

Paideia Academy

NOVEMBER 21, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 26, 27, 28 Thanksgiving
break—NO SCHOOL

Dec 2 Academic Excellence
meeting 6 pm & Marketing
and Enrollment meeting 7
pm

Dec 9 Governance & Long
range planning meeting
6 pm & Human Resources
meeting 7 pm

Dec 11 Winter Concert
6:30 pm

Dec 15-19 Last week of
Quarter—no afterschool
clubs!

Dec 16 Finance Committee
meeting 6 pm & Board
meeting 7 pm

Dec 22-Jan 9 Winter Break!

**Does your student
walk to the library
after school?**

Library will be closed on
December 5



Dear Paideia Community,

Thank you for continuing to contribute to our Give to the Max Day efforts! We have raised nearly \$10,000 at this point, and we all celebrated today with a school-wide Pajama Day. So much fun! We really can't thank you enough for all of your donations. All classrooms will be painted during winter break, so you will be able to see your funds being put to good use.

On Thursday night, we held a great Information Night for prospective families for this year and next year. It was so wonderful hearing our staff, students, and parents sharing what they love about Paideia and answering questions so thoughtfully. We look forward to enrolling some new students in January!

On Tuesday night, we had our monthly Board meeting as well as our School Culture & Communication Committee meeting. We discussed our upcoming Fall Family Satisfaction Survey, which will be sent out to you in early December, the 2015-2016 school calendar, and a number of other items. Thank you to those of you who joined us for these meetings. I look forward to seeing more of you at our December Board meeting and committee meetings.

Next week, we will not be sending out a newsletter due to the short week so we can all celebrate Thanksgiving. We wish you all a wonderful weekend and holiday!

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

From the Board

Before we all depart for Thanksgiving break next week, I want to make sure and get a couple of important meetings on your calendars. First, coming up on **Tuesday, December 9 at 6 p.m.** the Governance and Long Range Planning Committee will meet. We will be discussing the 2015-16 school calendar and **really need feedback from staff and families!** We are interested in hearing your thoughts on the modified year-long schedule, the length of quarter breaks, start and end dates for the school year, and anything else you would like to discuss regarding the school calendar. Please come to the meeting and let us know what you think, as the discussion will result in a proposed 2015-16 school calendar being proposed for approval at the next Board meeting on December 16.

Second, the Ad Hoc Building Committee will be meeting on **Monday, December 1 at 6 p.m.** at the Caribou up the street from Paideia. This is our initial meeting and we will be planning our course of action for addressing the building lease or possible building purchase options. If you are willing and able to serve on this ad hoc committee to plan for the future of Paideia's home, please join us. We'd love to have a few more heads and hands to help out!

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This past week, the School Culture & Communications Committee and the Board met. The Culture & Communications Committee had a productive discussion regarding finding ways for families to get and feel connected to the Paideia Community, whether through PTO, school events, or other volunteer opportunities. We also reviewed last year's Family Satisfaction Survey and discussed the survey for this year, which will be distributed in early December. Please take part in this survey. We want your feedback.

The Board authorized using Box Top funds to purchase new tables for the Spanish room and also approved entering into a contract to have the classrooms painted over winter break. A little wall patching and a fresh coat of paint will start the new year off right! But please consider helping out before you head off for winter break as the teachers and staff will need volunteers to help them take everything down off the walls. We also heard reports from the various Board committees, discussed creation of a teacher/staff satisfaction survey, and began discussions regarding the 2015-16 school calendar (please see the first paragraph above).

There are no committee meetings next week, but we will be back in business on **Tuesday, December 2**. The Academic Excellence Committee will meet at 6 p.m. and will discuss how to use the academic programs to support academic excellence and student success, and the Marketing and Enrollment Committee will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss strategies for increasing application, for mid-year enrollment and enrollment for 2015-16.

Elizabeth Larsen,
Board Chair

From National Junior Honor Society

NJHS will sponsor a food drive December 1-4

All proceeds will benefit Second Harvest and 360 Communities. Any non-perishable food item or personal care item will be accepted.

Who will collect more?

