



## Bridgeport Public Schools

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## **Bridgeport Public Schools Builds Intergenerational Community Alliance**

*Classical Studies Academy partners with local retirement community*

**Bridgeport, CT – September 20, 2007** – The Classical Studies Academy (CSA) announces the launch of an intergenerational alliance with local retirement community The Watermark at 3030 Park.

The Classical Studies Academy, located at 240 Linwood Avenue in Bridgeport, has its philosophy rooted in the Paideia program. The Paideia philosophy “is a powerful fusion of conservative and liberal forces in our society, a synthesis of academic standards with the teaching and learning strategies that make those standards accessible to the diverse population of American school students.”

“We look forward to forging intergenerational relationships where wisdom and youth meet to gain insight into the lives of one another. In addition, the Paideia philosophy

uplifts and embraces the interconnectivity of school and community,” Helen Giles, Principal of Classical Studies Academy, stated.

One facet of this innovative partnership focuses on enrichment sessions that offer an opportunity for students to comply with an essential element of the CSA and Paideia philosophy: that students are part of a larger learning community and to have community members participate in the teaching and learning of students. Starting in September, two enrichment sessions will be conducted by the residents and associates of The Watermark at 3030 Park both within the school as well as within The Watermark at 3030 Park.

Every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. from Sept. 25 through Jan. 22, 24 sixth-grade students will participate in enrichment sessions on dance and educational games at the Watermark at 3030 Park. Every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. from Sept. 27 through Jan. 24, the students will receive instruction on knitting and cooking.

In addition to leading enrichment sessions, residents and associates of The Watermark at 3030 Park will visit the CSA to assist with reading and writing skills in the primary classrooms.

For more information on this community partnership, contact the CSA or The Watermark at 3030 Park, or visit during an enrichment session noted above.

*The mission of the Bridgeport Public Schools and its supporting community is to graduate all students “college ready” and prepared to succeed in life. For more information about Bridgeport Public Schools visit the website at [www.bridgeportedu.com](http://www.bridgeportedu.com).*