

Paideia Academy

FEBURARY 27, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tonight! PTO Movie Night
6:30 pm — Big Hero 6!

Mar 2 Monday Morning
Meeting & Coffee with the
Director

Mar 3 School Culture and
Communications meeting
6 pm & Operations
Committee meeting 7 pm

Mar 5 Family Night 6:30– 8PM!

Mar 10 Marketing /
Enrollment meeting 6 pm &
Governance /Long Range
Planning Committee meeting

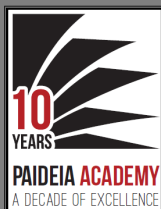
Mar 12 3rd & 4th grades
Music Concert 6:30 pm

Mar 13 Spring Photos
* Optional . Out of Uniform
day

Mar 14 Applebee's
Breakfast 8 am—10 am

Mar 17 Human Resources
Committee Meeting 6 pm
& Board Meeting 7 pm

Mar 23—April 10 Spring
Break, No school



Dear Paideia Community,

Tonight we will be unveiling our 10th Anniversary tile wall! Thank you to the efforts of the PTO for making this happen. It is a great commemoration of our Decade of Excellence as well as a beautiful artifact for our school. As we prepare for our 11th Enrollment Lottery on Monday, we must remember to reflect on our first 10 years of existence and how far Paideia has come.

Next Thursday, I will be attending Charter School Day at the Capitol where representatives from charter schools throughout the state will advocate for equitable funding for charter schools, legislation that supports our efforts, and greater overall support from our elected representatives. This morning, I attended a session to discuss a report commissioned by Charter School Partners that describes the inequities of district and charter school funding (see <http://charterschoolpartners.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/MN-DISTRICT-AND-CHARTER-FUNDING-ANALYSIS-REPORT-Final.pdf>). While the statewide average difference in funding between district schools and charter schools is \$447 per student, the difference between Paideia's funding and that of the districts from which our students hail is much greater due to the high levies in our local districts. If Paideia Academy received just the statewide average difference per student, we would have an additional \$191,316 per year at full capacity (428 students).

Imagine the things we could do! The Paideia staff already does amazing work with our students, and I hope you will join me in advocating for more equitable funding from our legislature so we can increase average salaries sooner rather than later. Based on teachers' mid-year evaluations, feedback from families, students, and colleagues, and second round of observations, I can certainly say that our teachers inspire your children to learn more, experiment, treat each other with kindness, and seek opportunities for leadership. I thank you for the feedback you provided on our surveys, and I am so proud of your children for sharing their love for their teachers and offering specific, relevant feedback. While we can always strive to be even greater, we have built a strong foundation on which to grow.

Thank you for continuing to make Paideia Academy your school of choice! I look forward to seeing many of you at tonight's Movie Night and tile unveiling. Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Sincerely,

Marci Levy-Maguire

Director

News from the Board

I know you all thought the election cycle was in a lull and for a while, until the presidential campaigns really ramp up, but it is time to kick off the election process for the school's Board of Directors! Nomination information and packets will be sent out early next week for you all to nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the Board. Parents/guardians, teachers, and community members may be nominated and we are in need of someone willing to take on the Treasurer's role, in particular. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring! If you have any questions about what it is like to be on the Board, please contact me or any other Board member. We'd be happy to fill you in. For a list of current Board Members visit www.paideiaacademy.org.

The Marketing Committee needs a handful of volunteers to staff a booth at the Apple Valley Home & Garden Show on Saturday, April 11. We are looking for volunteers to serve during a 9 a.m. - noon shift or a noon - 3 p.m. shift. These events greatly assist Paideia in getting its name out in the community and educating families on charter schools and Paideia's offerings, in particular. It is a great way to pull new students into our school. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Peter Thorpe at peter-thorpe80@gmail.com. Thanks, in advance!

This past Tuesday, the HR and Finance Committees met. The HR Committee discussed special education teacher evaluation process and aligning it to work actually being done. The Finance Committee discussed terms of Ms. Levy-Maguire's bonus, under her current contract, and proposals for negotiating her next contract.

Next Tuesday, March 3, the School Culture and Communications Committee will meet at 6p.m., followed by the Operations Committee at 7p.m. The Operations Committee will be addressing the current safety plan, steps that can be taken by the Board, teachers and staff, parents/guardians, and students to improve safety measures in the school. All input is welcome, so please join us!