Upper Academy or Lower Academy? The number of items collected will be counted and if the winner is Lower Academy they will win a pajama day. If Upper Academy wins they have an opportunity to vote on their reward.

Hunger in Minnesota is a very real problem.

Did you know:

- * 1 in 6 Minnesotans is affected by hunger.
- * 39% of people helped by Minnesota food banks are children.
- * Being hungry affects how children grow, learn, think, and relate to others.
- * Many people find themselves affected by hunger because of poverty, loss of a job, family crisis or illness.



From the Office



HELP! Because of our wonderful Give to the Max Donors the classrooms will be painted during winter break!

We are in need of volunteers (who are able to lift 20+lbs) to help move desks, cabinets, shelves etc.! If you are willing to help before and during the daytime of winter break (especially December 19 to 23!) please contact Kim at kklayum@paideiaacademy.org

Display Case Needed

Are you a skilled craftsman?

We would like to have a custom display case made for our lobby area! If you or anyone you know is willing to help with building or funding this project—please contact Mrs. Levy-Maguire.

Amy Ackert
Jenifer Alexander
Melissa Appel
Janell Barth
Barb and Denny Booren
Jonathan & Shannon Bradley
Courtney Cardwell
Linda Chambers
Rachel Chamley
Aaron Chaput
Jennifer Cho
Maria Cooper
John Dalton
Dakota Electric
Lisa Feldman
Keith Frederickson
Ellen Goodner
Deb Gottfrien
Len Haagenon
Leslie Hagen
Arlene Halverson
Chad Harvey
Jane Hendrickson
Reni Henriati
Robert Hirning
Ann Hodges
Catherine Hunter
Amy Jarpe
Debbie Karban
Carrie King
Kim Klayum
Viktoriya Krinitsyn
Laura Krukow
Deborah
Deb Kunze
Roberta Lapsitis
Andrew Lees
Jaidyn Lundstrom
Jenny Lyngstad
Alyssa Lyngstad
Shelly Meinhardt
Roger and Kathy Menk
Paresh Mohapatra
Theresa Molan
Chhom Mom
Ranjani Nagaraj
Shannon O'Hanlon
Ann Palmer
Tracy Payne
Tamra Paulson
Kim Pellicci
Michelle Pellinen
Julie Pettes
Sasha Preble
Mary Robinson
Shannon Robinson
Sonya Rogers
Pam Rognrud
Melissa Selim
Trista Shattuck
Tom Sinkinson
Marilyn Stevens
Sumitha Sunny
Anne Ward
Deb Windsor
Zareen Zafar
Aracely Zagal
Lawful Gambling

Thank you **to our generous** **donors** **who raised \$9485** **for Paideia** **Academy!**

This is 72% increase in giving from

2013 Give to the Max Day.

Way to go!

We appreciate you!

give **TO THE MAX**
DAY 
NOV 13, 2014

From the PTO

Hi Parents. We're wondering.....

Did you find your "WHY"?

As Paideia parents, we go above and beyond for our children. A simple example is seen every morning and afternoon. Most of our families transport their children directly or have set-up carpools. Every family makes special arrangements on Wednesdays for early release. It's one of the great and simple way parents show they have committed to supporting our school and staff.

But **WHY** did you choose a school that asks more of families? Some of the comments we've heard are small class sizes, excellent and passionate teachers, a true commitment to academic excellence, and that Paideia encourages parent involvement. Many of you have chosen Paideia because you want to be involved in your child's education and school.

The PTO is **HOW** you become involved. Join us at our upcoming events and show your **WHY**. Bring your thoughts and ideas to our PTO meeting on **December 8** (child supervision is provided). Join us on **January 30** to celebrate **WHY** Paideia is great at our 10th Anniversary Family Event at the Sky Deck at Mall of America. Please reach out and contact us at any time with your **WHY**!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - OUT OF UNIFORM DAY!

Thanks to the record Book Fair sales this year, the entire school gets to celebrate with an out of uniform day. (Remember: NO yoga pants, leggings, skinny jeans, tank tops or shorts.)

