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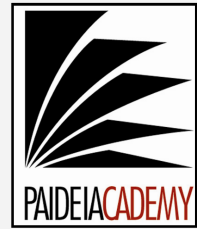
September 9 Monday Morning Meeting, 8:15 AM

September 10 PTO meeting 6:30 PM

September 17 Picture retakes & Board Meeting 7:00 PM

September 27 All school DANCE! 6:30-8:30 PM

October 7-18 Fall Break, No school



From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

It's been a short week, but another good one! This week, during collaborative planning time, our teachers began intensely examining the MCA test specifications for the Reading MCA III (the test all 3rd-8th graders will be taking this spring) in an effort to better align our classroom instruction with success on Reading MCA III exams. The Reading Test Specifications provide wonderful information on the design of the MCA exams, including: which standards are assessed, the number, word count, and Lexile levels of reading passages to be expected per grade level, the rigor and types of questions, etc. The analysis of this document led to some great discussions about how we can use this information to better prepare our students for exams while continuing to provide them with a well-rounded education. The focus was not on "teaching to the test", but on using the resources we have available to be more strategic in our curriculum and instruction choices. Reading MCA III, Math MCA III, and Science MCA III Test Specifications are available for the public to see at <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/EdExc/Testing/TestSpec/>.

We have officially completed our Title I & Title II application, which bring additional funds to our school to support struggling students. I'm excited about the new programs we will be able to provide to support identified Title I students in math and reading, including inter-session (break) and summer programs. Families of students identified as Title I students will be contacted within the next few weeks, and an evening meeting will be set up to discuss our planned programs and how they are designed to help specific students.

I am also proud to announce that, thanks to the efforts of our Art teacher, Jenny Cooper, and parent, Kris Ziegler, Paideia Academy has been awarded a \$7,544 Arts Learning grant from the Minnesota Arts Board! These grants are designed to "help lifelong learners acquire knowledge, understanding, and skills in the arts." Our grant will allow 5th-8th grade students at Paideia Academy will to participate in a two-week residency with the metal sculpture artist, Gita Ghei. Students will learn the history, engineering, and practices of metal art mobiles as they work together to make a large mobile for public display. Please see <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/2014/2014-awarded-al.htm> to see all of the award winners for this year. Thank you so much, Jenny and Kris!

Next Tuesday evening, we have an Academic Excellence Committee meeting, at which we will review the Danielson Framework for Teaching that guides our teacher observation process. We would love to include you in this activity to help the community understand how our expectations are developed and how feedback is provided to teachers. We will also be holding our Human Resources meeting (5pm), during which we will be focusing on staff evaluations, and Operations Committee meeting (6pm), during which we will be focusing on safety, on Wednesday evening. Please join us in these important discussions!

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

Important Updates

If you haven't already, please check out your student's grades in Schoolview.

<https://www.tiescloud.net/schoolview>

If you need help with your password, please email Tonya Lundstrom
tlundstrom@paideiaacademy.org



\$3,295.69 for Paideia!

Get your Target Visa Now!

Paideia Academy received \$3,295.69 from Target Visa for the 2012-2013 school year. These funds were raised simply by parents and friends like you who use their Target Visa card and designate Paideia to as their 'Take Charge of Education' choice! Target donates 1% of all your purchases to Paideia at the end of the school year. Apply now at <http://www.target.com/redcard/main>; you also receive an automatic 5% off all your Target Store purchases.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Great weekend project for volunteers! We need the shrubs, bushes and plants in the front of the building trimmed! (Especially the purple shrubs to the right of the front door / driveway) You can come whenever you wish, you will need your own tools and be sure to keep track of your time so you can log it in the volunteer book! (Staff will not be present).

USED UNIFORMS

We truly appreciate all the used uniform donations, however we have run out of storage room. From this point forward, we would like families to hold on to their donations until we post an official "Drop Off Day". (*This date will be a few days before the next Used Uniform Sale.*)

At this time we do not have a sale date scheduled but we will share it with you as soon as we do!

RETAKES DAY IS SEPTEMBER 17!

Pick up an order form in the lobby or order online!

(If you order on line please be sure to send student with online confirmation number next Tuesday!)

Retake Day!
Tuesday, September 17, 2013
Paideia Academy

**Get Ready for
Picture Day**

Order your picture and take the photo

ORDER TODAY!

