

Paideia Academy

APRIL 10, 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 14 Special Board

Meeting 5:30 pm , Finance
Committee Meeting 6:00 pm &
School Culture/
Communication
Committee meeting 7 pm

April 15 PURPLE UP!

Wear Purple to support
Military Children! * jeans ok

April 16 All School -Wear

Reading Rocks shirts !
* with uniform pants

April 17 Board Nominations due 5 pm

April 20th Monday Morning

Meeting & Coffee with the
Director.

* 6:30 pm PTO hosting a
Candidate Forum
for Board Nominees.

April 21st Governance &

Long Range Planning
Committee meeting 6 pm
& Board meeting 7pm

April 24 Upper Academy

Dance 6:00 - 9:00 pm

April 28 Operations

Committee Meeting
6:00 pm, Marketing &
Enrollment Committee
Meeting 7:00pm



Dear Paideia Community,

Welcome to the 4th quarter of 2014-2015! We are certainly starting off our spring with a bang. There are a ton of exciting events on our horizon, and we look forward to ending our year strong.

This week, we begin our first-ever online MCA testing for all three subjects – Math, Science, and Reading. While the Science MCA has historically been taken online, this will be the first time our students will be taking the Reading and Math MCAs on computers. We are hopeful that the work we have done this year to prepare our students for online MCA testing, including DDI testing, OLPA tests, and Technology class, has set them up for success. One of the benefits of online testing is that the school should receive immediate results, so we will be better able to use the data to inform our curriculum, instruction, and assessment for next year. Please see the below testing schedule so you can plan accordingly.

On Wednesday, we will be welcoming the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education, Brenda Cassellius, and Command Sergeant Major Doug Wortham as they read children's books to our K-2 students in recognition of the Month of the Military Child and Purple Up! day. This is a huge honor for our school, and we are excited to host this event this year. Please encourage your child to wear purple on Wednesday. The rest of us will be as well!

Our newest members of the National Junior Honor Society will be inducted into the program during a ceremony on Thursday night. Big thanks go out to all of the staff who have played a role in planning this event, reading applications, interviewing student applicants, and choosing new members!

On Friday, our Authorizer, Friends of Education, will be conducting their official site visit of Paideia Academy. During this visit, a representative will meet with members of the administration, office staff, and teaching staff, as well as tour the school and visit classrooms. We are looking forward to receiving feedback from the visit to support us in meeting our charter goals.

I hope you have all enjoyed a great spring break with your children. We are excited about welcoming back on Monday morning!

Sincerely,

Marci Levy-Maguire

Director

News from the Board

Agenda Topics for April 14 Special Board Meeting

1. 2015-2016 Academic Program
2. 2015-2016 Table of Organization
3. 2015-2016 Director Contract terms
4. Instructional Assistant and School Counselor compensation and salary schedule

Reminder: Board Nominations are due 5 pm on April 17th.

Nominations for the Paideia Academy School Board are now open! Please thoughtfully consider whether you, another parent/guardian, teacher, or community member would be a good addition to our Board and then please send in your nominations. The Board email was incorrect in the nomination information letter, so please submit your nominations to: elarsen@paideiaacademy.org or you may drop them off at the office.

From the Office



Yearbooks

**It's time to order your copy of the 2014-15
Paideia Academy yearbook!**

Return order forms or order online at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com the school id code is **7915815**. Checks should be made out to **Paideia Academy**, and orders are due now!



NJHS Penny War was a huge success!

Change as necessary!!

During the first two weeks of March, the National Junior Honor Society conducted a fundraiser for We Act, which is an organization that seeks to bring about social change through shifting the "Me Generation" into the "We Generation." With a philosophy of "Think globally, act locally," the organization engages young people through many facets. It seeks to provide impoverished families around the world (including those in our own neighborhoods) with food/water security, access to affordable health care, and exposure to quality educational settings. Our NJHS team immediately migrated toward the issue of food

insecurity and has been educating themselves on how something so simple, such as a family owning a goat, can start to change peoples' life situations. NJHS set a goal for raising enough to purchase five goats at \$50 each. Altogether, Paideia Academy raised a collective total of \$1013.44, which will now allow We Act to purchase 20 goats and donate them to families in need.

For bringing in the most pennies:

Lower Academy Winner: Mrs. Rothstein's 2nd grade class has won a pajama day on May 14.

Upper Academy winner: Mr. MacLean's advisory class and they have won an out-of-uniform day on May 14.

Thanks to all who made this fundraiser a success!

Volunteers Needed

Office help:

Summer volunteers are needed to answer phones and watch the front desk as Ms. Sandy takes the Summer off. Please watch for more details if interested.