Your Paideia Academy PTO

President: Andrea Seitz

Vice-President: Jane Hendrickson

Treasurer: Melissa Rensch

Secretary: Kristian Dalton

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!

pto@paideiaacademy.org

facebook.com/PaideiaAcademyPTO



Poinsettia Pick-up - November 24, 3-6pm

Pick-up your poinsettia plants in the Large Commons area. Don't forget or they will be sitting at school over the long Thanksgiving weekend! We could use a few volunteers to sort poinsettias from 2-3pm and then for pick-up from 3-6pm. If you can help during these times, please email Courtney Cardwell at cacardwell68@yahoo.com.

From your Counselors

November's Character Trait is Gratitude!

Evidence suggests that grateful young adolescents, compared to their less grateful counterparts, are happier and more optimistic, have better social support, are more satisfied with their school, family, community, friends and themselves, and give more emotional support to others. Grateful teens are more satisfied with their lives, use their strengths to better their community, are more engaged in their schoolwork and hobbies, have higher grades, and are less envious, depressed and materialistic.

7 Ways to foster Gratitude in Kids

1. Model and teach gratitude
2. Spend time with your kids and be mindful when with them
3. Support your child's autonomy
4. Use kids' strengths to fuel gratitude
5. Help focus and support kids to achieve intrinsic goals
6. Encourage helping others and nurturing relationships
7. Help kids find what matters to them



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From the Classrooms

Kindergarten

Math: Due to the short week, we will not be switching groups for math. We will finish up our units on teen numbers and do a quick review of patterning – Thanksgiving style!

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Challenge yourself to count backwards from 20 to 0, continue practicing writing teen numbers (try it with markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc....). Count the number of different foods on your table on Thanksgiving. IXL Skills: D.1, D.2, D.3, D.4, D.5, D.6

Language Arts: Sight Words: on. Due to the short week, we will not be switching groups for reading. We will do some color by sight words pages and read our new sight words reader Thanksgiving Dinner.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** We will be sending our Thanksgiving Dinner reader home over Thanksgiving. Impress a family member by reading it to them! Continue practicing letter sounds. Practice writing letters that use circle lines (Oo, Cc, d, b, a, p)

Social Studies: We will finish our unit on Peoples Past and Present. We will make Thanksgiving story bracelets, turkey hats, and pilgrim turkeys.

Advisory: We will talk about Thanksgiving family traditions.

Announcements:

Please note that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not be sending home a homework packet this week. Please take the time to enjoy being with family instead.

We have noticed that many winter items are not labeled with the students' name. PLEASE help us out by labeling your child's winter gear!

Inspirations: Mrs. Johnson is inspired by how well her math group is doing with understanding place value when working teen numbers. Ms. Stevens is impressed with how well her class did with hibernation writing!

1st Grade

Math: We will work on mid-quarter review. We will review fact families and 2D and 3D shapes.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Please continue to review basic addition and subtraction facts to 15. Continue to practice shapes and patterns on IXL (K.1-K.12).

Language Arts: We will review spelling and sight words. We will write about what we will do during Thanksgiving break. We will work on a fun Thanksgiving craftivity on Tuesday afternoon.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Please continue to read with your child every day. You can also continue to work on the Dolch Sight Word Lists that were sent home at conferences. Students can also use Lexia for extra practice.

Science: We will not have Science this week because of the short week.

Social Studies: We will join classes to watch “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving” on Tuesday. We will discuss what it means to be “thankful” and common American Thanksgiving traditions.

Advisory: We will continue to discuss how to solve problems on our own. We will practice saying “Please stop. I don’t like that” and ignoring the person. We will discuss that if that doesn’t work then we will practice getting a teacher/adult’s help.

Announcements: Homework sent home Friday will not be due until December 4th (the week after Thanksgiving break). Mrs. Olthoff’s last day before maternity leave will be Tuesday, November 25th. Please welcome Mrs. Laura Butts (Mrs. B.) on December 1st. She will be with Mrs. O.’s class until the first week in March.

Inspirations: Brielle and Hyrum retired clips this week! Way to go!

2nd Grade

Math: Students will continue to learn mental strategies for adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. Strategies could include using decomposition or expanded notation.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Continue to practice addition and subtraction basic facts for speed and accuracy! You can do this with flash cards or playing card games such as addition war or Salute! (Ask your child how to play!) Also, please continue to work on any of the following IXL skills: adding and subtracting 1-digit numbers (E.4, E.10, F.1, F.4 etc.), adding 2-digit numbers (G.1-G.5; G.9), and subtracting 2-digit numbers (H.1-H.5; H.9).

