



TWLS Connections

The Monthly Newsletter of The Whole Learning School



Summer 2010

Dear Friend,

In the hot summer sun, it's important to stay well hydrated. If you're playing sports, it's not just important - it's essential.

For the last week, TWLS kids haven't seen the heat as a challenge so much as a business opportunity. They:

- Started a new business, the **Hydration Team**, to sell drinks to thirsty basketball players.
- Advertised their business around the school with placards and direct sales.
- Compared profits and expenses to determine their net revenue each day.
- **Sold nearly \$40** in Gatorade and water.

The Hydration Team, a project of TWLS's summer Entrepreneur Camp, has been teaching TWLS students and other special needs children alike how to run a business, from finance to sales. [Read more on our blog](#) with a special report by Adrienne Widener.



Upcoming Summer Programs Annual Garage Sale

Clean your closets and support The Whole Learning School

Are your closets overflowing with things you no longer treasure? If so, clean out your closets and donate your clean, usable items to the TWLS Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, September 11. Hosted at the home of former TWLS parent and volunteer extraordinaire, Christie Paulsen,



Planning the day's business at Entrepreneur Camp

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American Sign Language

Every TWLS student learns to speak American Sign Language, the third most commonly used language in the US and an unusually great learning tool for kids with special needs. Why do we teach them all ASL? Read more [in a three-part blog series.](#)

Teacher Spotlight

Learn a little bit more about who our teachers are outside of class!

this annual event held in conjunction with a community-wide sale in Hopkins' Interlachen Park neighborhood, draws thousands of people for some of the best garage-saling in Minnesota.

If you have items to donate, give us a call at

763-231-2700. The best sellers are: Games, toys, books (not encyclopedias or Reader's Digest books) CD's, DVD's, outerwear and kids clothes and sports equipment. If you want to help out in other ways, we always need lots of volunteers both on Friday (for set-up) and Saturday at the sale. Give us a call if you have time or treasure to give.

We Welcome New Students

Did you know that nearly all our new applicants come from referrals by people like you in the TWLS community? Do you know someone who has a child who might flourish at The Whole Learning School?

We'd love to talk with them, show them around, and find a way that we can meet their needs so their child can grow emotionally, socially and academically with us. We're still looking for more students to join us in the fall, to learn sign language, karate, math, reading, drama, and dozens of other essential life skills. [Refer a friend to us today!](#)

This month, we [talk with Sarah Trout](#) about her dog Gizmo, her love of hiking, and how she first came to Minnesota to teach.



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

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