



Paideia Academy

JUNE 5, 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 8

Parent Appreciation
Night 6:30 pm

June 9 Field Day!

Operations Committee
Meeting 6:00pm,
Academic Excellence
Committee Meeting
7:00 pm

June 10 Last Day of
School! 8th Grade
Graduation Ceremony

June 16 Governance Com-
mittee Meeting 6:00pm.

June 21 Board Meeting
7:00 pm.

**June 9th is
Paideia's
2nd Annual
Field Day!**

Dress in athletic wear
& bring a bag lunch if
you didn't order one.

Volunteers needed
for Field Day!

Please click the link below to
sign up!

<http://vols.pt/q4MU74>

Dear Paideia Community,

This is our final newsletter of the 2014-2015 school year! Thank you so much for all the time you have invested in supporting your child's education, planning and volunteering for events, attending school functions, participating in planning discussions, providing us with feedback, and furthering our mission and vision. You have made a huge difference in our lives, and I hope we have made a huge difference in yours as well.

As I did at the end of my first year at Paideia, I will end the year with an acrostic poem. I hope the words ring as true for you as they do for me, as both a parent and an educational leader. I truly appreciate being a part of this community, and I look forward to a wonderful 2015-2016 school year together. Have a happy and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

Marci Levy-Maguire

Director

P – Prepare the next generation of leaders, writers, scientists, artists, and thinkers.

A – Aspire to be an admirable role model for our children.

I – Introduce children to the world they can see...and beyond.

D – Develop the strengths of each child.

E – Engage in conversations to learn what each child feels and thinks about.

I – Inspire each child to do her very best.

A – Anticipate success!

Marci Levy-Maguire

Director

News from the Board

As the school year comes to a close, I want to thank all of those teachers, staff and parents who have generously given of their time and talents to keep Paideia strong. While every organization has its challenges and there is always room to improve, I believe that we are well-positioned to achieve great things in Paideia's second decade, and that is due to the commitment and support of our school community!

The Board will be busy this summer, starting with our final Board meeting of the school year on June 16th. We will then be holding a Board Retreat on Tuesday, July 21, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm prior to our July Board meeting at 7:00 pm. We will address the strategic plan and our goals and priorities for the coming school year, as well as welcome our newest board members. The retreat will be followed by the monthly Board meeting to discuss business matters. Both meetings are open to the public, so if you want to spend a Tuesday afternoon in July watching the Board work, you are welcome to join us.

In closing, I have two favors to ask of you: 1) **If there are any parents or guardians with advertising/marketing experience, we could really use your help in developing and implementing strategies to increase our enrollment.** If you have these skills and are willing to volunteer a bit of your time to help our school grow and succeed, please contact me at elarsen@paideiaacademy.org. 2) Paideia is a special and unique place and you have chosen Paideia for your children for a reason. Word of mouth is a powerful and successful marketing tool and we need you to take an active role. Tell your friends with children about Paideia and invite them to consider Paideia as their school of choice!

Until August, I wish you a fun and relaxing summer!

Elizabeth Larsen
Board Chair

From the Office

All Student Balances need to be Paid by the End of the School Year

There are a large number of students who have balances due for lunch and field trips.

Please check your lunch balance online at [SchoolView](#).

You may also email [Kim Klayum](mailto:Kim.Klayum) and request your balance due.

Please note that Kim will be on vacation from June 10 – June 18.

If you pay your balance with a check, please understand that the checks will not be deposited until the week of June 22.

If there are any balances remaining after June 18th, you will be notified

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Golden Ticket marketing contest!

Special thanks to Lucy, the winner of the \$50 Target giftcard!



Are you moving over the summer? Please let Tonya know if your child is going to attend another school.

Please call 952-953-6200, or email TDill@paideiaacademy.org.

The Paideia Academy District Office will be open Monday through Thursday, June 11 – August 7, from 8:00 am – 2:00pm. Closed on Fridays.

CONGRATULATIONS!



3rd/4th Grade

1st Place – Maddison C.

2nd Place – Sam H.

3rd Place – Jaden L.

5th/6th Grade

1st Place – Davey WW.

2nd Place – Miguel R.

3rd Place – Kennedy C.

7th/8th Grade

1st Place – Eva L.

2nd Place – Sam S.

3rd Place – Ella R.

From the PTO

THANK YOU!



The PTO Executive Board would like to thank our PTO team and the entire Paideia community, including students and families for attending and volunteering at our events, and participating in our fundraisers! Thank you to the adults for donating countless hours and other donations! Our gratitude and appreciation goes out to all the Paideia teachers, staff and administration for your support and help all year! We had an amazing and successful year and we could not have done it without all of you!