Elizabeth Larsen,
Board Chair

From the Office

Dismissal

*** Please be aware that walking into the office to pick-up your student during dismissal is not an option.**

To maintain a secure environment, all parents / guardians are to choose one of the two dismissal options:

1. Carline or 2. Gym pick up. (if picking up in the gym, student must know to go to the gym at dismissal.)

**** At no time is a parent / guardian to go to a classroom and get their student!**

Donations needed!

Donations of middle-school-sized uniforms are needed for the nurses office!

Spring Photos!

The Spring photo date is set for the morning of March 13th.

These photos are optional, and students do not have to wear uniforms.

Look for more information to come home at a later date.



Volunteers Needed

1st Grade Opportunities: Please go to Volunteer Spot to sign up for volunteer opportunities during Daily 5 and Math centers. We are also looking for prep help a couple times a week. The following link will bring you to the 1st grade volunteer spot. <http://vols.pt/gGumiQ>

2nd Grade Opportunities: We would also continue to 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 open for this quarter and to sign up: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/57934526016> or prep help a couple times a week.

3rd Grade Opportunities: We are running low on sharpened pencils and glue sticks in third grade. If you would like to donate either of these items we would really appreciate it!

From the PTO



Movie Night and Tile Reveal —TONIGHT

Join us for Movie Night tonight as we enjoy pizza at 6:00, unveil the 10 year anniversary tile mosaic at 6:20 and watch the Oscar winning movie **Big Hero 6** at 6:30!



READING ROCKS!

Thank you to all the students that are participating in our Reading Rocks read-a-thon! We are so proud to see all the thousands of minutes that have been turned in this month! Big thanks to the teachers and parents that encouraged, supported, read to and with the students and made the extra effort to get those gold slips

turned in every Friday! We appreciate you all! While we tally the minutes to see which grade won the mystery adventure and other prizes, **please fill out your pledge forms and turn them in by March 9th**! Prizes for most pledges are, 1st- iPod Touch, 2nd- Four tickets to The Science Museum, 3rd- Four tickets to The Works. A student with \$50 in pledges will earn a Reading Rocks spirit wear shirt and a family total of \$75 will earn a t-shirt for all student family members. All pledge forms will be eligible for a drawing for terrific prizes!



**Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause.**

Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's

Pancake Breakfast tickets are available for purchase with the flyer that went home in backpacks this week or our website store at mkt.com/paideiaptto to pay by credit card. Mark your calendar for March 14th from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Apple Valley Applebee's! Hope to see you there!

Your Paideia Academy PTO

President: Jane Hendrickson
Vice-President: Marinda Schader
Treasurer: Miki Stone
Secretary: Amanda Hirning
Communication Coordinator: Danielle Haagenson
Volunteer Coordinator: Shannon Bradley
Redemption Coordinator: Dave Ehrhardt
Vice-Treasurer: Endia Porter
School Store: Stacy Thorpe

Your Grade Level Reps

Kindergarten: Stacy Thorpe
First: Shannon Bradley
Second: Cari Thunker
Third: Wendy Clark
Fourth: Antoinette Stookey
Fifth/Sixth: Krystal Sedwick
Seventh/Eighth: Michele Lundgreen

Interested in being part of the leadership team?

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

We'd love to hear from you!

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From your Counselors

Help the Kids Beat the Winter Blahs

The cold weather that felt festive in December has lost its novelty, and we're left with colds and cabin fever. It doesn't have to be that way, though. You can banish the winter blahs this season by finding fun indoors and out.

Banish boredom:

Even if you avoid actual fevers and colds, cabin fever can be a problem. When your kids ask, "What can I do?" be ready with fresh ideas and materials for inside or outside.

Mom, Jennifer Hemphill, keeps a winter kit handy that includes games, puzzles, craft projects and toys her kids don't usually play with. To make your own box, pick up some fresh craft supplies, activity or coloring books, and a new game or puzzle. Add some games or toys your kids haven't used in a while or do a neighborhood toy swap to round out your kit.

Go beyond snowmen and sledding. Challenge kids to race up snow piles or create obstacle courses through the snow. Bring out water-based paints or squirt bottles of water tinged with food coloring and let kids make pictures in the snow.

Get Moving:

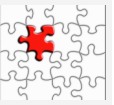
Exercise helps raise serotonin levels, which can help keep us happy. Work around winter chill and ice to keep the whole family active.

