



TWLS Connections

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Possible Dreams Tours

TWLS helps all students succeed. Find out how our individualized program works?

Come take a tour!

Thurs., March 26
5:00-5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14
11:30-12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21
5:00-5:45 p.m.

Possible Dreams Luncheon
Tuesday, May 5
Noon

To register for a tour or the luncheon, visit

<http://www.twls.org/events.htm>

More ways to help

Collect Kemps Milk Caps & General Mills Box Tops.

Our school raises thousands of dollars by collecting milk caps and box tops.

Send them in the mail or stop in for a visit!

Do you have a Target Red Card or Visa Card?

If you designate TWLS, we'll receive 1 percent cash back on your purchases under Target's "Take Charge of Education" program.

Our new school t-shirts arrived today! The front of the shirt reads *Embracing Change ~ Achieving Dreams* (see last year's tee in the pic below). That's the theme of our **Possible Dreams Luncheon on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at noon.**



Founders John and Maryanne Dennis pictured with students at last year's Possible Dreams Luncheon.

This theme reflects the changes that TWLS students and staff are experiencing this year. **In January, due to the economy, two of our long-time students had to transition to new schools.** To help all students cope with this change, we gathered as a group (classroom council), to discuss how to embrace change & the opportunities it could bring.

We've had to embrace other changes this year, too:

- We still mourn the layoff of our friend and office manager, Mary.
- We strategize daily about how to manage our budget next year, when the generous support of our founding family is scheduled to dramatically decrease.
- Our students are working to maintain friendships w/friends they don't see everyday.

We couldn't embrace these changes and achieve our dreams without the generous support of people like you. Because of your referrals, we are thrilled to be achieving our dream of serving more students. **Our accomplishments include:** Courtney, Parker and Thea enrolled in September and Cooper and Cole joined in January. Because of your generous contributions, we raised \$40,000 at last year's Possible Dreams Luncheon and we were then able to offer families financial aid this year for the first time. We expect to continue and expand that aid next year. We are achieving the dream of financial stability because friends like you, who we met at our luncheon or on our tour, such as Patty, Mary Jean, Stephanie and Kelly, are helping us apply for and secure foundation funding.

We continue to need your referrals, advice and support.

- We have 12 open seats for new students in 2009-10.
- We need 15 more table captains for our May 5 luncheon to have 300 attendees.
- We must raise \$32,000 extra dollars to supply financial aid next year.

With your continued support, we will meet these goals and our students and school will continue to *Embrace Change and Achieve Dreams* next year and beyond. Thank you for your support.

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