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Easy as 1-2-3 Step 1, 2, 3

- 1 Visit **mylifetouch.com** mylifetouch.com
- 2 Enter Picture Day ID ingressa la sezione dedicata alle foto
- 3 Order and print the receipt to give to the photographer on Picture Day.
Ordina e stampa il tuo receipt e daielo al fotografo al día de la foto

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Do you know what the Kwik Trip Gas Card Program is?

Purchase a Kwik Trip card at the office and 9% of the purchase price will be put into individual student accounts to be applied to FUTURE Upper Academy field trips costing in excess of \$100!
It's that easy!

The Kwik Trip fundraising program was put in place to provide a way for families to offset the cost of the Upper Academy Field Trips. These field trips can range from \$125 - \$1300 depending on the destination.

Who can participate? All Paideia Families are eligible to participate

What is the Kwik Trip fundraising program? Families can purchase Kwik Trip Gift Cards in \$25 and \$100 denominations. 9% of the purchase price will be put into individual student accounts to be applied to Upper Academy field trips costing in excess of \$100. Families still get the full value of the gift card purchased.

How do I participate? Families must fill out the Kwik Trip Upper Academy Field Trip Form to receive student credit. Any purchase made without the form will go to the general SCRIP fundraising account. You can drop off your form and pick up your Kwik Trip Cards either at the front desk, or at the SCRIP Table before and after Monday Morning Meeting.

Why would a Lower Academy family want to participate in this program? Some of the field trips can be costly. Lower Academy students will have more time to build up savings account balances for when they reach Upper Academy grade levels.

What happens to unused money in my account? If you leave Paideia any unused money will be put back in the school SCRIP fundraising account. If there are siblings still attending Paideia Academy, funds can be transferred to their account.

To purchase, just stop by the office anytime (except during dismissal time, please.)

PTO

Paideia Community,

Why are shorter weeks harder? You get to Friday and your kids are asking you why they get to wear jeans on Wednesday! Love the long weekend, but man a 3 day school week is tough. Hope you are all surviving as the heat starts to set in on us again and the weekend starts tomorrow.

Gym Uniforms have come in and have been distributed by the Phy Ed teachers. If you had multiple orders on the same order form, the order was placed in one bag and one of your students has everyone's uniform in your family. If your shirt was on back order, those were delivered today and will be distributed next week at the latest. If you didn't order you can find the order forms on the PTO website: www.paideiaacadmypto.org. This is the first year that the PTO has run the school store and we will be keeping a very lean stock.

The PTO website is offering you a ton of information! I hope you are checking it frequently. Soon you will be able to find your teachers' favorite items so you can surprise them through out the year. Our Uniform Swap Forum is almost ready and of course we have the Directory, Car Pool Lists, the ability to log your Volunteer hours, our Meeting Agendas, our Meeting Minutes, and much more there!

The next PTO Meeting is September 10. You will find us at 6:30 in the large commons. Ms. Sherrard will be presenting on Holt Math and we will provide you resources for that lovely thing we call Singapore Math. There is a lot on our agenda so please come and have your voice heard - we want to start planning for our 10th year - yup next year is #10!

Stay cool and have a great weekend - see you Tuesday night!

Ginie Klopp

PTO President

Follow us on Facebook (Paideia Academy PTO) and find us on the web at

www.paideiaacademypto.org

From the Classrooms

Kindergarten

- **Math:** Mini-Lesson: number sense and color song yellow. We will be switching for math groups and working on math bin activities after our mini-lessons.
- **Language Arts:** Sight Word: my, Sight Word Reader: Bedtime. We will be continuing to work on building stamina as part of our Daily 5 reading time. We will also introduce word work stations.
- **Science:** Finishing up the 5 Senses
- **Social Studies:** Johnny Appleseed/John Chapman
- **Advisory:** Friendship, Classroom Routines, Olweus Bullying Prevention Program: Class Meeting #4, Rule #3: We will try to include students who are left out
- **Announcements:** Weekly homework is due on Friday!
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Copying/Stapling: We are looking for volunteers on Thursdays and Fridays to help out with copying weekly homework and weekly sight word readers. If you are available to help out, please contact Shannon Bradley at mnbradleys@gmail.com. All volunteers are required to have a background check completed before helping out at school. Please fill out a form located on our website under the current families tab. Click the volunteers button on the sidebar or you can get a form from the front desk.
- **Inspirations:** We have been so impressed with how hard the Kindergarteners have been working to build up their reading stamina! Way to go!

