

# Paideia Academy

SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sept 29-Oct 3** DDI Testing  
week

**Sept 30** School Culture /  
Communication Meeting  
- 6 pm &  
Operations Committee  
Meeting -7 pm

**Oct 6-17** Fall Break No  
School

**Oct 20** Second Quarter  
Starts

**Oct 21** Marketing and  
Enrollment meeting 6 pm  
& Board Meeting 7 pm

**Oct 22** Unity Day!  
Wear **ORANGE** to unite  
against bullying!

**Oct 23** Parent Teacher  
Conferences 4-8 pm &  
Scholastic Book Fair &  
Used Uniform Sale  
2 pm - 8 pm

**Oct 24** NO SCHOOL  
Parent Teacher  
Conference 8 am -12 pm  
& Scholastic Book Fair &  
Used Uniform Sale  
8 am - 2 pm

**Oct. 27th -Oct. 31st**  
College Spirit Week

**Oct 30** High School Night  
6:30-8 pm



Dear Paideia Community,

We have had an excellent first quarter of the year, and there is only one more week before our fall break! During our first two months of school, we have nearly completed our MAP testing for our K-2 students, and completed pre-assessments to set individual learning goals for all students in Reading and Math. Our students have participated in science labs, created beautiful works of art, solved challenging math problems, and read and written about real-life and imaginary characters, settings, and situations.

At this point, each teacher at Paideia has been observed by an administrator and a lead teacher, provided with feedback during pre-observation meetings and post-observation meetings, and supported in developing strategies to further their growth. All Paideia staff members will receive a 90-day evaluation, in addition to a mid-year and end-of-year evaluation. The goal of these evaluations are to provide meaningful feedback to each staff member so they are even better prepared to meet the needs of each child.

Paideia Academy has many great systems, structures, and practices that we would like to share with more students throughout the state. In addition to the work we are doing with our Daily 5-aligned units, we are also beginning the process of applying for the Federal Charter Schools Program Planning and Implementation Grant for Replication. This is an opportunity for which we are eligible as a High Quality Charter School that will allow us to create a second school, at a different location, that would embody the best of Paideia's practices.

As a collaborative effort, a team of individuals, including teachers, parents, and community members are required to complete this application process. I will make sure to set aside time during Monday's (9/29) Coffee with the Director to share more information about the grant and the application process. Our primary focus is, of course, our current school, students, and families, so please share any feedback you have with me and/or the Board.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Monday Morning Meeting on Monday at 8:15am where the 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be focusing on Kindness and the Counseling Team will be focusing on College Month. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Marci Levy-Maguire  
Director

## News From The Board

This past Tuesday the Human Resources Committee met and the discussion focused on the staff's upcoming, state mandated, 90-day evaluations. The staff evaluation process was approved last year and this is the first year that the school is officially implementing the new process. We also discussed the creation of a Staff Conflict of Interest Policy, followed up on the Eklund Consulting staff survey proposal, and the development of a staff hiring fair in March to create a pool of potential candidates for employment at Paideia. Thank you to the teachers and parents who came and provided feedback during the meeting!

The Finance Committee also met this past Tuesday. While evaluating and updating the school's working budget, we had a lively discussion about the various programs and specials offered at Paideia. Many of the attributes that differentiate Paideia from traditional district schools are the very reasons why many of us choose to have our children attend Paideia. Please be thinking about why you choose Paideia and what you think is most valuable as we will be looking for your opinions and feedback in an upcoming Parent-Guardian survey.

On Tuesday, September 30th, the School Culture and Communications Committee will be meeting at 6:00 pm to discuss school communications, our updated website, and agendas for the upcoming meetings. The Operation Committee will also meet on Tuesday at 7:00pm and will focus on updates from the various sub-committees: Safety, Transportation, and Technology.

Jonathan Bradley,  
Board Vice-Chair

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## From the Office

### **How can I see my student's grades or lunch account balance?**

SchoolView provides parents and guardians with the opportunity to go online and find information about their child's grades, schedule, attendance, lunch history, and more. In addition, parents and guardians may use SchoolView to update their phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Accessing SchoolView

Go to <http://www.tiescloud.net/schoolview> and enter district number 4141, your username and password. If you haven't set up your SchoolView account yet, or have been locked out of your account, please email Tonya for assistance [tlundstrom@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:tlundstrom@paideiaacademy.org).