If it's too cold or icy outside, crank up the tunes and get dancing. Put together a playlist of favorite upbeat songs. Encourage your kids to imitate you as you follow an exercise DVD. Fitness coach Selena Moffitt uses 15-minute workouts this way to up her energy, burn off her kids' energy and get all of them laughing.

Does your family have a favorite winter outdoor sport? If not — or if a long winter has you tired of that — try something new. Think sledding, skiing (downhill or cross-country), snowboarding, snowshoeing, or skating.

Seek Signs of Life:

Even though winter is a time of dormancy for many plants and animals, you can still grow things indoors and observe nature. Brighten up your house by growing something green. Good options include flowering bulbs for color and fragrance and things you can eat, like bean or alfalfa sprouts, or potted herb plants. While they aren't green, mushrooms are another edible food that's fun to grow. Mushroom kits are easy to set up, and kids can mist your mushroom garden daily. See more ideas at: <http://www.piedmontparent.com>



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From the Classrooms

Kindergarten

Math: Mrs. Johnson's Math Group: We will start a unit on ordinal numbers. We will focus on words including first, second, third, next, last, etc.... We will also finish up our money stations.

Ms. Stevens' Math Group: We will continue our unit on measurement. This week, we will focus on non-standard measurement (the table is as long as 4 shoes, the pencil is as long as 5 paper clips).

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Practice non-standard measurement: how many shoes long is your couch? How many pencils long is your kitchen table? Continue practicing identifying and counting money. Log-in to IXL to practice these skills: Q.5, Q.6, R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4

Language Arts: We will be celebrating Read Across America Week by spending time with Dr. Seuss!

Ms. Stevens' Reading Group: We have been struggling a little bit with hearing the middle-vowel sound in CVC words (specifically o, u, and e). We will take some time to continue working on with these medial vowels this week.

Mrs. Johnson's Reading Group: We will focus on rhyming words this week, as well as ending sounds in words.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Dr. Seuss books are fun for kindergartners to read because they feature many sight words and word family words. Take some time this week to read some Dr. Seuss books at home. Make a list of _at family words. Log on to abcy.com and play some reading games. Look for word family words in books. Log in to Lexia Reading and practice your reading skills.

Read Across America: We will be exploring Dr. Seuss and his many books this week. We will be focusing specifically on The Cat in the Hat, Hop on Pop, Green Eggs and Ham, Sneetches, and Yertle the Turtle. We will read these stories and do reader's and writer's response activities to go along with them.

Advisory: "Think LEFT, think RIGHT, and think LOW and think HIGH. Oh the things you can think up if only you try!" – Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss had many social skills lessons incorporated into his books. We will spend time making connections to some of these lessons this week.

Announcements: Our All-School Family Night is next THURSDAY night from 6:30-8:00PM. Please join us for a night of fun!

Inspirations: The kindergartners have really seemed to enjoy learning about American Symbols so far! It has been fun to watch their excitement and hear what they have to share about the symbols.

1st Grade

Math: We will continue working on Chapter 9 (graphing).

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Please work on IXL K.1-K.12 for extra practice at home

Language Arts: We will continue our Daily 5 reading & have writing to honor Dr. Seuss Day.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Please read with your child every day. Please work on Lexia for extra practice.

Your child can also practice the Dolch Word Lists that were sent home at conferences.

Science: We will be exploring rocks and minerals.

Social Studies: We will be discussing President Lincoln next week.

Advisory: Monday Morning Meeting for March will take place and will discuss the theme humor.

Announcements: Thank you so much to all the amazing readers who helped read to our classes during Reading Rocks!

2nd Grade

Math: Students will finish their unit on using addition and subtraction to create and obtain information from tables, graphs, and charts, including conducting a survey and creating graphs to show their data, and will start their unit on money.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Look for and discuss graphs and charts found in nonfiction books, magazines, or newspapers and work on addition and subtraction for speed and accuracy. Also continue to work on IXL skills: graphing (R.2-R.5, R.8-R.9), skip counting/number patterns (A.1-A.14), rounding (N.2 and N.3), 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 do Daily 5 rotations and guided reading groups. They will also create a small informative book about an animal they know a lot about and will practice using a dictionary and putting words in alphabetic order. In addition, students will have their spelling test on Thursday and learn their new spelling words on Friday.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Look for words in dictionaries to practice dictionary skills and look for words with prefixes or suffixes in books and sort them and/or discuss their meaning. Also continue to work on Lexia and the IXL Language Arts skills. (Email your child's teacher if you need their log-in information for either Lexia or IXL.)