First Grade

- **Math:** We will begin Chapter 3. Chapter 3 focuses on addition facts up to 10.
 - **Language Arts:** We will continue Daily 5 Centers. We will continue writing in our journals.
 - **Science:** We will talk about animal classification and the environment.
 - **Social Studies:** We will review skills learned in our geography unit. Students will be able to identify their city, state, country and continent.
 - **Advisory:** We will continue the Olweus Anti-Bullying Curriculum. We will work on using "I statements" for conflict resolution.
 - **Announcements:** Friendly reminder that homework is always due the following Thursday. Please make sure your child reads 15-20 minutes every day.
 - **Volunteer Opportunities:** Thank you for all who have helped! We could still use more volunteers, especially during reading centers 10:54-11:50.
- Inspirations:** Give a warm welcome to Gene starting first grade in Ms. Branstad's class this week. Jenna and Zachary W. retired clips this week! Adelyn and Cole retired their second clip to the hall of fame!

Second Grade

- **Math:** finishing our chapter on adding numbers to 1,000, including adding 3-digit numbers with regrouping in the ones and tens place, and taking MAP math test
- **Language Arts:** continuing our Daily 5 rotations, poem of the week, Words Their Way spelling test on Thursday, taking MAP LA test
- **Science:** continuing weather unit and learning about the water cycle
- **Social Studies:** finishing unit on the culture and geography of ancient India
- **Advisory:** all school morning meeting on Monday, star of the week, discussing our third Olweus rule: We will try to include students who are left out.
- **Announcements:** Please help your children record their reading minutes on their reading log each day. They need to read at least 75 minutes each week. Also, please help them practice spelling words with the patterns of the words in their Words Their Way spelling sorts so that they are prepared for their spelling tests on Thursdays.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Email Wendy, our 2nd grade parent rep, at devriesw@yahoo.com if you're interested in coming in to help with spelling or copying etc. Also, check out the facebook page she created entitled "Paideia Class of 2020" to connect with other parents.
- **Inspirations:** Thank you to parents who have donated items for our treasure box! We really appreciate it! Also, congrats to more students who have made it to the hall of fame and others who have completed levels on Lexia! Way to go 2nd graders!

Third Grade

- **Math:**
Jensen Math: mental multiplication, multiplying without regrouping, multiplying ones, tens and hundreds with regrouping (3rd grade group), Making and interpreting a table and using a table (4th grade group)
Schnase/Kegel Math: Addition quiz on Monday, subtraction without and with regrouping, subtraction across zeros
- **Language Arts:** Lowercase Cursive Letters l & m, spelling sorts on Monday/quiz on Friday, Thesaurus, Read-to-Someone, prefixes, sentence organization
- **Science:** Pollution and our environment
Social Studies: Examining historical artifacts, comparing & contrasting two different accounts of a historical event
- **Advisory:** Staying on task, making friends and Olweus
- **Announcements:** Our weekly spelling quiz will be on Friday
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** If you are interesting in volunteering in 3rd grade, we would love to have help with our spelling quizzes on Friday from 10:15-10:45.
- **Inspirations:** We hope everyone had a terrific long weekend!

Fourth Grade

- **Math:** Multiplication and division. IXL standards- 4.1.1.1-4.1.1.4
- **Language Arts:** Students will continue Daily 5 rotations and reading groups.
- **Science:** Students will study rocks and minerals.
- **Social Studies:** Students will learn about markets.
- **Advisory:** Students will continue the Olweus curriculum by talking about anti-bullying rules.
- **Announcements:** Grades are now online! Check your child's grades and keep up with their missing work!
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** We always have photocopying to do. Please let us know if you would be willing to correct homework at home!
- **Inspirations:** The kids are starting to get in the process of handing in daily work and homework!

Fifth Grade

- **Math:** Order of Operations, Properties, and Word Problems
- **Language Arts:** Students will begin work on a descriptive essay. They will have the opportunity to choose to expand their descriptive paragraph or choose a new topic. Students will also be working on critical reading skills from nonfiction texts in their "Daybooks" and a selection from "Comprehension Cliffhangers."
- **Science:** Students will begin learning about force, motion, and friction.
- **Social Studies:** Students are continuing their work learning about Explorers. Some key questions we are focusing on are: Where did explorers go? What motivated explorers? What discoveries were made? In addition, students will do a map activity comparing primary source maps that show different levels of understanding of locations of continents and oceans.
- **Advisory:** In advisory we have been continuing to work on conflict resolution as well as organizational skills. In our Olweus anti-bullying curriculum, we will be working on including students who are left out.
- **Announcements:** Students logged in to Classroom Dojo for the first time to help keep track of their participation. Parents are encouraged to log in to check their students' progress.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are welcome to help with cleaning/organizing the Language Arts classroom library.

