THE PAIDEIA SCHOOL



becoming PART OF PAIDEIA

GUIDE TO COMMUNITY, CULTURE & CONNECTION

FIND JOY *in* SHOWING UP

AT PAIDEIA, parents are not just observers, they're part of the fabric. This guide will introduce you to some of the many ways you can get involved through the Parent Involvement and Advancement offices, and help you feel at home in a place that values your voice, your presence and your participation. From beloved events and classroom moments to meaningful support behind the scenes, your involvement helps shape the Paideia experience for your student and for our entire community.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

FUN FACT

Paideia first opened its doors in 1971 with 145 students, a group of passionate parents, and a 25-year-old head of school named Paul Bianchi determined to bring a big idea to life.

FALL BBQ

Since 1976, the Fall BBQ has brought the community together with food, fun, and (once upon a time) square dancing.

PI BITES

No cafeteria? No problem! Parent volunteers help make lunch happen at Paideia in partnership with the Yay Lunch! company.



FUN FACT

Parents power Paideia! From volunteer committees to parent affinity groups, Pi Bites is just one of the many ways parents help shape life at Paideia.

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

One of Paideia's most beloved events, this joyful day brings nearly 700 guests to campus each year.

FIELD DAY

In the cross-age relay, our younger students pass the baton to older students, grade by grade, until it reaches a senior. It's a field day favorite!

FALL & SPRING MUSICALS

Paideia is known for its standout productions, but the high school fall musical—run entirely by students from casting and costumes to staging and music—has its own spotlight.

FUN FACT

Paideia's farm yields thousands of pounds of produce each year! Students dig in for hands-on learning, and we donate most of our harvest to local community partners.

PI FARM

AWARD-WINNING SPORTS

FUN FACT

Paideia went 22 years without a mascot before adopting the Python in 1993, but that didn't stop us from winning our first state championship in 1981 in the mile run, followed by soccer in 1982.

PI PARTY

A party with purpose, the Pi Party is Paideia's annual auction, raising funds to support student financial aid.

GRADUATION

FUN FACT

In 1974, one student graduated. Today, it's more than 100 each year, but every walk across the stage still feels personal.

PARENT *involvement*

Paideia thrives on community involvement. Nearly 3,000 volunteer positions are filled each year, and we are deeply grateful for every family's contribution. Volunteering is not only essential for our school's success, but it's also a fantastic way to connect with the Paideia community!

PARENT AFFINITY GROUPS

- Black Parent Organization
- Latino Parent Group
- Paideia Asia Society
- Pi Islamic Heritage Community
- Pi Jewish Parents
- Rainbow Pi

PARENT GROUPS & COMMITTEES

- Archives
- Art Partners
- Elementary Library Book Shelvers
- Friends of Performing Arts
- Hospitality Committee
- Office Busters
- Paideia Fund
- Pi Bites
- Pi Cares
- Pi Family Urban Agriculture
- Pi Quilters
- Pi Wear
- Python Booster Club
- STEAM Team
- Sustainability and Climate Collective

EXPLORE opportunities to volunteer and update your interests by visiting the Parent Sign Up Center in the Parent Portal



DISCOVER YOUR *giving path*

There are many ways to give at Paideia, but the Paideia Fund is our ***top philanthropic priority.*** It reflects our shared commitment to holistic growth and allows the school to say "yes" to the programs and activities that embody our core values. Last year, we surpassed our goal of $1.3 million thanks to the amazing support from nearly 1,300 donors, including parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty and staff. This year, we invite you to join the collective effort of raising $1.4 million for the Paideia Fund.

FUN FACT
Tuition only covers 85% of a Paideia education, and your participation with a gift of any amount helps make up the rest.

PAIDEIA FUND
Paideia's annual giving campaign that runs from July 1 to June 30 every year.

FUN FACT
Over 200 families have consecutively given to Paideia for 20 years or more!

CONTACT-A-THON
Ring! Ring! Each fall, parent volunteers pick up the phone to encourage participation from all current families.

COMMUNITY GIVING DAY
A day of giving that celebrates what's possible when we come together in support of Paideia.

PROUDLY PAIDEIA
Paideia's consecutive giving society recognizes donors who support the school year after year, no matter the amount of their gift.

$1.4 MILLION
The 2025-26 Paideia Fund Goal

FUN FACT
In 1972, Paideia raised $7,288 in total gifts. Today, we raise over $1 million annually—proof that a culture of giving is grown year by year, gift by gift.

PYTHON SOCIETY
Inspired by pi, the Python Society recognizes donors who make a gift of $3,141 or more to the Paideia Fund.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WAIT, THERE'S MORE!
For more information on giving beyond the Paideia Fund, including opportunities to commit to strategic priorities with a major gift, support the Pi Party as a corporate sponsor, become a Fountain of Youth member with a planned gift, or redirect a portion of your state income tax to Paideia by participating in Apogee, please contact advancement@paideiaschool.org.

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