

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug 4** First day of school
Morning Meeting &
Parent Breakfast
- Aug 5** Academic Excellence
Committee - 6 pm &
Marketing and Enrollment
Committee - 7 pm
- Aug 6** 10 Year Celebration!
* Last Day to order
Spirit Wear
- Aug 11** PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm
- Aug 12** Picture Day
- Aug 14** Special Education Advisory
Committee Meeting - 6:30 pm
- Aug 19** Governance & Long Range Planning
Committee Meeting 6 pm &
Board Meeting - 7 pm
- Aug 26** Human Resources
Committee - 5 pm
& Finance Committee
Meeting - 6 pm
- Sept 1** Labor Day— No School
- Sept 2** School Culture / Communication
Meeting—6 pm &
Operations Committee Meeting—7 pm
- Sept 8** Morning Meeting &
Coffee with the Director.
PTO Meeting 6:30 pm



Paideia Academy

AUGUST 1, 2014

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I can already tell that this is going to be an amazing year. Our Back-to-School Night event was wonderful, and we thank you for taking time out of your summer to participate in it. It was so great to see all the kids' smiling faces back in the building! I know they are excited about the year to come.

Our staff has been working incredibly hard this week to get their classrooms and lessons prepared for the upcoming week, as well as to collaborate to make sure that Paideia provides an excellent education to each student. We have all participated in a number of trainings to make sure we maintain a safe and orderly school environment. During our first week, teachers will be reviewing policies and safety procedures with students so students also feel prepared and know what to expect. They are a great staff, and I know you will enjoy getting to know them!

Each staff member, both returning and new to Paideia, will be introduced at our Monday Morning Meeting at 9:10am. We hope you will join us there after the PTO-sponsored Family Breakfast in the gym during arrival and 1st period (8:15-9:08am). We also hope that you will join us for our Decade of Excellence 10th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday at 4:30pm. Ten years is a huge milestone for a charter school, and we look forward to making this an event, and a year, to remember.

Thank you for making Paideia Academy your school of choice! We look forward to seeing you and your fantastic children on Monday morning.

Marci Levy-Maguire

Director

From the Office

Picture day is August 12!

Two ways to order:

1. on line. (if so, be sure to send confirmation number with student on picture day)
2. Order forms will be sent home with students; return with student on August 12

Instructions: *Instrucciones*

- Visit **mylifetouch.com**
Visita www.mylifetouch.com
- Enter your Picture Day ID
Ingresar tu identificación del día de la foto
- Follow the steps to complete your order
Sigue el paso para completar tu pedido
- Bring your printed receipt to photographer on Picture Day
Entrega tu recibo impreso al fotógrafo el día de la foto
- Pay online with: 
Abona por internet con:

Picture Day is: **Tuesday, August 12, 2014**
\ martes, 12 de agosto, 2014

Picture Day ID: **MI254045Y0**

After School Walkers:

Any student walking from school needs permission to do so. New student's permissions are already on file.

Returning students will be taking home their Student Information Form for updating info and permissions on Monday, August 4.

* To allow your student to walk from school on Monday, August 4, please either call the office or email tlundstrom@paideiaacademy.org.

Paideia Academy is a HEALTHY SNACK SCHOOL!

Please visit the link below to view options /ideas for your students lunch.

[http://www.district196.org/rp/pdfs/Health/Guide%20to%20HEALTHY%20Classroom%20Snacks%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.district196.org/rp/pdfs/Health/Guide%20to%20HEALTHY%20Classroom%20Snacks%20(2).pdf)

Over the Counter and Prescription Medication:

Parents/guardians of students taking prescription medications and/or over-the-counter medications must bring the medications to the school office in the original, unopened container. All medication must be hand delivered to the office by the parent/guardian. Parent/guardians will need to have their physician complete a form that will record the time, dosage and frequency/duration of prescription and/or over-the-counter medications. Students needing to keep medications on their person (inhalers, epi-pens, etc.) must have a similar form on file in the office and with the teacher. Under no circumstance may a child have a prescription and/or over-the-counter medication in their possession on campus of which the school has not been made aware. Violation of this policy may result in immediate suspension or expulsion from the Academy. With the proper paperwork completed, medication can be administered to your child by the Health Clerk or any member of the office staff.