Sixth Grade

Math: Estimating, Adding, and Subtracting Fractions/Mixed Numbers

- **Language Arts:** Students will be writing an essay about one of their favorite animals. They will practicing using sensory details to create a vivid scene for their reader. Students will also be working on critical reading skills from nonfiction texts in their "Daybooks" and a selection from "Comprehension Cliffhangers."
- **Science:** Students will research a common engineered system and evaluate its impact on our lives.
- **Social Studies:** Students will continue working in the MN Map Centers. They are learning the locations of major lakes and rivers, the names and locations of neighboring states/provinces, and the names and locations of major cities. In addition they are learning about the major biomes in Minnesota. BEWARE: I feel a pop quiz coming up on MN maps (be sure you study)! We will also take a look at our beautiful, brand new Minnesota history text, Northern Lights. Minnesota prehistory is coming up.

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- **Advisory:** In advisory we have been continuing to work on conflict resolution as well as organizational skills. In our Olweus anti-bullying curriculum, we will be working on including students who are left out.
Announcements:
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are welcome to help with cleaning/organizing the Language Arts classroom library.
- **Inspirations:** Students are working hard to improve their classroom participation.

Seventh Grade

- **Math:** The students will continue working on chapter 3--Rational Numbers. They will focus on dividing rational numbers, story problems with rational numbers, a mid-chapter review and a mid-chapter assessment.
- **Language Arts:** Students will read and interact with the text in the Daybook lesson 4, practice reading strategies in fiction and nonfiction (main idea/details/sequence), reflect and write on a given topic using the 6 traits of writing, read the Native American novel and generate response notes. Students will take a reading assessment on main idea/details/sequence.
- **Science:** In 7th grade this week students will be exploring the elements, atoms, and compounds.
- **Social Studies:** This week in Social Studies we did a new round of Readers' Theater choices, which the students love! The theme is still "Discoverers and Inventors". Students could choose from four options: Albert Einstein, Louis Pasteur, Marie Curie, George Washington Carver. Next week we will be using iPads and Graphic Organizers, as well as doing some reading activities to learn about people in U.S. History.
- **Advisory:** The students will continue to work on study skills and organizing their binders/lockers. Time will be spent participating in their 4th Olweus class meeting and working on "I messages."
Announcements: Please continue to check SchoolView and classroom websites at least one time per week.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers could be used on Fridays to make copies.
- **Inspirations:** Congratulations to Alexa for receiving a perfect score on her chapter 2 math assessment! Congratulations to Kira, Luke, and Kara for receiving the highest score on the conjunctions grammar test!

Eighth Grade

- **Math: 8B:** The students will be starting chapter 3 on inequalities. They will be studying how to write and graph inequalities, and how to solve one-step and multi-step inequalities. 8A: The students will be finishing up chapter 3 on inequalities. The topics covered will be compound inequalities, chapter 3 review and test, and absolute value equations and inequalities.
- **Language Arts:** Students will read and interact with the text in the Daybook lesson 4, practice reading strategies in fiction and nonfiction (main idea/details/sequence), reflect and write on a given topic using the 6 traits of writing, write a rough draft of their phase autobiography. Students will take a reading assessment on main idea/details/sequence.
- **Science:** In 8th grade this week, students will be comparing and contrasting pure substances and mixtures.
- **Social Studies:** We continue to learn about the geography of North America. This week's map lab focused on Canada. Next week we will get more into the geography of Mexico. We continue to use both our National Geographic resources as well as our Geography, Alive! resources.
- **Advisory:** The students will continue to work on study skills and organizing their binders/lockers. Time will be spent participating in their 4th Olweus class meeting and working on "I messages."
- **Announcements:** Please continue to check SchoolView and classroom websites at least one time per week.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers could be used on Fridays to make copies.
- **Inspirations:** Congratulations to Kira for being the top scorer on the chapter 2 math test! Congratulations to Ian for receiving the highest score on the preposition grammar test!