Language Arts: Students will continue to learn about and use compound words and will learn about fact and opinion. Students will also have guided reading groups and will continue to do Daily 5 rotations and Lexia.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Look for and make a list of compound words in books or discuss facts and opinions about favorite topics (sports, animals, etc.) You can also continue to work on Lexia and the IXL Language Arts skills related to nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, capitalization, and letters. (Email your child’s teacher if you need their log-in information for either Lexia or IXL.)

Science: Students will continue their simple machines unit by learning about screws.

Social Studies: Students will begin their economics unit.

Advisory: We will meet with our 6th grade buddies!

Announcements: Students will be getting their normal homework packet and spelling words today, but because of Thanksgiving the homework won’t be due until the following Friday (December 5th) and will have their spelling test on December 4th.

Inspirations: We would like to congratulate Ella, Ambrose, Grace, Rowan, Emilie, Lucy, Kyla, Ashira, Jameson, Melody, and Ani on retiring clips so far this week! Enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

3rd Grade

Math: Aldrich: Division; Moreau: Multiplication

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Please work on the IXL skill that was listed in this week's weekly homework. For students in both math classes please have your students practice solving multiplication problems.

Language Arts: The students will be practicing their Daily 5 stations and continuing to work on their daybooks.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** When your student reads at home and they finish ask them what the main idea of the story was and what some of the details were from their story.

Science: How shadows are made and how light travels in a straight line.

Social Studies: Students will be learning about different methods of communication used by people living in ancient times.

Advisory: This week in advisory the students will be continuing to practice their cursive letters and we will be having a final discussion about gratitude.

Announcements: There will be no spelling or homework this upcoming week due to having a short school week!

Inspirations: The third graders did a great job on their field trip to the Science Museum of Minnesota!

4th Grade

Math: Students will work on comparing, ordering, and rounding decimals. After break we will review decimals and take the chapter quiz. And start an Algebra unit.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Have your student figure out the correct change you should receive while shopping, or estimate total cost of items before purchase.

IXL: 4.1.2.4 Read and write decimals with words and symbols

4.1.2.5 Compare and order decimals and whole numbers using place value

4.1.2.6 Read and write tenths and hundredths in decimal and fraction notations

4.1.2.7 Round decimals to the nearest tenth.

Language Arts: Students will learn about making connections, and comparing myths and fables. Students will then apply this to their reading group work. Students will also be writing final drafts of descriptive paragraphs and learning. Students will be working on spelling tips, using resources, commonly misspelled words

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Have your student write a poem about the snow, winter, cold, etc. Reading a story aloud to your student and having them read to you can help build fluency at home.

IXL: Y.1 Does the adverb tell you how, when, or where?

Y.2 Identify adverbs

Y.3 Use relative adverbs

Science: Students will learn about famous scientists in magnetism and electricity.

Social Studies: Students will learn about the Midwest States. Madison, Wisconsin; Lansing, Michigan; Springfield, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Columbus, Ohio

Advisory: Students will be working on teambuilding by practicing jobs for working in a group.

Announcements: Please make sure to send your student with boots, snow pants, jackets, gloves, hat, etc. for the winter season. Also a bag to hang them in to keep our hallways neat.

Inspirations: Congrats to the students who earned 100% on their last states and capitals quiz! Sienna L., Jaden L., Peyton A., Jordon K., Russell H., Jaidyn L., Sam H., Landon S., Jhord-Ann C., Cameron H., Sarah H., Ahmed A., James L.

5th Grade

Math: Students will be continuing to learn about adding and subtracting mixed numbers and the different ways these operations can be represented using pictures.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students can practice skills on IXL skills M.1-M.23 (focus on skills M.18 and M.19).

Language Arts: Two school days until Thanksgiving break. Students who are behind can talk to the teacher about bringing their “Work on Words” or “Work on Writing” packets home for the break.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students should be continuing to record reading minutes on their reading calendars. It would also be great if students spent some time reading aloud to a family member. IXL Language Arts is available for students to practice on at home.