Science: Students will dissect seeds and identify the parts of a plant.

Social Studies: Students will continue their unit on the geography of America, including identifying and locating major U.S. landmarks.

Advisory: We will do star of the week.

Announcements: Please make sure you label your child's snow clothes, sweatshirts, and boots with their name. Also, we would love donations of tissue boxes and more items for the treasure box.

Inspirations: Thank you to parents who volunteering to read to our classes for Reading Rocks! this month. Congrats to Hunter, Kyla, Emilie, Raegan, Lydia, Jenna, Ani, Sam E., Adelyn, and Kaia on retiring clips this week!

3rd Grade

Math: Aldrich: Measurement word problems and more measurement conversion activities

Gaspar: Understanding equal fractions, comparing fractions, adding/subtracting fractions, and fraction of a set

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Please work on the IXL skill that was listed in this week's weekly homework. For students in Mrs. Aldrich's math class please have your students practice solving word problems that involve measurement. For students in Ms. Gaspar's math class you may practice multiplication and division problems.

Language Arts: The students will be working on spelling, Daily 5 stations, guided reading groups, describing characters and narrative writing.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Have your student practice describing the main characters of a book using their five senses.

Science: Students will be finishing up our unit on the scientific method.

Social Studies: Students will be starting our Ancient Rome unit.

Advisory: This week in advisory we will be working on cursive and organization. We will also be having morning meeting on Monday, March 2nd.

Announcements: Please mark your calendars for the 3-4 music concert coming up on Thursday, March 12th.

Inspirations: The third graders did an amazing job with Reading Rocks for the month of February! We surpassed our goal to read 20,000 minutes! Awesome job third graders!!

4th Grade

Math: We will learn about architects and start working on designing our own floor plan.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Help your student measure and create a floor plan for a room or whole floor in your house. Calculate the area and perimeter.

Language Arts: We will be reading technical texts. Students will be learning about Limericks as the next form of poetry.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Read a poetry book together and discuss the elements in each poem.

Science: We will learn about and create crystals, review chemistry so far, and take a quiz on Friday.

Social Studies: Students will create a map of an imagined place and write a creative story about it.

Advisory: We will be working on how to show respect to ourselves and others.

Announcements: We are in need of school store donations! Anything ranging from school supplies to new/gently used toys, games, puzzles, etc.

Inspirations: Many students have kept their desks and cubbies neat and organized to earn the privilege of writing their name on their desk!

5th Grade

Math: Next week in math we will be continuing to learn about variables and wiring expressions. Students will also begin a unit on the area of different types of polygons, including parallelograms, triangles, and composite figures.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Have your child work on IXL skills Q.3 and Q.4 at home.

Language Arts: Students have been practicing comparing and contrasting fiction and nonfiction texts about similar topics.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students should do lots of reading at home. Students' reading calendars are due on Monday, March 2.

Science: 5A and 5B students will be beginning a unit on MN biomes. We will be working on topics such as MN resources and how to manage the environment.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students may visit the following site to view MN Biomes: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/virtual_tours.html

Social Studies: This week we will be learning about the three branches of government established by the Constitution and how they specifically function/what their responsibilities are.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Discuss the current requirements for becoming president. Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuFR5XBYLfU>

Advisory: In Advisory we will be meeting with individual students to talk about goals.

Announcements: We will be going on a field trip to the play "Huck Finn" on March 12. Please make sure permission slips get turned in. We are also looking for donations of middle school-sized Paideia uniforms. Please bring any donations to the office.

Inspirations: It was inspiring to see students getting excited about recording their reading minutes.

6th Grade

Math: Next week in math we will begin to learn about different types of prisms, as well as, finding the surface area and volume of different types of prisms.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Have your child work on IXL skills N.35-N.38 at home.

Language Arts: Students have been working on reading their lit circle novels. Next week we will be working on creating quiz questions for literature circle novels and begin talking about theme.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students should be reading their novels at home to make sure they are keeping up with the assigned reading. Reading calendars are due on Monday, March 2.

Science: Both sixth grade classes will be learning about the laws of force and motion. This week we will be focusing on distance/ time graphing.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Students will enjoy these short videos from PBS. Included are various activities students may choose to see force and motions at work..

<http://www.pbs.org/opb/circus/classroom/circus-physics/activity-guide-newtons-laws-motion>

Social Studies: This week, students will be discussing the social climate of Minnesota during World War I. We will also discuss heroism and students will be doing a project about the Distinguished Service Cross.