Paideia Academy PTO

Welcome back parents to a wonderful new school year with lots of hope and new possibilities! This year will be exciting as we celebrate Paideia's 10th anniversary. There are many special events planned, and we look forward to partnering with you this year.

We want to keep in-touch with you! Please visit tinyurl.com/directory2014 to list your contact information for our Paideia directory. This is the only way for grade level representatives to contact you, as well as your PTO, and other Paideia families who would like to arrange activities outside of school. Our directory is password protected so only Paideia families can access it.

The first PTO meeting will be August 11th at 6:30pm in the Music Room. We have invited members of the Board to come and discuss what the Board does and the different Board committees. All PTO meetings will be the second Monday of the month in the Music Room. Children will be supervised in the gym to play/hangout during meeting.

Be sure to visit our website, paideiaacademypto.org, for more information on what's happening this year. Did you know part of being a Paideia family is helping support our school with 50 family engagement hours a year? Attending PTO meetings, morning meetings, helping in classrooms, and at events - it all counts! Log your hours on our PTO website.

We look forward to getting to know you and partnering with you this year!

Your Paideia Academy PTO !

President:

Andrea Seitz

Vice-President:

Jane Hendrickson

Treasurer:

Melissa Rensch

Interim Secretary:

Miki Stone

Communication Coordinator:

Michael Bahr

School Store:

Peter and Stacy Thorpe

We'd love to hear from you!

pto@paideiaacademy.org

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Upcoming PTO Events:

- Monday August 4 8:00am - Parent breakfast (gym) - Come meet the Paideia community as we enjoy breakfast together before Morning Meeting
- Wednesday August 6 4:30pm - Celebrate our 10th Anniversary (playground) - Cake and fun will be provided
- Monday August 11 6:30pm - First PTO meeting (Room 114) - Join us to learn what the PTO does, meet school board members, and discover how you can help positively impact your children's school.

**Spirit Wear
orders Due
by Aug 6th!**

Councilors' Corner

Message from your Counselors:

We are thrilled to be kicking off another school year at Paideia Academy! Our goal as School Counselors is one of positive relationship building with students, families, staff and the community. We will cover topics that are relevant to families, parenting and child development. We encourage you to contact your school counselor with any questions, concerns, or just to say hi!

Helpful Hints:

- We are still planning on starting a support group for military connected children; military-connected meaning parent, older sibling, aunt, uncle, cousin or close family friend! If this is something that you feel could benefit your child, please contact us to get further information. We would love to further discuss how we can help support your child and your family.



Jayne Largent

K-4 School Counselor

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Mike Roll

5-8 School Counselor

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From the Classrooms!

Kindergarten:

Welcome!

Math: We will learn new counting songs and how to use our math manipulatives.

Language Arts: We will learn how to listen to read-alouds, how to handle books correctly and how to use our classroom library.

Science: We will start science during week 2.

Social Studies: We will start our unit on citizenship. We will focus on learning school routines.

Advisory: We will learn about kindergarten classroom routines, play get to know you games and start down the road to independence!

Announcements: We will be sending home our first family homework on Friday. Please look for it in your student's blue folder. Homework will be due back the following Friday (August 15th).

Inspirations: We are excited to meet our new kindergarten friends and are looking forward to a wonderful first week!

First Grade:

Welcome!

Math: We will review numbers to 10 by practicing to write our numbers and put numbers in order.

Language Arts: We will practice writing all of our capital and lower case letters. We will learn about Daily 5 centers. We will build reading stamina for independent reading and partner reading.

Science: We will learn about what a scientist is and what we can do to be scientists.

Social Studies: We will talk about community and learn about Apple Valley.

Advisory: We will work together to make a list of classroom rules. We will practice formal greet-ings and introducing ourselves. We will share some of our favorite things.

Announcements: Due to food allergy concerns, we ask that for birthday celebrations to please have your child bring pencils, stickers, erasers, etc to share instead of food treats. Thanks for your understanding.

Second Grade:

Welcome!