Science: Students in fifth grade will be assessed on their knowledge of plant and animal cells, their parts and functions through creating cell models and completing their cell test assessment.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Use this website to explore different games connected to cells and cell parts! <http://www.centreofthecell.org/games/>

Social Studies: Students will be taking a test on Monday covering information about the events leading up to the American Revolution. Tuesday we will talk about budgeting and then Thanksgiving break! After Thanksgiving break, we'll start covering the American Revolution!

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** 6th graders would benefit from reading “Soldiers Heart” by Gary Paulsen.

Advisory: In Advisory we have been working on homework and talking about what we are thankful for.

Announcements: Reading calendars will be due December 1st.

Inspirations: It was inspiring to see students working hard in their classes.

6th Grade

Math: Students will be continuing to learn about percents and we will begin to connect this to proportions.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students can practice what we are learning at home on IXL skills AA.11-AA.18.

Language Arts: Students will be finishing up their presentations on a chapter of “The Good Path” and begin writing their own original myths.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students can read about Ojibwe myths and cultures online. IXL Language Arts is available for students to practice on at home.

Science: Students in sixth grade will be assessed on their ocean surface models we are creating in class. Students will continue their knowledge of the ocean with their individual projects on below the surface geography.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Use this website to explore below the surface with your child.

<http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/forfun/creatures/welcome.html>

Social Studies: Student's will start building a timeline of Civil War era events in Minnesota to connect the Civil War and the U.S.-Dakota War. In the two days before Thanksgiving break, we will focus more on introducing concepts, and then get more specific after break.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** 6th graders would benefit from looking through this website: <http://www.mnvideovault.org/> for videos about MN statehood.

Advisory: In Advisory we have been working on homework and talking about what we are thankful for.

Announcements: Reading calendars will be due December 1st.

7th Grade

Math: We will be having a review Monday and a Chapter 6 test Tuesday.

Opportunities for learning at home: Students may work on IXL or khanacademy at home and over break.

Language Arts: Seventh Grade Language Arts is reading Jack London's Call of the Wild.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Read over Chapters 5-6 Thanksgiving Break.

Science: Students will be continuing our unit on body systems by exploring the circulatory system. Students will engage in two lab days, which will allow them to learn how to measure blood pressure, pulse rate, etc. Students will also have the opportunity to see and study sheep and cow hearts.

⇒ **Opportunities for Learning at home:** Learn about the role of the heart in blood circulation using the animation at <http://sumanasinc.com/webcontent/animations/content/humanheart.html>. How does blood circulation impact the function of other body systems?

Social Studies: 7th graders have been studying the Antebellum era of U.S. history and the causes of the Civil War. For the short week, we will look at Battle at Fort Sumter as the official starting point of the Civil War.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Social Studies students are always encouraged to keep up-to-date with current events going on locally as well as globally.

Advisory: Advisory is discussing college this month. Students are encouraged to think about possible areas of interest in continuing their educations.

Inspirations: Everyone has seemed eager and excited about coming back after break.

8th Grade

Math: We will continue working in Chapter 5 on Monday and Tuesday.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students may work on IXL or khanacademy at home and over break.

Language Arts: Eighth Grade is reading sections from Maya Angelou's I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Science: Students will continue their study of the relationship between earth's oceans and climate. The North Atlantic is the start of the ocean's conveyor belt, aided by the formation of icebergs near Greenland. The story of the Titanic not only tells of the story of the Labrador Flow, but also of a weather phenomenon that likely contributed to the collision with an iceberg. We will continue a documentary, titled *Titanic's Final Mystery*, which is the account of a scientist attempting to determine what environmental factors may have influenced the disaster. His conclusion is fascinating and a great addition to any conversation about weather and climate.

⇒ **Opportunities for Learning at Home:** Explore the data that has led scientists to accept the theory that our planet is warming by visiting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website at http://www.noaa.gov/climate_background.html. There you will also find interesting tools to better understand the intricate relationship between world climates and ocean.