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** Discuss/research if any family or friends have ever been awarded a Distinguished Service Cross or another military honor.

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7th Grade

Math: Next week in 7th grade we will be looking at lesson 8.6 on Monday and lesson 8.7 Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday we will be having a review and a finishing the week with a Test on Friday.

⇒ **Opportunities for Learning at Home:** Students may use the online textbook and IXL from home.

Language Arts: Students are reading Anne Frank, the Diary of a Young Girl. We have about 100 pages to go. It is going well and we find it compelling. For warm-ups we are learning how to use indirect and direct objects. We are writing a five paragraph essay on the Alaskan pipeline which was Due Friday February 27.

Science: Students will study a National Park in the United States and create a food web from plants/animals found in that particular park.

⇒ **Opportunities for Learning at Home:** Have a conversation with your student about the National Parks that you have visited. Who did you go with? Which was your favorite? Ask them which ones they would most like to visit after hearing about them in class.

Social Studies: 7th Grade Social Studies will be shifting focus out of Europe during WWI and into the Roaring 20s. The bulk of the week will be surrounding a DBQ assignment in which students examine various documents about the decade in order to compile a written essay synthesis.

⇒ **Opportunities for Learning at Home:** Students are always encouraged to keep up with world events. Students also have a list of "I Can" statements which can help you gain better understanding of what is done in class.

Advisory: Advisory is discussing hope this month.

Announcements: We are hoping to get some donations of Upper Academy uniforms. We have a need and hope our family community will help us.

8th Grade

Math: Next week in 8th grade we will be looking at a comprehensive review of chapter 7 Monday – Wednesday. Depending on how the review of chapter 7 goes we will have a test either on Thursday or Friday.

⇒ **Opportunities for Learning at Home:** Students may use the online textbook and IXL from home.

Language Arts Students are reading act three of Twelfth Night. Students wrote a five paragraph essay on three benefits of the internet which was due Friday, February 27. Eighth graders are using direct and indirect objects.

Science: Students will be exploring how groupings of stars (constellations) have shaped our human existence and will take a look at telescope technology in the 21st century.

⇒ **Opportunities for Learning at Home:** Go to <http://stardate.org/nightsky/constellations> and search for those constellations in view right now. Bundle up and head outside after sunset and find one or two of them!

Social Studies: 8th Grade will be continuing to work on their Sub-Saharan Africa unit. The focus will shift from physical geography to people and settlement. The focus of the week will be on the era of apartheid in South Africa. 8th graders will work through a DBQ-style perspective project to put themselves in the shoes of black South Africans.

⇒ **Opportunities for Learning at Home:** Students are always encouraged to keep up with world events. Students also have a list of "I Can" statements which can help you gain better understanding of what is done in class.

Advisory: Advisory is discussing the character trait hope.

Announcements: We are hoping to get some donations of Upper Academy uniforms. We have a need and hope our family community will help us.

Spanish

Kindergarten: Students will create a book about Spanish colors.

1st Grade: Students will practice words with the Spanish alphabet.

2nd Grade: Students will learn about feelings in Spanish.

3rd Grade: Students will learn about different family members in Spanish.

4th Grade: Students will talk about items and rooms in a home in Spanish.

5th Grade:

Students will take a quiz on feelings.

Students will learn about the culture of Granada, Spain.

6th Grade:

Unidad 2, Lesson 1: México: ¡Vamos a la escuela

Students will learn how to conjugate ar verbs.

7th Grade:

Unidad 4, Lesson 1: España: En el centro

Students will take a quiz on stem-changing boot verbs (e to ie).

Students will learn about direct object pronouns.

8th Grade:

Unidad 6, Lesson 1: República Dominicana: Mantener un cuerpo sano

Students will take a quiz on stem-changing boot verbs (e to ie and u to ue).

Students will learn about the verbs saber and conocer.

Music

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: We will continue to learn work songs for freed workers and slaves. We will also learn song games that children played during the 1800's!

Inspirations: Thank you to 1st grade and 2nd grade for excellent behavior and participation in music this week! You will have free minutes in music!

3rd Grade: We will have auditions for the Dragon Doctor this week and practice our musical "The Dragons Are Singing Tonight!" in the Great Room. Our essential goal this week is to evaluate our readiness for the concert on March 12 through self-checks.