### **Need help paying for the big field trips?**

#### **Do you buy gas?**

#### **You can buy Kwik Trip gas cards at Paideia to help pay for overnight**

**field trips.** For every \$100 spent on gas you get \$9 towards your students overnight field trip account. Many families start buying these cards and building their accounts in Kindergarten. By the time you get to the 5/6 and 7/8 overnight field trips, you could have your whole trip paid for. Cards can be purchased in \$25 or \$100 increments. Please see Sandy at the front desk for more information.

### **Paideia Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Place!**

Congratulations to us! We came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the High Quality Charter School Mini-Grant competition, earning our staff \$3,000 to develop Daily 5-aligned units for use at Paideia Academy and throughout the state. Thank you to all of you who took the time to vote for us on the MDE Facebook page.

# Paideia Academy PTO

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Our Innisbrook fundraiser is complete. Many thanks to the families who participated and helped us reach a final total of \$5,505. We are still tallying donations given and our special prize winners so look for those announcements next week. If you have not turned in your payment(s) for your Innisbrook order yet, please do so as soon as possible.

## CAR POOL DIRECTORY

As the colder weather is approaching, we have had some new requests for carpool information. The list of families interested in car pooling is on the [PTO website](#) under Parent/Student Directory. This area is password protected. [Contact Us](#) if you do not have the password yet.

Would you like to be added to the car pool list? Click on Quick Links, scroll to area under picture, and click on line that says "Carpool needs (sign up here)".

## OUR BOOK FAIR IS COMING! OCTOBER 23-24

An amazing selection of books is headed our way. At the book fair, you will find the latest and greatest titles for kids and parents. You can contribute books to your child's classroom library, get a head start on your Christmas list, and help support Paideia's fundraising goals all in one stop. The book fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading!

### Your Paideia Academy PTO

**President:** Andrea Seitz

**Vice-President:** Jane Hendrickson

**Treasurer:** Melissa Rensch

**Interim Secretary:** Miki Stone

**Communication Coordinator:** Michael Bahr

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Josh Rensch

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Marinda Schader

**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

### We'd love to hear from you!

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## 5k & Fun Run group prizes announced!

The grade in Upper Academy with the most participants in the 5k & Fun Run is **7<sup>th</sup> Grade!**

The grade in Lower Academy with the most participants was Kindergarten!

Both grades will receive an "Out of Uniform Day" this coming Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations!



Wendy's night is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month from 5:00-7:00pm.

During this time, Apple Valley Wendy's donates 10% of all sales (dine-in or drive-thru) to our school. Mark your calendar to join us for dinner on October 7!

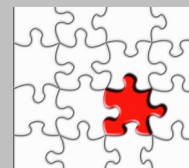
## Counselors Corner

### October is College Month!

It is never too early to be thinking about your child's future and that is why we deemed October as College Month here at Paideia Academy! During the month, students will be participating in various events and activities to promote exploration of higher education and career awareness. Some of the activities will include:

- Parents and staff to share their college experience at September 29th Monday Morning Meeting.
- College Spirit Week Oct. 27th –Oct. 31st
  - **Monday:** College Makes My Future Bright! Wear sunglasses and neon color shirts— with uniform pants.
  - **Tuesday:** College Suits Me to a T! Wear a college T-Shirt— with uniform pants.
  - **Wednesday:** Hats OFF to Learning! Wear or make a creative hat or cap of your college of choice.
  - **Thursday:** College Shirt Day! Wear a college shirt—with uniform pants
  - **Friday:** Dress up like a College Student Day.
- Advisory lessons and activities to promote college awareness.
- College pennants and door decorating
- Teachers will be talking with their students about the benefits of continuing their education after high school as well as relating college majors to subject content.
- Campus to Kids Speaker from the University of Minnesota to give "College is Cool" speech.
- Kids to Campus field trip for 8th graders. (permission slips will be sent out prior to fall break)
- And much, much more!!

Please contact Jayne Largent or Mike Roll if you would like to learn more about the plans for College Month.



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5-8 School Counselor

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## From the Classrooms!

### Kindergarten

**Math:** We will work on our end of the quarter DDI assessment and review first quarter concepts.

**Language Arts:** Sight Word: and. Sight Word Reader: Foods I Like. We will work on our end of the quarter DDI assessment, practice our new sight word and review first quarter concepts.