Social Studies: 8th Graders have been doing in-depth research on various European countries. Monday will be the gallery walk where they can show off the work they have done. We will also be watching the documentary "Cool Nordic" which gives a detailed look at the Nordic countries of Europe.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Social Studies students are always encouraged to keep up-to-date with current events going on locally as well as globally.

Advisory: Advisory is discussing college this month. Students are encouraged to think about possible areas of interest in continuing their educations.

MUSIC

Kindergarten: We will review our winter story and add new instruments to our story telling! We will also learn a turkey song!

1st Grade: We will review finding Sol and Mi in our song Hey Hey and do a turkey dance!

2nd Grade: We will continue to find our new pitch Do in a mystery song and we will find turkey rhythms!

3rd Grade: This week we will play an ostinato on the xylophones and review our new pitch Re in a song. We will also do an activity about gratitude!

Inspirations: Thank you to Third Graders for creating a wonderful poster with me this week. Let us continue to fill each others buckets!

4th Grade

Standards/Unit: Artistic Process: Perform or Present; Recorder

Activities: No class—enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

Inspirations: Students in 4th grade can play G, A, and B on the recorder!

5th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Process: Perform or Present; Recorder/Xylophone Ensemble

Activities: Recorder playing test; ensemble rehearsal

Inspirations: Students in 5th grade have begun practicing two songs!

6th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Process: Perform or Present; Recorder/Xylophone Ensemble

Activities: Recorder playing test; ensemble rehearsal

Inspirations: Students in 6th grade have begun practicing three songs!

7th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Process: Create or Make; Composing Melodies

Activities: Introducing form in music; beginning our final composition projects

Inspirations: Students in 7th grade have composed question/answer phrases!

8th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Process: Perform or Present; Guitar

Activities: No class—enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

Concert Dates Mark Your Calendars !

Winter Concert— December 11 (5-8 Grade Choir, Upper Academy Band and Orchestra) 6:30 pm

K-2 Concert— February 12 6:30pm

3-4 Concert March 12 6:30 pm

Spring Concert— June 4 (5-8 Grade Choir, Upper Academy Band and Orchestra) 6:30 pm

Classical Studies

5th/6th Grades

Standards/unit: Greek City-states and the Roman Republic

Activities: My city-state research & the Punic Wars

Inspirations: Good city-state research & excitement about the Roman Army

Classical Studies—7th/8th Grades

Standards/unit: 7th Grade: Ancient India; 8th grade – The Founding of the Roman Republic

Activities: Origins of Hinduism & Buddhism; Roman Geography

Inspirations: Learning about Hinduism & Buddhism and great interest in Rome

Latin

5th/6th Grades

Standards/unit: Conjugating Latin verbs/ Learning how to decline Latin nouns

Activities: Derivative Detective!

Inspirations: Great Extra Credit contributions

Latin—7th/8th Grades

Standards/unit: Ch.5 & 6

Activities: Declining noun games

Inspirations: Now everybody knows a subject, direct object, verb and how they all interact with each other:)

Announcements: 8th Grade Ch.5 Quiz Monday; 7th Grade Ch.5 Quiz Monday

Art

Kindergarten

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: learning how to make a pinch pot and attach clay together

Inspirations: Monsters

1st Grade/ 2nd Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Finishing leaf project– turning in

Inspirations: Fall colors and leaves, 2D vs 3D

3rd Grade/4th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Clay Architecture, slab factory, making Notre Dame out of clay

Inspirations: Gothic Cathedrals

5th Grade/6th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Introducing Classical Architecture, gesture drawings

Inspirations: Classical Architecture, human form

7th Grade/8th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: working on final portrait

Inspirations: Painters after WWII, color, people/portraits, multi-media

Art Announcements:

If you are interested in volunteering for the art room– please let us know!

Physical Education

Upper Academy Announcements: Be dressed in PE clothing for class. Please be changing into running/tennis shoes from street shoes and boots.

****Due to many schools changing from the Presidential Fitness Testing to the Fitnessgram, we are tracking students from year to year. This will also prepare our students to transfer into high school and understand the fitness testing. We hope to be able to send scores with students when transferring such that schools can continue recognizing the progress from year to year. The Fitnessgram also focuses the testing on all five areas of fitness, muscular endurance, muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, and body composition. Please feel free to read more information on the Fitnessgram at: <http://www.cooperinstitute.org/youth/fitnessgram/fitnessgram10>.**

1st-8th Grade PE:

Unit: Fitness Testing – Fitnessgram

Standard 3: The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.