Inspirations: Well done Courtland, Kiya, and Ian for getting speaking parts in the play! Thank you to Ms. Laurie Macgregor (the composer of our Dragon Musical) for taking the time to skype with us this week! It was great to talk to the person who wrote our music!

4th Grade

Standards/Unit: Artistic Process: Perform or Present; Spring Musical

Activities: Learning two new songs for our musical; rehearsing with acting parts

Inspirations: Students in 4th grade know eight songs for "The Dragons Are Singing Tonight!"

5th Grade

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

Activities: Exploring new guitar chords; rhythm games

Inspirations: Students in 5th grade know how to use two strumming patterns!

6th Grade

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

Activities: Exploring new guitar chords; rhythm games

Inspirations: Students in 6th grade know how to use two strumming patterns!

7th Grade

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

Activities: Counterpoint quiz; genre quiz retakes; final project work time

Inspirations: Students in 7th grade have begun composing two-part inventions!

8th Grade

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

Activities: Rehearse our ensemble music; practicing for week 9 quiz; rhythm games

Inspirations: Students in 8th grade are almost ready to play for Lower Academy **students**

Physical Education

K-4th Grade PE:

Unit: Floor Hockey

Focus: Lower academy students are focusing on floor hockey skills including stick handling, passing, and team-work. The floor hockey unit will also include games focused on literacy.

5th-8th Grade:

Unit: Step Aerobics & Stretching

Focus: Lifelong activities for individual exercise

Upper Academy Announcements: **Be dressed in PE clothing for class. Please be changing into running/tennis shoes from street shoes and boots. Wearing proper clothing and shoes is part of your grade.**

****Parents of Upper Academy Students:** We would like to build up an inventory of Paideia Academy gym uniforms for students who outgrow theirs during the school year, lose them, or are not able to purchase one. We are asking you to please donate gym uniforms when your student grows out of them or graduates from Paideia, if you choose not to keep them. If you are doing your "spring cleaning" also feel free to donate black basketball shorts/sweats and white or grey t-shirts that have no writing or logo on them. **Thank you!! -PE Staff**

5th - 8th Health:

Unit: Drug Education: Substance Abuse Prevention

Focus: Drug Refusal Skills

Classical Studies

5th/6th Grades

Standards/unit: Greek Mythology: The First 200 Years of the Roman Empire

Activities: Greek Nature Menu; Graphing The Roman Empire

Inspirations: Higher level learning relating to the Romans

Announcements: For students selected for the Mythology exam, last study session is Friday, 3:50-4:35

7th/8th Grades

Standards/unit: 7th Grade: Confucius; 8th grade: Meso-Americans (Maya, Aztecs, Incas)

Activities: Painting Confucius' Virtues; Overview of Meso American Culture

Inspirations: Paintings; Extremely proud of Roman Life Projects

Announcements: For students selected for the Mythology exam, last study session is Friday, 3:50-4:35

Latin

5th/6th Grades

Standards/unit: Latin in Science; Ch. 4 Vocabulary

Activities: Joe Body Parts & Ch.4 Vocab

Inspirations: Creativity in creating new animals with scientific names

Announcements: For students selected for the Mythology exam, last study session is Friday, 3:50-4:35

7th/8th Grades

Standards/unit: Latin in Bone Names

Activities: Bones drawing

Inspirations: Discovering the origins of how our bones were named

Announcements: For students selected for the Mythology exam, last study session is Friday, 3:50-4:35

Art

Kindergarten

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations/ Process

Activities: Finish Totem Poles

Inspirations: 3 Dimensional Art, Native American Art, Multicultural Art.

1st Grade/ 2nd Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Introducing Still Life's

Inspirations: Cezanne, Matisse, Still Life's

3rd Grade/4th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations

Activities: Developing Collage Color Wheel

Inspirations: Primary, Secondary, Tertiary Colors

5th Grade/6th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations/ Process

Activities: Clay masks and Comic Strip of Emotions

Inspirations: Baroque and Rococo Art, expressions

7th Grade/8th Grade

Standards/unit: Artistic Foundations/ Process

Activities: Pop art containers

Inspirations: Pop-Artists, clay techniques, three dimensional art

Art Announcements:

Our artistic expression students are going to learn about carving. Each artistic expression student (a mix of 7th and 8th graders) will need to bring in a bar of soap to carve. If you have an extra you are willing to donate please drop off to place in Mrs. Schwartz's mailbox. Thank you!