**Science:** We will wrap up our units on apples, Johnny Appleseed and 5 senses.

**Social Studies:** We will start our unit on explorers, focusing specifically on Christopher Columbus.

**Advisory:** We will continue to focus on staying in our own space and keeping our hands and other body parts to ourselves. We will review what it means to be a kind friend.

#### **Announcements:**

- We are missing a black Paideia logo fleece jacket that has a child's name written inside of it. Please check around at home to ensure that you do not have the wrong jacket by mistake.
- Parents, please keep October 28th on your calendars. We will be celebrating the 50th day of kindergarten on this day and would like to invite you to join us for part of the day. Please do not mention this to your child yet as we would like to keep it a surprise. We will send more information about this as the date draws closer.

**Inspirations:** Ms. Stevens was impressed with the improvement her students have shown with reading sight words! Keep practicing at home! Mrs. Johnson was impressed with how well her students did with word work stations this week.

## First Grade

**Math:** We will work in centers on subtraction facts to 10. We will practice switching quickly between addition and subtraction problems.

**Language Arts:** We will work in Daily 5 centers. We will continue taking the DDI test to assess reading comprehension and accuracy.

**Science:** : We will finish our unit learning about the ocean. We will discuss endangered animals and hazards to ocean life.

**Social Studies:** We will learn about different types of landforms and bodies of water.

**Advisory:** We will lead Monday Morning Meeting and present “10 ways to show kindness”.

**Announcements:** On Friday we will watch *Finding Nemo* in the afternoon as a reward for working so hard on our DDI tests! We will be watching for ocean zones and different ocean habitat to discuss after the movie.

## Second Grade

**Math:** We will take our end of quarter one DDI math test. We will also continue to work on and take a quiz on adding two- and three-digit numbers with regrouping in both the ones and tens place. (Here are some IXL 2 - and 3-digit addition skills that you can work on at home: G1—G5 and I1 and I2.)

**Language Arts:** We will take our end of quarter one DDI reading test. We will do Daily 5 rotations and will continue to practice read to someone. We will finish writing a narrative paragraph to retell *Charlotte's Web* and watch the video of *Charlotte's Web* so that we can compare it with the book. We will also get a new poem of the week and on Thursday we will have our spelling test.

**Science:** We will continue learning about different types of clouds.

**Social Studies:** We will finish our unit on Native Americans in Minnesota, including comparing and contrasting their lives at different times in history.

**Advisory:** We will have our all school Monday morning meeting. We will also do Star of the Week.

**Announcements:** Students will not have regular homework over fall break, but we will send home a reading log for the students to keep track of their reading throughout the two weeks. We will expect students to read at least 150 minutes over break.

**Inspirations:** We SO appreciate the parents who have donated batteries, treasure box items, etc. to our classes! Thank you! We also have welcomed two new students to Ms. Griffith's class in the last two weeks, and they both are adjusting well!

## Third Grade

**Math:** DDI test (Monday)

Aldrich: Review of first quarter topics

Moreau: Subtraction and review

**Language Arts:** Spelling sorts (Monday), spelling quiz (Friday), daily 5, daybooks, guided reading, DDI reading test (Tuesday)

**Science:** Scientists

**Social Studies:** World history

**Advisory:** Cursive, Olweus

**Announcements:** Book orders are due Friday, October 3rd!

## Fourth Grade

**Math:** We will be reviewing for and taking the quarter 1 DDI test.

**IXL** Have your student practice over break!

**Language Arts:** We will review and take the quarter 1 DDI test.

We will be finishing up any missing writing pieces.

**Science:** We will work on and present our power point projects.

**Social Studies:** We will be studying economics.

**Advisory:** We will work on organization and missing work.

We will also go over the schools anti-bullying rules.

**Announcements:** Conferences are right after break, please contact your child's homeroom teacher with top 3 choices of times. Your child's homeroom teacher will email you a confirmation.

**Inspirations:** We had a great time at Base Camp. Rock climbing, archery, and working as a team!

## Fifth Grade

**Language Arts:** After our trip to the Audubon Center, students will put the finishing touches on their work with vocabulary and writing.

**Math:** Students are excited to go on the Audubon field trip! We will be finishing up our review of multi-digit division at the end of the week.

**Social Studies:** Students will spend the coming week at the Audubon Center of the North Woods! This will be a wonderful interdisciplinary learning experience for the students. Thursday and Friday's content in Social Studies will encourage reflection and engagement with things learned on the field trip. Then the quarter will be over!