Math: We will be getting adjusted to switching classes for math and will do a getting to know you activity that involves numbers in our lives. We will also practice basic addition and subtraction facts.

Language Arts: We will begin introducing parts of Daily 5 (specifically Read to Self and choosing good-fit books). We will also write about our first day of 2nd grade and our hopes and dreams for the year.

Science: We will brainstorm what good scientists do and practice making observations.

Social Studies: We will start our unit on maps and cardinal directions by discussing where we live.

Advisory: We will have Monday Morning Meeting with the whole school and will learn the routines and procedures for 2nd grade.

Announcements: Thank you to those of you who are donating wish list items! Please bring those items in by the end of the week. If you would still like to donate something, we would love more trinkets (such as small party favors) for our treasure boxes, clothes pins, small adhesive gems, painting and packing tape, AA batteries, and composition notebooks. Thanks!

Third Grade:

Welcome!

Math: Pre-test, numbers to 10,000

Language Arts: Spelling inventory, Daily 5 review, hopes and dreams for the year, picking a “just-right” book

Science: Overview of the year in Science, introduction to animals and habitats

Social Studies: Preview of the year in Social Studies

Advisory: Class tours, discuss routines, icebreaker activities

Announcements: The third grade team is so excited to get to know the third grade students and their families. We know the year is going to be great!

Inspirations: It was so much fun getting to meet the students at back to school night!

Fourth Grade:

Welcome!

Math: We will be learning math games that we can play to practice skills throughout the year.

Language Arts: We will be writing letters to our future self. We will also learn about text coding and how to choose good fit books to read. We will be reviewing Daily 5 stations.

Science: We will preview the topics for the year.

Social Studies: We will preview the topics for the year.

Advisory: We will organize our materials. We will also learn about our teachers and classmates.

Announcements: We will need magazines to complete an ‘All about me’ collage at the end of the week.

Inspirations: We are looking forward to a great year in 4th grade!

Fifth Grade:

Welcome!

Math: We will begin the year by going over classroom expectations and routines in math class. During the first week, we will also begin a unit on multi-digit division.

Language Arts: Students will be spending their first week of school getting introduced to language arts at the middle school level. Students will learn about the responsibilities involved in a middle school classroom and will begin selecting books for independent reading.

Science: Students in Science will be learning and practicing classroom expectations, routines and procedures. This will be a week of learning about how we “do science” in class.

Social Studies: After spending a time discussing classroom expectations, routines, and behaviors we will start a unit on geography.

Advisory: Next week we will be organizing our binders. We will also set up our planners and review schedules and lockers. Students will discuss behavior expectations and routines for lunch, recess, and passing time in hallways.

Announcements: Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to meeting our 5th grade students!

Audubon: Students will bring home information and forms for our Audubon trip. Trip is September 29 – October 1 and the cost is \$136.00. If you want to chaperone (we need volunteers) please return the chaperone registration form. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions about the trip.

Inspirations: The fifth grade team is excited to start the new school year!

Sixth Grade:

Welcome!

Math: We will begin the year by going over classroom expectations and routines in math class. During the first week, we will also be working with positive and negative integers.

Language Arts: Students will be introduced to the class structure in sixth grade and the expectations of the classroom. Students will also begin pre-reading activities for their first short story.

Science: Students in Science will be learning and practicing classroom expectations, routines and procedures. This will be a week of learning about how we “do science” in class.

Social Studies: After spending a time discussing classroom expectations, routines, and behaviors we will start a unit on geography.

Advisory: Next week we will be organizing our binders. We will also set up our planners and review schedules and lockers. Students will discuss behavior expectations and routines for lunch, recess, and passing time in hallways.

Announcements: Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to meeting our 6th graders!

Audubon: Students will bring home information and forms for our Audubon trip. The trip is September 29 – October 1 and the cost is \$136.00. If you want to chaperone (we need many volunteers) please return the chaperone registration form. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions about the trip.

Inspirations: The sixth grade team is excited to start the new school year!

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Seventh Grade:

Science: Our first week will be spent introducing students to the units that will be covered this year in 7th grade science. We will begin by discussing the nature of science and technology, addressing some common science misconception, and focusing on scientific inquiry.