With gratitude, Jane Hendrickson, President; Marinda Schader, Vice-President; Miki Stone, Treasurer; and Amanda Hirning, Secretary

2014-2015 Highlights:

10 - year anniversary party at Sky Deck with 325 attendees, two Books Fairs, First Annual Reading Rocks fundraiser (200,000 reading minutes and raised almost \$8,000 with exciting prizes!), 10 - year anniversary tile mosaic, first Chipotle Night, and a very successful carnival that raised \$9,000 this year! Our fundraising budget was \$15,000 and we raised \$26,000, before expenses, that paid for first and second semester extra-curricular activities this year and will go toward the new reading curricula next year!

Spirit Wear Orders for 2015-2016 due Monday, June 8th!

Please submit your order forms and payment to the office no later than Monday. You can also purchase them through our PTO online store at mkt.com/paideiaptto



New for 2015-2016:

Next year there will only be *three* large fundraisers instead of several small fundraisers! We are hoping that families embrace this new idea! August - Apex Fun Run, February - Reading Rocks, and May the Carnival and Silent Auction. They will be so much fun that it won't seem like a fundraiser!

From your Counselors

5 Genius Ideas for Cheap Summer Family Fun!

Here were some of our team's favorite summer fun suggestions:

- 1. Plant a garden.** It's a great way to teach kids about where food comes from, and if they have a stake in growing their own vegetables, chances are they just might eat them. Before you plant, check out Women & Co.'s "[5 Ways to Save Money in Your Garden](#)."
- 2. Cook with kids.** Once they've harvested those vegetables that they've grown in their garden, have them help you prepare them for the whole family to enjoy. Little ones can pitch in by mixing sauces and tossing a salad; older kids can help you plan a menu and do some of the cooking.
- 3. Plan a backyard movie night.** April from Mom.me (@Momdotme) offered this simple, yet brilliant, summer party idea. Hang a drop cloth from some trees, lay out some blankets and pillows on the lawn, pop some popcorn and your backyard becomes a cinematic wonderland. For step-by-step instructions check out <http://mom.me/playroom/8193-toddler-talk-backyard-movie-party/>.
- 4. Simon Says... ART.** You remember the classic "Simon Says" game of instructions for kids, right? Just give it a new artistic spin for rainy day fun. Think Simon Says... draw a squiggly line with yellow paint. Or Simon Says... make a circle with a blue crayon. The possibilities are endless.
- 5. Go old school.** Think back to your childhood memories and how you spent the lazy, hazy days of summer. Sidewalk chalk, Slip 'N Slide, freeze tag, kick the can and catching fireflies never get old. "It's amazing to watch your kids play the way that you used to," shared Kelly.
www.huffingtonpost.com

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From the Classrooms

Kindergarten

Math: The kindergartners had a wonderful year in math! We are so proud of them for their progress! Please see the Summer Bingo Board/packet for ideas to help them keep up their math skills over the summer! Some ideas included in the packet: use cereal to create math problems, count/tally how many airplanes you see/hear in a day, use toothpicks to make different shapes, sort the clothes in your closet by color, etc.... Full of fun!

Language Arts: We also had a great year in reading! Please remember to read with your child every day to ensure he/she is keeping up with their reading skills. There are many different ideas to help keep skills up in the Summer Bingo packet. Some ideas include: write a letter to your teacher, think of words that rhyme with cat, read a book about an animal, log into Lexia, pick out books at the library, keep a daily/weekly journal over summer, etc... See the packet for even more ideas!

Science: Make some observations of plants and animals, identify living and non-living things, look for nocturnal and diurnal animals, conduct an exploration of a bug. Please see the Summer Bingo packet for more fun ideas!

Social Studies: Celebrate the 4th of July, tell an adult what you know about the American Flag, create your own American Flag to display at your house, draw a treasure map for a friend to use, eat corn (the food North America is known for!), talk about needs/wants. See the Summer Bingo packet for more fun ideas!

Inspirations: Summer Birthdays: Happy Birthday Peyton (6/12), Hailey (6/25), Elsa (7/25), Miles (7/25), Olivia (7/27) and Jacob (7/30)! It has been a very busy and fun year in kindergarten this year! We hope your family has a wonderful summer!

1st Grade

Thank you so much for sharing your students with us! We have loved getting to watch each and every one of them grow and develop. We will be sending home a summer choice board with suggestions on activities that you can practice over the summer. Additionally, you can continue to have your student work on Lexia or IXL skills.