**Announcements:** Next week we will be going to the Audubon center! Please make sure all your forms are in. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Leckband.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** There are some opportunities to help teachers with bulletin boards.

**Inspirations:** It was inspiring to see students so excited about the Audubon trip.  
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## Sixth Grade

**Language Arts:** After our trip to the Audubon, students will finish reviewing what we've learned this quarter and evaluate their progress.

**Math:** Students are excited to go on the Audubon field trip! We will be reviewing multiplying and dividing decimals and fractions at the end of the week.

**Social Studies:** Students will spend the coming week at the Audubon Center of the North Woods! This will be a wonderful interdisciplinary learning experience for the students. Thursday and Friday's content in Social Studies will encourage reflection and engagement with things learned on the field trip. Then the quarter will be over!

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## Seventh Grade

**Math:** Next week in 7<sup>th</sup> grade we are going to review all of the material covered throughout first quarter in preparation for the Q1 DDI. We will also be taking the Q1 DDI at some point during the week.

**Language Arts:** The Seventh Grade Language arts class is finishing Touching Spirit Bear. There will be an essay due on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. The objective final will be given on Thursday October 2, 2014.

**Science:** Grade 7 will continue its exploration of genetics and heredity. We will be wrapping up our study of Mitosis, cover the steps of Meiosis and how it is similar/different from Mitosis, and then do some labs the study our own inherited traits and investigate other hypothetical genetic scenarios.

**Social Studies:** 7th Graders will be finishing their study of economics including a look into various Industrial Revolution inventions: The Cotton Gin, Power Loom, Steam Engine, etc. Students will also be reviewing from the quarter and taking the Q1 DDI Exam.

**Advisory:** Week 9 Advisory will be focused around the character trait “kindness.” Students will also continue our Olweus Anti-Bullying curriculum.

**Inspirations:** Our 7/8th grade students have been showing excellent leadership within Paideia.

## Eighth Grade

**Math:** Next week in 8<sup>th</sup> grade we are going to wrap up chapter 3. We will be taking a chapter 3 test next week as well as the Q1 DDI.

**Language Arts:** The Eighth Grade Language Arts Class is finishing Code Talker. There will be an essay due on Tuesday September 30, 2014. The objective final will be given on Thursday October 2, 2014.

**Science:** Grade 8 will continue, and complete, its rocks/minerals unit. After several activities/labs learning how to characterize rocks by texture and composition, each student will create his/her own rock (variety to be chosen this week) and a museum label listing the identifying characteristics and uses of that kind of rock.

**Social Studies:** 8th Graders will be finishing up their work on Central America and the Caribbean. Students will also be reviewing from the quarter and taking the Q1 DDI Exam.

**Advisory:** Week 9 Advisory will be focused around the character trait “kindness.” Students will also continue our Olweus Anti-Bullying curriculum.

**Inspirations:** Our 7/8th grade students have been showing excellent leadership within Paideia.

## Physical Education:

**September 29-October 3**

All physical education students will continue the flag football unit. We will be focusing on skills and teamwork.

**Inspirations:**

The upper academy students have been doing a great job remembering to change into their gym uniforms!

## Health:

**September 29-October 3**

The upper academy students will continue to learn about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

# Art:

## Kindergarten

**Standards/unit:** Artistic Foundations

**Activities:** Learning about warm and cool colors

**Inspirations:** "A Color of His Own" book

## 1st Grade/ 2nd Grade

**Standards/unit:** Artistic Foundations

**Activities:** Framing owl and turning interviewing lines.

**Inspirations:** Lines, Hatching and Cross-Hatching, book Owl Babies

## 3rd Grade/4th Grade

**Standards/unit:** Artistic Foundations

**Activities:** Printing African mask

**Inspirations:** African Art, animals, printmaking

## 5th Grade/6th Grade

**Standards/unit:** Artistic Foundations

**Activities:** designing, and coloring rose window

**Inspirations:** Gothic Architecture, stained glass rose windows

## 7th Grade/8th Grade

**Standards/unit:** Artistic Foundations

**Activities:** Finishing architecture drawing with zentangles in the negative space.

**Inspirations:** Architecture, drawing technique– Zentangles

## Art

### Announcements:

The art room is looking for a few donations! We are in need of 12 ice cube trays (used for holding paint at each table) and 12 plastic pencil boxes. If you have either of these items please bring them to the art room! Thanks so much.  
–Mrs. Shelton

# Spanish

**Kindergarten:** Students will learn Spanish shapes and listen to a poem.

**1st Grade:** Students will learn Spanish colors.

**2nd Grade:** Students will continue practicing Spanish body parts.

**3rd Grade:** Students will practice Spanish greetings and learn about animals.

**4th Grade:** Students will present their Spanish body parts song and practice the days of the week.

**5th Grade:**

Students will be on the Audubon field trip during Spanish class.

