

Paideia Academy

JANUARY 9, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 12 Monday Morning
Meeting 8:15 am, Coffee
with the Director 9:08 am

Jan 13 Academic Excellence
Committee Meeting 6 pm,
Operation's Committee
Meeting 7 pm.

Jan 15 2nd Semester Club
registrations due, Evening
Conferences & Book Fair!

Jan 16 Conferences - No
school, no newsletter &
Book Fair!

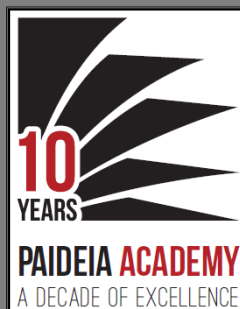
Jan 19 MLK DAY—No School

Jan 20 2nd Semester Clubs
start & Board Meeting 7 pm.

Jan 26 Title 1 Starts for 2nd
semester.

Jan 27 Finance Committee
Meeting 6 pm &
Human Resources
Committee Meeting 7pm

Jan 30th 10-Year Anniversary
Event 6-9 pm!



Dear Paideia Community,

Welcome to 2015!!! I hope you have all enjoyed spending some quality time with your family and friends...and that you are ready to send your children back to school. We can't wait for you to all see the beautiful newly-painted classrooms!!! Humongous thanks go to Jose Contreras, Kim Klayum, the painters, and all the staff, and volunteers who put in tons of work to get this project done. It truly was a great effort, and we all appreciate your work and support.

We are kicking off our 3rd quarter with our January Monday Morning Meeting and a Coffee with the Director on our first day back, January 12th. I'm excited to discuss the results of the Fall Family Satisfaction Survey with you and to discuss how we can continue to build on our successes and/or address areas of concern during the spring semester. I am very happy to report that the respondents reported high levels of satisfaction with all aspects of the school, but we can always do better.

During our professional development day today, 1/9/15, our teachers worked together to analyze the results of their DDI tests and develop individualized plans for each student during this week's Re-Teaching week. They also participated in activities to better understand the diverse experiences of our children and to develop strategies to differentiate their supports to ensure that each child's strengths are appreciated and strengthened and that his/her needs are understood and addressed. I hope that you will see evidence of this deeper understanding of your children during conferences. The goal of this work is to see a positive impact on all children's academic performance, confidence, willingness to take academic risks, and increased love of learning.

This week, your children will be participating in re-teaching activities to help them master standards they did not quite grasp during the 2nd quarter and extension activities to build on the knowledge they have already developed this year. In addition, we will be holding our winter Parent-Teacher Conferences and holding our semi-annual Book Fair. We have restructured our conferences this winter to focus on helping both you and your child understand your child's progress and performance better by examining trends in their report cards, standardized test scores, and school-level assessments (DDI tests and pre-assessments) and integrating your children more thoroughly into the process. I look forward to your feedback on our new structure.

Have a wonderful final weekend of break with your families! I look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

**Do you have friends that are looking for an
educational change?**

January 12-23 are the last dates that new students can start at Paideia for the 2014-2015 school year!

Encourage your friends to enroll now by contacting Tonya in the office.

We currently have openings in grades 3-8.

From the Office

It is time to sign up for 2nd Semester Activities!

[Click here to view offerings](#)

Registration closes Thursday January 15th!

Conferences are this week!

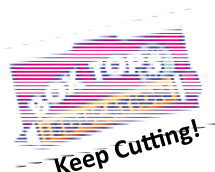
If you have not scheduled a time with your students teacher / advisor, please email them to do so.

It's Open Enrollment time!

If you have an incoming kindergartener or new-to-Paideia 1st -8th grader that you wish to enroll for the 2015-16 school year, please turn in your New Student Application. Current Paideia Students do not need applications filled out, as they will automatically be enrolled at Paideia for 2015-16. Current student siblings have priority for enrollment. Please be sure to turn in your application by February 27th to be included in the lottery. Applications are available in the office and online <http://www.paideiaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Paideia-Academy-Application-2015-2016.pdf>.

Painting is complete and the classrooms look amazing!

Thank you to the donors, volunteers and staff who made this possible!



These new
tables
were
purchased
with
box tops!

From the PTO

Tuesday, January 6, Wendy's Night 5-7pm Join other Paideia families for dinner! We receive 10% of ALL SALES from 5-7pm.

January 15-16 is the Usborne Book Fair

It may be almost winter, but Paideia Academy will be BRIGHT! It's a Neon Book Fair during conferences. Stop by Thursday from 3-8pm or Friday from 8am - 1pm in the Large Commons Area. Stock up for winter reading. Baby, it's cold outside!

10-Year Family Event on January 30th from 6 to 9pm!

It's been 10 years since the opening of Paideia Academy—join us on January 30th to celebrate! The party will take place at Sky Deck Sports Grille & Lanes located on the 4th floor of the Mall of America. Families, staff and teachers can use the neon-lit bowling alley, play arcade games, enjoy a delicious buffet and drinks and play billiards. Look for your invitation in backpacks after winter break.

Box Tops 4 Education

This year, our goal is to raise \$1,000 to purchase items for classrooms for our school. **We currently have \$450. We need to collect \$550 more to meet our goal by February.** One of the easiest ways you can make a difference is to sign up on the **Box Tops website** at boxtops4education.com. It's easy, free and you'll learn about new ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs. Thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops! **Paideia just purchased desks for the Spanish room all funded by BOX TOPS!**

Your Paideia Academy PTO

President: Jane Hendrickson
Vice-President: Marinda Schader
Treasurer: Miki Stone
Secretary: Amanda Hirning
Communication Coordinator: Danielle Haagenson
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Zambrano
Redemption Coordinator: Dave Erhardt
Website Designer: Michael Bahr
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 vice treasurer, fundraising coordinator, and family events coordinator.

We'd love to hear from you!
pto@paideiaacademy.org



We're Always Collecting....

Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, Milk Moola, Coke Caps, Little Caesar's codes, Kellogg's Family Rewards, and the like. Just send them into school with your student. Don't forget to ask grandparents and friends to save too!