Math: Some activities you could practice over the summer might include: ordering 5 numbers from least to greatest, make 2 number patterns for a friend to solve & practicing doubles to ten. For more ideas, please refer to the choice board we are sending home.

Language Arts: Some activities you could practice over the summer might include: make a connection to a story you've read, describe your favorite character. For more ideas, please refer to the choice board.

Announcements: The Lightbulb Fair is Friday, June 5th from 1-3. If you are available to volunteer during this time, please email abranstad@paideiaacademy.org or lbutts@paideiaacademy.org. Field Day is Tuesday, June 9th.

Inspirations: Congrats to Ryanna, Karsten, Lola, Annika, Ryanna, Karsten, Reagan, Ada, & Gabriella on retiring clips this week!

2nd Grade

Math: Make sure you review math skills everyday so you are ready for 3rd grade! Here are some ideas: Practice math facts or skills through playing math games such as Salute, Addition War, Yahtzee, Rack-o or using flash cards. Write and solve summer themed story (word) problems. Make a schedule (with times) of your day. Practice counting coins by buying something small at the store with allowance money. Look for and name shapes you see around your house or in nature. Practice rounding numbers to the nearest 10 or 100 and adding and subtraction with regrouping. Also continue to work on IXL skills related to time, money, skip counting, addition, subtraction, rounding etc.

Language Arts: Keep reading and writing over the summer! Here are some ideas: Join the summer reading program at the library and keep track of the books you read. Read fiction books and discuss the characters, setting, problem, solution and any lesson or moral. Read nonfiction texts (magazines, newspapers, books) and identify main idea and specific details. Check out audiobooks/books on CD from the library and listen and follow along in the book at home or in the car. Read and discuss a chapter book as a family or take turns having siblings read to each other. Write stories about your summer adventures in a journal and write a letter to a friend or relative or teacher. Write an informative paragraph about something you know a lot about or an opinion paragraph about a favorite summer activity or food. Practice IXL Language Arts skills related to capitalization, nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, contractions, compound words, prefixes and suffixes, alphabetic order, and dictionary skills.

Science: Be on the lookout for science in your summer activities! Take a nature walk and look for and observe plants, insects, or animals. Plant some seeds and write down observations and draw pictures to show their growth each day. Take a trip to the zoo to observe animals or go to the science museum or the Works museum as a family.

Social Studies: Continue improving your social studies skills through trips, maps, and books! Find and label U.S. landmarks on a map (especially ones you have been to or are going to go to as a family this summer!) Mark on a map where any out-of-state relatives or friends live and discuss what states or oceans are north, south, east, or west of that state. Also go to the history museum or check out biography or informational books related to social studies topics of interest (ex. Martin Luther King Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Civil War, Constitution, Ancient Greece etc.)

Advisory: Keep in contact with friends over the summer and make sure to include others!

Announcements: Our second field trip is on the last day of school (June 10th). Make sure you have turned in permission slips and money. Also, please note that for this field trip, all students will need to bring a bag lunch (that is NUT FREE) along with them if you did not order one. If your student is scheduled to get school lunch on the last day of school, they will be provided with a bag lunch to take on the trip.

Inspirations: Congrats to Jameson, Isaac, Ella, Grace, Lucy, Zachary W., Charlie, Zack S., Abby O., Ryan, Ani, Kaia, and Sam E. on retiring clips this week! Thank you to all 2nd graders and their families for a great school year! Enjoy your summer!!

3rd Grade

Math: To get ready for next year in math students should practice their multiplication and division facts. They should also practice telling time and solving all types of word problems.

Language Arts: To get ready for next year the students should practice reading fiction and non-fiction texts. They should also practice summarizing what they have read and be able to tell what the main idea of the story was and some details from the story. Students should also practice writing paragraphs that include 5 or more sentences.

Science: Students should review the steps of the scientific method over the summer and should practice identifying the bones in the human body.

Social Studies: Students could further research the 13 colonies, the Vikings, Ancient Rome, and rivers around the world.

Announcements: The students will be having field day on Tuesday, June 9th. Please make sure your student is dressed accordingly being that many events will take place outside! The all school talent show will take place in the afternoon of Monday, June 8th. Moving up day will be on Monday, June 8th as well!

Inspirations: The 3rd graders have been doing a great job completing their homework! Thank you for being responsible! The 3rd graders have also been doing a great job being respectful audiences for the various all-school events we have had lately. Great job!

4th Grade

Math: Explore and discuss real world financial situations together (allowance, chores, budget, etc.)