**6th Grade:**

Unit 1, Lesson 1 Test

Students will create a Spanish skit using the vocabulary from this unit.

**7th Grade:**

Unit 3, Lesson 1 Test

Students will continue conjugating ar verbs.

**8th Grade:**

Unit 5, Lesson 1 Test

Students will present their dream house projects.

# Classical Studies

## 5th/6th Grades

**Standards/unit:** Early Greece and Rome

**Activities:** Reading about the Etruscans, Minoans and Mycenaeans

**Inspirations:** Seeing more hands raised!

## 7th/8th Grades

**Standards/unit:** 7th Grade: Ancient Egypt; 8th grade– Greek/Roman Mythology

**Activities:** Researching aspects of Ancient Egyptian life ; Presenting Greek/Roman monsters research



# Latin

## 5th/6th Grades

**Standards/unit:** Conjugating Latin verbs

**Activities:** Ch. 3 Activities

**Inspirations:** Finding out Latin is everywhere!

## 7th/8th Grades

**Standards/unit:** 1st Declension Nouns

**Activities:** Noun declension games

# Music

## Kindergarten

Fast and Slow

Will be exploring fast and slow and helping Ms. Simpson to tell a story about the tortoise and the hare!

## 1st Grade

Can you follow the pitches?

1st Grade will be creating pitch roller coasters and learning to find the high and low pitches a new song!

## 2nd Grade

High Middle and Low Pitches

2nd Grade will be reviewing high, low and middle pitches and learning about the pitches that live on solfege street. Bring your singing voices!

## 3rd Grade

Finding ta and ti-ti

3rd Grade will review the Macarena, Chicken Dance, and the Caribbean Dollar Dance and find the ta and ti-ti rhythms in the dance steps. Put on your dancing shoes third graders! We will also explore more story telling with music through poetry and folktales!

**Inspirations:** Thank you to the students and staff for welcoming me back from my trip to Aruba it is good to be home!

## 4th Grade

**Standards/Unit:** Artistic Foundations; Notes & Singing

**Activities:** Note name practice drills; note name quiz

**Inspirations:** Students in 4th grade know strategies for naming notes on the staff!

## 5th Grade

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

**Activities:** Tabla test and Bollywood movie *Stanley Ka Dabba*

**Inspirations:** Students in 5th grade are ready to perform on the tabla!

## 6th Grade

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

**Activities:** Tabla test and Bollywood movie *Stanley Ka Dabba*

**Inspirations:** Students in 6th grade are ready to perform on the tabla!

## 7th Grade

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

**Activities:** Exploring the music of Gustav Holst's *The Planets*

**Inspirations:** Students in 7th grade are done scoring a Bach invention for a quartet!

## 8th Grade

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

**Activities:** Begin tabla performance tests; watching a Bollywood film

**Inspirations:** Students in 8th grade can play two talas on the tabla!

# Volunteer Opportunities!

## **Classroom Volunteers NEEDED:**

**Kindergarten:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered this week! We appreciate your help. Please keep checking Volunteer Spot to sign up for new opportunities! <http://vols.pt/au4f27>

**First Grade:** Please go to Volunteer Spot to sign up for volunteering opportunities in our classrooms! We are looking for volunteers to help with Math and Language Arts. We are also looking for volunteers to help with prep work. Thanks!

**Second Grade:** Please use this link below to sign up to volunteer! We regularly need volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/57934526016>

**Third Grade:** We would love to have volunteers to help give our weekly spelling quizzes on Friday!

**Fourth Grade:** Correcting papers at home.

**Fifth & Sixth Grade:** There are some opportunities to help teachers with bulletin boards. Please contact us!

## **PTO Volunteers NEEDED:**

**Family / Student 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

**PTO Meeting Child Supervision:** Supervise children in gym during PTO meeting. Time commitment: 2 hours/month

**Background checks required for all volunteers.**  
**If you have not completed a background check you will not be allowed to volunteer or be in the school during the school day.**