Physical Education and Health K-8

- **Lower Academy:** Students are learning Football skills such as throwing and catching. We are also working on collaborative efforts through games.
- **Upper Academy:** Students are learning Football skills consisting of throwing catching and working on accuracy. Also teaching about the different positions and roles of a football team such as Quarterback, center, receiver, running back and defensive back.
- **Health:** Goal setting Based on Fitness Testing Results
- **Announcements:**
Upper Academy: Until Physical Education uniforms arrive please remind your student to pack gym clothes that follow the school policy.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Interested parents can notify Mr. Phillippi regarding helping students travel across the street to use the fields and helping supervise football related skill development activities.
- **Inspirations:** Seeing students step into roles they might not be comfortable in such as trying out the quarterback position or focusing on catching is inspiring. This week we didn't play games, but put emphasis on practicing skills to help build confidence so students feel more comfortable in a game situation.

Counselor's Corner

- **A Message from your Counselors:** We hope everybody enjoyed the extra long Labor Day weekend, and were able to spend some quality time together! Now that we've been back in school for about a month, finding a time that the WHOLE family can be together can be hard, especially with hectic work schedules and extracurricular activities. But it's a great way to break up the monotony of the routines we perform every night. Family time should be fun – not another chore. To a large extent you, as the parents, are the keepers of the time in your family. You arrange the family schedule by setting dinnertime, bath time and bed-time. And you get your child to appointments, child care and school on time. As the keeper of the time, you have the power and authority to slow time down. And, if you make that choice, you'll probably find that your child has more time for all sorts of play time.
- **Helpful Hints: Helpful Family Friendly Websites**
<http://fun.familyeducation.com/games>
[http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/HealthyLiving/FitnessExercise/Documents/ Where-CanWeGoPlay.pdf](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/HealthyLiving/FitnessExercise/Documents/Where-CanWeGoPlay.pdf)
<http://familyfun.go.com/games>
www.familytlc.net
- **New and Noteworthy:** One in 3 children in the United States is overweight or obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. The good news is that childhood obesity can be prevented! In honor of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, the Paideia Academy Counselors encourage your family to:
Get active outside – walk around the neighborhood, go on a bike ride, or play basketball at the park.
Limit screen time – keep inactive (sitting down) screen time to 2 hours or less a day.
Make healthy meals – buy and serve more vegetables, fruits, and whole-grain foods.

PAIDEIA T-SHIRTS!

We have a limited amount of ADULT Paideia t-shirts for sale in the office - \$15 each

FREE!



EAGAN STREETS *alive!*

SHOWCASE EAGAN

www.cityofeagan.com/Alive

**Visit our booth and
see Mr. Phillippi and
Ms. Case! Wear your
Paideia T-Shirt and
show your PRIDE!**

**Sunday,
Sept. 15, 2013
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

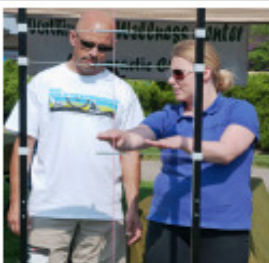
Community Connections

- New residents
- Families & individuals
- Seniors & teens
- Fitness enthusiasts
- Walkers, runners, bicyclists, rollerbladers & skateboarders

Activities

- Family walk 1:15 p.m. starts at Eagan Community Center
- 60+ community & City booths
- Get up close to City vehicles
- Food & farmer's market
- Health fair, yoga & ZumbaFest
- Live music & dancing
- Ride your bike, rollerblade, walk, or skate
- Kids activities
- Bike giveaways

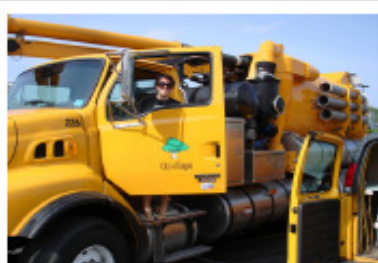
The City of Eagan is closing two major streets and opening them to fun activities from behind Byerly's all the way over to the Eagan Community Center. With activities appropriate to all age groups, there are dozens of kid's activities, a special Sunday farmer's market, more than five dozen community organizations and displays of City vehicles and departments. There's a health fair and free samples too. Enjoy a 1.5 mile family walk at your own pace starting at 1:15 pm near the Community Center start of the Streets Alive route.



Health Fair



Blade / Bike



Touch a Truck



Booths