Opportunities for learning at home: IXL review any un-mastered 4th grade standards, or preview 5th grade standards.

An online code was sent home to go to Pearson and find individualized practice for your student based on their MCA's.

Language Arts: Read – aloud, silent, to someone, listen to a book.

Opportunities for learning at home: IXL review any un-mastered 4th grade standards, or preview 5th grade standards.

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Science: Find science experiments to do at home (online, library books, etc.).

Social Studies: Read about history topics.

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4th grade continued

Advisory: Play a game as a family, practice taking turns. Play a sport as a family, practice good sportsmanship and teamwork. Sign up for Camp GoNoodle online. They send weekly activity ideas for students for summer (indoor and out)! http://camp.gonoodle.com/?mc_cid=72211ecc8a&mc_eid=83a64ae04d

Dakota County Libraries have a variety of summer classes and activities for students, most are free!

Announcements: Field Day is Tuesday, June 9th. Please send a bag lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, sunglasses, and anything for (hopefully) a sunny day of outdoor fun! Students may wear spirit wear.

If you would like Mrs. Daugherty to return library books, please send them no later than Tuesday, June 9th.

Inspirations: The fourth grade teachers would like to thank you for a great year. We have enjoyed our times with your students! Have a relaxing, fun-filled summer break.

5th Grade

Language Arts: Students will be finishing up end-of-the year writings and readings. Students should be doing lots of reading and writing over the summer. They should also be taking home their "Daybooks of Critical Reading and Writing."

Science: Students will be competing our final unit of the year. Students should be preparing for next year by participating in natural observations and following the scientific method to complete experiments.

Advisory: Students will be working on end-of-the-year clean-up.

Math: We have had a great year in fifth grade math, and the students have really learned a lot!

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** This summer, students can work on keeping and growing their skills by using the Learning Locator Codes that went home. Shopping trips are also a great way to work on math! Quiz students on their knowledge of decimals and percents.

Inspirations: It was inspiring to see so many students write about books and other materials they've read this school year.

Volunteer Opportunities: Classroom teachers would love to have help with end-of-the-year checklists. If you are interested in cleaning, organizing, or inventorying, please contact your student's advisory teacher.

6th Grade

Language Arts: Students will be finishing up their timelines of "The Odyssey." We've also been working on poetry portfolios. They should also be taking home their "Daybooks of Critical Reading and Writing."

Advisory: Students will be working on end-of-the-year clean-up.

Science: Students will be competing our final unit of the year. Students should be preparing for next year by participating in natural observations and following the scientific method to complete experiments.

Math: It has been a fantastic year in sixth grade math, and the students have really learned a lot!

⇒ **Opportunities for learning at home:** This summer, students can work on keeping and growing their skills by using the Learning Locator Codes that went home. Shopping trips are also a great way to work on math! Quiz students on their knowledge of decimals and percents.

Inspirations: Can one of you three write something inspiring you saw your student doing?

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7th Grade

Social Studies: As 8th graders, students will be studying world geography and modern history. I encourage incoming 8th graders to pay close attention to maps and geography over the summer. If you are taking a summer trip, have your student look over the itinerary. I want them to be thinking spatially as much as possible before we return in the fall. Students are always encouraged to keep up with world events.

Science: Go through your coursework and save any items that you feel will be helpful to you when you study these topics again in high school (and you will!). Any DDI review materials and labs may be of great use to you in the future.

Ideas to keep learning this summer!

- Are you interested in incorporating science into a summer camp experience? There several day camps here in the Twin Cities worth checking out:
- The University of Minnesota offers several different science camps: <http://recwell.umn.edu/youth/kids-u.php>
- The Science Museum has a "Wizard School" that looks pretty fun and would involve some cool chemistry experiments! Learn more here: <https://www.smm.org/classes>
- The Minnesota Zoo has a bunch of awesome biology-focused programs here: <http://mnzoo.org/zoo-camp-grades-7-9/>

8th Grade

Social Studies 8th Grade Social Studies accomplished a great deal this year. They all have a firm grasp on the geography of the world and I encourage them to continue to pay close attention to world news as they move on to high school. My goal for the year was to get them all hooked on world news. My hope is that they continue to show their worldly knowledge in high school.

Science: Go through your coursework and save any items that you feel will be helpful to you when you study these topics again in high school (and you will!). Any DDI review materials and labs may be of great use to you in the future.

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Announcements: 8th Grade Graduation is 6:00 PM on June 10th at the Apple Valley Senior Center.

Art

As we all prepare for summer the art room has three main activities any age (student or adult!) can do to further their art skill, technique and knowledge.