5th- 8th Grade Health:

Unit: Conflict Resolution

Standards: Standard 2: Students will analyze the influence of family, peers, culture, media, technology, and other factors on health behaviors.

Standard 4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health and avoid or reduce health risks.

Activities: Similarities & Differences

Health Objective: Create ways to find similarities with others you don't always agree with. Recognize and respect differences.

Spanish

Kindergarten: Thanksgiving Break

1st Grade: Thanksgiving Break

2nd Grade: Thanksgiving Break

3rd Grade: Students will learn new vocabulary words about Thanksgiving.

4th Grade: Students will learn new vocabulary words about Thanksgiving.

5th Grade: Students will continue working on a research project about a Spanish-speaking country.

6th Grade: Thanksgiving Break

7th Grade: Unit 3, Lesson 2– En mi familia Students will learn about possessive adjectives.

8th Grade: Unit 5, Lesson 2- Una fiesta en casa.

Students will practice conjugating regular and irregular ar, er, and ir verbs.

* Kindergarten, first, second, and sixth graders do not have Spanish class this week because it is Thanksgiving Break. Students can choose to complete a Thanksgiving worksheet to practice their Spanish skills at home.

Volunteer Opportunities

1st Grade: Please go to Volunteer Spot to sign-up for volunteer opportunities in the classroom during Daily 5 centers and Math centers. We are also looking for prep help a few times a week. Thanks

2nd Grade: We would really appreciate volunteers on Wednesday afternoons from 12:50-2:30 to make copies, file papers, etc., Thursday afternoons from 2:15-3:00 to give spelling tests, and Friday mornings from 8:25-9:20 to help students with new spelling word sorts. Please click on the following link to see what times are still open for this quarter and to sign up: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/57934526016>

3rd Grade: If you are able to help give spelling quizzes on Friday mornings from 9:15-10:00 please sign up using volunteer spot.

4th Grade Level Volunteer Opportunities:

Correct papers at home

Holiday Party Volunteer December 19th

Bakken Chaperone December 20th – Contact Mrs. Daugherty



HELP! Because of our wonderful Give to the Max Donors the classrooms will be painted during winter break! We are in need of volunteers (who are able to lift 50lbs) to help move desks, cabinets, shelves etc.!

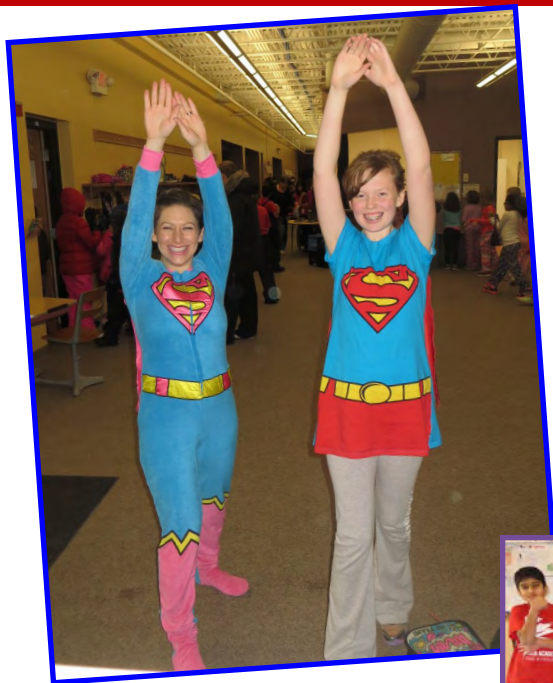
If you are willing to help before and during the daytime of winter break (especially December 19 to the 23!) please email Kim at kklayum@paideiaacademy.org

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.

Are you logging your volunteer hours?

Make sure you do so on the PTO website or in the log books located in the lobby!

Pajama Day is a hit!



Announcements

We are excited to announce the birth
of Jameson Merritt Chamley
born on Wednesday November 19!