Math: In math, 7th graders will practice writing algebraic expressions, solving equations, and combining like terms.

Language Arts: In Seventh Grade Language arts we are identifying the elements of a short story by reading Langston Huges' "Thank You Mam". We will do Daybook Unit Three. We will give quizzes on the elements of the short story.

Social Studies: 7th Grade Social Studies has a strong focus in United States history and government. Our first week together will be spent familiarizing the students to the nuts and bolts of the course as well as various activities to get the students thinking with a "Social Studies lens." This will be a time to establish our procedures and ensure that each students is prepared for the studies for the year. Students will also be explore their "Multiple Intelligences" learning styles.

Advisory: Week 1 Advisory will be a time to help orient the 7th Graders to the 7/8 Team. We will spend time getting to know one another and making certain all students have what they need to be successful at the start of the new school year.

Inspirations: Welcome new families to Paideia and welcome back returning families. We are very excit-

Eighth Grade:

Science: Our first week will be spent introducing students to the units that will be covered this year in 8th grade science. We will assess their understandings of the nature of science and technology and focus on inquiry-based investigations.

Math: In math, 8th graders will learn about square roots and classifying real numbers, comparing and ordering real numbers on a number line, order of operations, simplifying expressions, and mathematical proper-ties.

Language Arts: In eighth Grade Language Arts we will identify the elements of a short story . We will quizzed on the elements of short story.

Social Studies: 8th Grade Social Studies has a strong focus in World Geography and Modern World History. The course has been titled Global Studies by the state. Our first week together will be spent familiarizing the students to the nuts and bolts of the course as well as various activities to get the students thinking with a "Social Studies lens." This will be a time to establish our procedures and ensure that each stu-dents is prepared for the studies for the year. Students will also explore their "Multiple Intelligences" learning styles.

Advisory: Week 1 Advisory will be a time to help orient the 8th Graders to the 7/8 Team. We will spend time getting to know one another and making certain all students have what they need to be successful at the start of the new school year.

Inspirations: Welcome new families to Paideia and welcome back returning families. We are very excited for the new school year to begin!

Gym / Health

Welcome!

Gym:

Lower Academy: The lower academy students will begin the year with locomotor movements and spatial awareness. Please make sure your student is coming to school with tennis shoes on gym days.

Upper Academy: The upper academy students will begin the year with teambuilding activities. Please make sure your student is coming to school with the correct gym uniform on gym days.

Health:

The upper academy students will begin the first week of Health with getting to know you activities and an introduction to what they will be learning in class this year.

Inspirations:

We are excited that we will be following the SPARK Coordinated School Health curriculum that is aligned with the state standards this year!

Art

Kindergarten

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Introductions, classroom norms

Inspirations: First week of school!

1st Grade/ 2nd Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Introductions, classroom norms, making sketchbooks

Inspirations: First week of school! Book, lsh

3rd Grade/4th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Introductions, classroom norms, making sketchbooks

Inspirations: First week of school! Book, lsh

5th Grade/6th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Introductions, Syllabus, #hashtags

Inspirations: First week of school!

7th Grade/8th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Introductions, Syllabus, #hashtags

Inspirations: First week of school!

Art Announcements:

The art room would love to have a contact list of volunteers this year! Volunteers will help hang and take down student art around Paideia. They may also help with prepping project material. If you are interested in being on the art room contact list please email Mrs. Shelton. Thanks so much!

Spanish

Hola,

Me llamo Señora Lyngstad. I am excited to be the new K-8 Spanish teacher at Paideia this year! I have worked here as a student teacher, instructional assistant and substitute teacher, so I already know many of the students in our school. I look forward to teaching your child.

All students will practice the days of the week, months, seasons, numbers, and weather by going over the calendar in Spanish daily. We will also say the Pledge of Allegiance in Spanish.

Grades K-4: This year, grades K-4 will have Spanish once per week. Students will learn the grade level standards and also make content area connections in math, science and social studies. It will be fun to learn about other subjects in Spanish. During the first week of school, students will work on introductions and greetings. We will also sing a song in Spanish about the days of the week.

