are being asked to get to school at 7:45 am (or a bit earlier) to line the school side walk and welcome our new and returning students. At 8:10am all parents are welcome to meet in the school gym (feel free to bring a pastry to share and any non-school aged student) to meet other parents prior to the First Monday Morning Meeting of the 2013/2014 school year.

The first PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 pm in the large commons. All parents/ caregivers of Paideia Academy students are automatic voting members of the PTO. Your voice matters! On tap will be approval of the 2013/2014 budget, update of the PTO Event Calendar and discussion of donation to Paideia Academy. Agendas will be e-mailed the first week of school.

The Paideia Academy PTO is looking forward to meeting you and helping you get connected!

See you soon,
Ginie Klopp

Meet Your PTO Executive Board



Not pictured—Cara Pavek (Secretary)

Ginie Klopp (President)

Parent of: 6th Grader, 1st Grader, & one at home

Entered Paideia in 2012

I've participated in some fashion in the parent group at Paideia since my oldest was in First Grade. I lead the discussion to move from a School Board Committee to a separate Non-Profit Organization and helped see the group through this transition. Seeing the Paideia Academy PTO from its infant stage to a full functioning and effective organization is my goal over the next 3 years.

Jennie Wollschlager (Vice-President)

Parent of: 4th Grader, 2nd Grader, Alumnus & one at home -

Entered Paideia in 2005

Since Paideia opened its doors I've been involved with supporting the school and our parent community. I've been a Fundraising Coordinator, Treasure, Event Coordinator and everything in between so it was a natural transition to Vice President on the newly created PTO.

Kim Glogowski (Treasurer)

Parent of: 2nd Grader and three at home

Entered Paideia in 2011

During the last year I have participated in the School Board's Finance Committee and with prior Non-Profit Accounting background, the PTO Treasure position is a natural fit for me. Over the next two years I will assist in solidifying necessary procedures for the Paideia Academy PTO.

Cara Pavek (Secretary)

Parent of: 6th Grader, 4th grader, 1st Grader, and one at home

Entered Paideia in 2012

Be careful who you tell your prior experience to. Being new to Paideia, I was surprised to be so quickly asked to be the PTO Secretary, but being a part of the PTO is an easy way for me to be in the know as well as getting my volunteer hours in.

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Photos from July 4th Apple Valley Freedom Days Parade