Draw, draw and draw some more!

Take any and every opportunity to sit down and draw. Set up a still life in your house, sketch the people around you when you go to the park or zoo, or draw from your own imagination. The best way to boost your confidence with any type of art is to continually practice drawing. Drawing is the one skill that spans any medium. A quality drawing can lead to a great painting, a unique print, or an outstanding piece of ceramic.

Visit your local museums

Minnesota has some great art museum options. Some of them are free all the time, while others have specific free days. Either way take a field trip as a family to view the art that has shaped what we create today!

- Minneapolis Institute of Art– Minneapolis, closed Mondays, free all the time
- Walker Art Center– Minneapolis, closed Mondays, fee to visit except for First Free Saturdays
Gallery admission is free on the first Saturday of each month. Families can enjoy live performances, films, gallery adventures, and hands-on art-making from 10 am-3 pm. Activities recommended for ages 6-12
- Walker Sculpture Garden– Minneapolis, 6am—12 midnight everyday, free all the time
- Weisman Art Museum– U of M Campus, closed Mondays, free all the time
- The Museum of Russian Art– Minneapolis, open Mon-Sun, fee to visit

Visit your communities art events

Be sure to check out events happening near you! A lot of these events have free art activities for kids, juried exhibitions of student art and local artwork from working artists.

- Burnsville Performing Art Center
- Art Festivals– Eagan June 27-29, Lakeville Sept 19-20
- Dakota County Fair
- State Fair

Art Announcements:

Tennis Ball Donation– the art room is looking for a donation of 120 tennis balls. The art room has 30 stools that unfortunately make a loud screeching sound when moved along the floor. We are hoping to minimize distractions by placing tennis balls on the bottom of each stool leg. Any old or new tennis ball will work– please drop off at the front desk!

Physical Education

KIDS BOWL FREE THIS SUMMER

***Summer Fun Bowling Pass at Apple Place Bowl**

***2 Free Games of Bowling Every Day – All Summer Long!! 15 years old & younger - Shoes included**

***Register your kids today!!**

www.kidsbowlfree.com/applevalley

***Apple Place Bowl received grant money to get youth involved.**

***Apple Place Bowl also has a "family pass" up to 4 people; you can register parents, kids 16 & over, grandparents, nanny, etc. then each of those persons would also get two free games every day all summer long. Going to the website above will prompt you to pay a small fee to add others to the pass. You may also choose to like "Kids Bowl Free" on Facebook.**

Music

What can we do this summer?

Kindergarten-3rd Grade

- Practice finding the beat in a creative and safe way! You can bounce a ball to the beat, hula-hoop to the beat, jump-rope to the beat and even swim to the beat!
- Try finding the main idea (Chorus) in a song! Remember it repeats over and over again!
- Create your own maraca (with help from an adult or an older sibling)! Materials: Empty Egg Carton, Rice or Beans, Scissors, Tape Decoration Options: Paint, Markers, Glue, Tissue Paper
- Create a dance with rhythms!
Click here for directions:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ptd2NwdI0rw>
- Ages 8 and below Summer Camps: If you are looking for a camp, Macphail Music Center has got you covered! Click below for more information!
<http://www.macphail.org/OFFERINGS/AGES-8-AND-UNDER/SUMMER-CAMPS/index>
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Spanish

Over summer break, K-4 students can complete an optional packet to review the concepts that they learned in Spanish class. They can also do a variety of Spanish activities online.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: Spanish numbers, colors, and animals packet. They can also cut out the pages to a Spanish book about a playground and read it.

3rd-4th Grade: Spanish numbers, colors, months, clothing, and food packet. They can also cut out the pages to a Spanish book about the beach and read it.

5th Grade: Study Spanish verb flashcards. Start studying flashcards for Units 1 & 2 online.

6th Grade: Review flashcards for Units 1 & 2. Start studying flashcards for Units 3 & Unit 4.

7th Grade: Review flashcards for Units 3 & 4. Start studying flashcards for Units 5 & Unit 6.

8th Grade: Review the flashcards for Unit 1-Unit 6 to prepare for Spanish 2.

*** Study vocabulary flashcards on Classzone.com to prepare for the next school year.**

Online resources:

K-8th Grade-

Spanishresources.com
BrainPop in Spanish
Duolingo (free to set-up an account)
Mi Mundo en Palabras
National Geographic (Spanish)
El Alfabeto
Literacy Center
Maya y Miguel
Babbel

6th-8th Grade-

Classzone.com (Avancemos 1- activities, conjuguemos, grammar, and flashcards)