Grades 5-8: Students will have Spanish class two days per week. This week, we will do introductions and an activity about summer memories. Students will also be introduced to new vocabulary in their assigned section of the Avancemos textbook. This year, Upper Academy will complete written daily questions at the beginning of class. This is a great way to activate prior knowledge and have conversations in Spanish.

Music

4th Grade

Standards/Unit: Artistic Foundations; Theory & Rhythm

Activities: Classroom policies, routines, & rituals; getting to know classmates; creating seating charts; creative movement games

5th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Process: Perform or Present; World Drumming

Activities: Classroom policies, routines, & rituals; getting to know classmates; creating **seating** charts; rhythm games

6th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Process: Perform or Present; World Drumming

Activities: Classroom policies, routines, & rituals; getting to know classmates; creating seating charts; rhythm games

7th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Process: Create or Make; Scoring Music

Activities: Classroom policies, routines, & rituals; getting to know classmates; creating seating charts; listening games

Inspirations:

8th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Process: Perform or Present; World Drumming

Activities: Classroom policies, routines, & rituals; getting to know classmates; creating seating charts; rhythm games

Volunteer Opportunities!

- 1st Grade:** We would love volunteers regularly on Wednesday afternoons (starting week 2) to make copies, update bulletin boards, sharpen pencils, complete projects etc. We would also love regular volunteers Friday mornings for spelling sort lessons (starting week 2) and Thursday afternoons for spelling tests (starting week 3). Let us know via email if you are available any of these times or are willing to do any projects at home. Thanks!
- 2nd Grade:** In the coming weeks watch for information from our grade rep, Shannon Bradley about signing up for volunteer opportunities.
- 4th Grade:** Monday 11-1145 IXL monitoring, help correcting papers at home
- 5th Grade:** Volunteers are needed to read with students and help students with vocabulary and writing assignments in Language Arts as well as a volunteer or two to come in periodically to organize the Language Arts Library. There are also opportunities for copying and putting together packets and projects
- 6th Grade:** Volunteers are needed to read with students and help students with vocabulary and writing assignments in Language Arts as well as a volunteer or two to come in periodically to organize the Language Arts Library. There are also opportunities for copying and putting together packets and projects.
- Music:** Mr. Strand is looking for one or two parent volunteers who are willing to make copies of music once a week. Please email him at tstrand@paideiaacademy.org if you are willing!
- PTO:** Family Events Coordinator: Join with PTO board to schedule and coordinate events including working with treasurer, volunteer coordinator, communications coordinator, and reserving facilities as needed. Time commitment: 6-8 hours month
- Volunteer Coordinator: Join with PTO board to coordinate and communicate volunteer opportunities within PTO and for family events. Time commitment: 3-4 hours month
- PTO Secretary: Attend monthly PTO meetings and executive PTO meetings as scheduled. Record minutes. Assist PTO President in writing weekly newsletter. Time commitment: 6 hours month
- Fundraising Coordinator: Join with PTO board to schedule and coordinate fundraising activities including working with volunteer coordinator. Time commitment varies based on when activities are occurring.
- PTO Meeting Child Supervision: Supervise children in gym during PTO meeting. Time commitment: 2 hours month

PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a valuable asset to the Academy and its students. The Academy seeks to promote an atmosphere welcoming to all its volunteers. All volunteers are required to submit to a background check and shall operate under the direction of the administration or office staff. If there are any concerns regarding the results of a background check, Paideia will contact the individual directly. Families are asked to make their best efforts to provide 50 hours of community service time to the Academy each year. We ask that parents/guardians log their hours. All children who do not currently attend Paideia should be placed with outside care while parents/guardians are doing volunteer work at the Academy.

All volunteer opportunities will be communicated by Paideia Academy staff or the PTO. All volunteer activities must be pre-arranged with Paideia Academy staff. Volunteers must sign-in at the front desk and wait for authorization from office staff to proceed to classrooms.

All volunteers are required to act in accordance with all school policies and rules. Volunteers shall maintain the same confidentiality standards expected of certified personnel and exhibit the ethical behaviors of a professional. Each volunteer must sign a Confidentiality Agreement. The Director shall be responsible for resolving complaints regarding volunteers and may ask a volunteer to leave the school if he/she violates any school rule or policy.