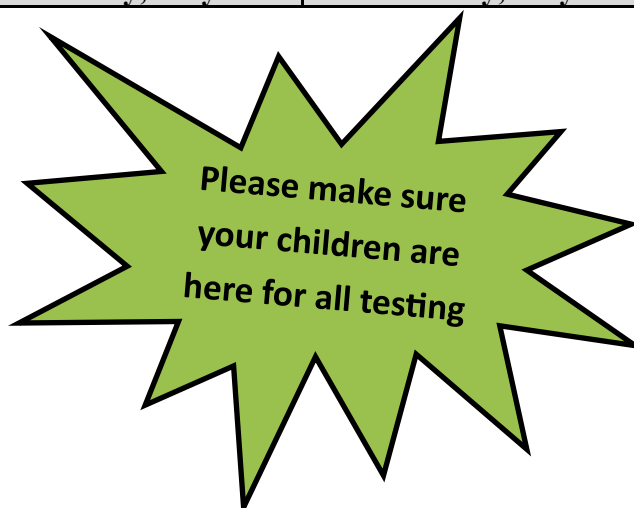
MCA Testing schedule

MCA Testing: Science		
	Thursday, April 16 th	Friday, April 17 th
8:30am-9:30am	8 th Grade	5 th Grade
9:45am-10:45am	8 th Grade	5 th Grade

MCA Testing: Math					
	Monday, April 20 th	Tuesday, April 21 st	Wednesday, April 22 nd	Thursday, April 23 rd	Friday, April 24 th
8:30am-9:30am		8 th Grade	4 th Grade	4 th Grade	4 th Grade
9:45am-10:45am		8 th Grade	6 th Grade	6 th Grade	6 th Grade
1:00pm-2:00pm	7 th Grade	7 th Grade	3 rd Grade	3 rd Grade	3 rd Grade
2:15pm-3:15pm	8 th Grade	7 th Grade	5 th Grade	5 th Grade	5 th Grade

MCA Testing: Reading						
	Tuesday, April 28 th	Wednesday, April 29 th	Thursday, April 30 th	Friday, May 1 st	Monday, May 4 th	Tuesday, May 5 th
8:30am-9:30am	4 th Grade	4 th Grade	4 th Grade	4 th Grade	7 th Grade	7 th Grade
9:45am-10:45a	6 th Grade	6 th Grade	6 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	7 th Grade
1:00pm-2:00pm	3 rd Grade	3 rd Grade	3 rd Grade	3 rd Grade	8 th Grade	8 th Grade
2:15pm-3:15pm	5 th Grade	5 th Grade	5 th Grade	5 th Grade	8 th Grade	8 th Grade

MCA Testing: Make-ups				
	Monday, April 27 th	Wednesday, May 6 th	Thursday, May 7 th	Friday, May 8 th



From the PTO

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break!

All Grades - Wear your Reading Rocks shirts on Thursday, April 16th!

Earth Day Project on Saturday, April 11 at 10am!

Ruth Ann and Rob Lang are leading an Earth Day project at Paideia and are looking for helpers. This would be a good project for parents to do with your kids. Weather permitting, meet at school at 10am for a cleanup of the landscaped area around the building and add a few new plantings. This would be a good project for parents to do with your kids. Weather permitting, meet at school at 10am for a cleanup of the landscaped area around the building. Earth Day is April 22!

PTO Meeting – Monday, April 20 at 6:30pm

The School Board will be holding a Forum for Board Candidates at this meeting.

NEW! Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A

Tuesday, April 21st from 5 to 7pm



Spring Carnival & Silent Auction – May 15th

The Carnival Committee is looking for donations to create gift baskets for the Spring Carnival Silent Auction.

Some of the basket themes are:

Ice Cream Party – This basket is being created by the Wright-Walstrom family!

Family Movie/Game Night (movies, games, popcorn, beverages, Redbox gift card)

Land of Legos (Lego toys, Lego books, sticker books, Lego Movie, gift card)

Girl Fun – This basket is being created by Andi Arntz and family!

Join with another family to create a fun basket, donate individual items that will be combined to create a basket or donate cash for the committee to do the shopping. Please email

Courtney Cardwell at cacardwell68@yahoo.com if you're interested in donating.



Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week – May 4th-8th

Paideia Academy's teachers and staff are "Super Heroes" and we want to show our appreciation during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week! If you would like to donate or volunteer please click this link for the options: <http://vols.pt/aqKmCw>

New Lower Price! 10 Year Spirit Wear Shirts are on sale

NOW! You can purchase them by emailing us at pto@paideiaacademy.org or through our online store at mkt.com/paideiaproto for the sale price of **\$6 each**. Limited inventory and sizes.

Your Paideia Academy PTO

President: Jane Hendrickson

Vice-President: Marinda Schader

Treasurer: Miki Stone

Secretary: Amanda Hirning

Communication Coordinator:

Danielle Haagenson

Volunteer Coordinator:

Shannon Bradley

Redemption Coordinator:

Dave Ehrhardt

Vice-Treasurer: Endia Porter

School Store: Stacy Thorpe

Your Grade Level Reps

Kindergarten: Stacy Thorpe

First: Shannon Bradley

Second: Cari Thunker

Third: Wendy Clark

Fourth: Antoinette Stookey

Fifth/Sixth: Krystal Sedwick

Seventh/Eighth: Michele Lundgreen

Interested in being part of the leadership team?

Opportunities available are Fundraising Coordinator and Student/Family Events Coordinator.

We'd love to hear from you!

pto@paideiaacademy.org

Looking for the Most Recent News?

