



TWLS Connections

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Dear Friend,

Check out what's new at TWLS!

- **Our first annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will take place on April 11, from 5-7:30 pm, at Cavalry Lutheran Church to sponsor the Spring Spectacular (annual formal dinner/dance for TWLS teens) festivities. We'd like to make sponsoring the Spring Spectacular a fun (and delicious!) event for you and your friends. If you're interested in attending or in volunteering to help with serving and clean-up, please contact Julie Hoff at (763) 231-2700.
- **Learning to cook** has been a major part of our Life Skills curriculum this term. Each week, students have been preparing a new simple and delicious recipe for themselves and their friends. They started simple, with fruit salads, and moved on to French toast, green eggs & ham (for Read Across America Day), and cheese quesadillas (see photos on right).
- **Drama lessons** for TWLS students are ongoing at Stages Theater Company, most recently on March 18th where they went to see *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, based on the book by Judy Blume. Experiencing and practicing stagecraft builds self-esteem and self-awareness as well as a plethora of skills in reading, speaking, and listening on stage.
- **TWLS in the news!** Two weeks ago, the Star-Tribune published a story discussing the educational options available in Minnesota for children with learning disabilities. [TWLS was featured](#) for our unique, holistic learning approach that prepares students with the academics and social skills they need in life.



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Possible Dreams Luncheon

Tuesday, April 27, 2010: Don't forget that our Possible Dreams Luncheon will be at noon on April 27 at the Golden Valley Country Club. Come and join us for an hour immersed in the TWLS community, hearing from parents, students, and teachers about what the school means to them. To read more, [go to our luncheon webpage](#).

TWLS 2nd Annual Spring Spectacular!

We're starting to prepare for one of the most fun events of the year - Spring Spectacular! Spring Spectacular is the TWLS equivalent of prom, but at TWLS it's not limited to juniors and seniors. Instead, it's an event for all of our teenage students to enjoy, with current and past TWLS teens coming together with their teachers and parents to celebrate and to learn how to dine and dance together. [Read all about it on our blog](#), or see a photo from last year's prom below.



Reach Our Potential Update

Our Reach Our Potential Campaign recently hit \$48,000, up from \$40,000 just a few weeks ago! Thank you to everyone who donated and who reached out to others to help us. Your support has brought us very close to our goal, **but we still must raise another \$12,000 by the end of March to meet our cash flow needs**. To contribute today, call us at 763-231-2700 or [visit our donations page](#).



Thank you for being a part of The Whole Learning School community!

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