



**TWLS Tuesday Take Home
January 5, 2010**

New

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please welcome Fenn Brown and his parents, Cerise and Paul Brown, to our TWLS community. Please take a minute to introduce yourself if you see them in the hallway. I am attaching a new student roster with updated contact information for the new year. I am also attaching an updated calendar at a glance and the sign up sheet for conferences. Please return your conference sign up sheet as soon as you are able. Thanks!

Reminder

Please remember to invite family, friends, and professional contacts to our Possible Dream Tours. The tours are informational and we DO NOT ask for money or fund raise with our visitors. It is a vitally important part of the marketing needed for sharing the mission of TWLS. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your help with this important event.

January Calendar

19,21,26,28 school conferences (signup sheet attached to this email)

- 4 School starts
- 6 Possible Dreams Tour 11:00 am
- 8 Jan/July Birthday celebration(s)
- 18 No School Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Possible Dreams Tour ~ 5:00 p.m.
- 22 End of Quarter 2
- 28 Orchestra Hall field trip "Sounds of Cinema" leave TWLS at 9am
- 30 **Possible Dreams Kick-Off ~ 7 p.m. at the home of Steve and Susie Fry.**
Watch for your invitation in the mail. Children are welcome. 100% turn out is our goal!

February

- 5 Aug/feb Birthday celebration(s)
- 3 Possible Dreams Tour 11:00am
- 12 Special Person Day (half day of school for students)
- 15 No School Presidents Day
- 16 Possible Dreams Tour 5:00pm

PTO News:

Looking for kids that have brothers or sisters with special needs...from Laura Beth Landy (Stephanie's Mom)

Our daughter and Stephanie's sister, Ellen, would like to invite brothers and sisters of kids with special kids to attend ARC's monthly Sibshop. Sibshops address the challenges and rewards of growing up with a sibling with special needs. The workshops provide opportunities for peer support. Ellen enjoys the sibshop and looks forward to attending each monthly meeting.

Please call me if you have questions. Also, Ellen is willing to speak with kids that want to know more about Sibshops.

Here are the details:

- What: ARC Sibshops for kids ages 6-12
- When: First Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:00 PM
- Where: Sabes Jewish Community Center in St. Louis Park

<http://www.arcgreatertwincities.org/family-connections.aspx>

Brochures are available on TWLS bulletin board or call Laura Beth Landy at 952-926-2514.

Possible Dreams in Progress ~ from Julie Hoff

Dreams Coming True

Thanks to all of you....TWLS families and friends....who are helping us reach our goal of having a sustainable funding base for TWLS. As you know, our goal is to raise \$60,000 by March 31, 2010 and we are well on our way. Here are the highlights:

- **As of last Friday, we have raised more than \$35,000 towards our goal of \$60,000.**
- Help us keep the mercury rising!
- Please know that your participation makes a difference when we approach foundations and corporations for gifts. A high participation rate is very persuasive to funders because it demonstrates your confidence in TWLS...which in turn, inspires their confidence, and likelihood of giving. Right now, just 42 percent of TWLS Staff and Families have contributed to the Annual Appeal. Please know, that every gift, no matter the size, counts!
- The **Hansford Family** donated 100 stamps to the stamp drive. Thank you! **Just 280 to go.**

Possible Dreams Kick-off and "Reach Our Potential Campaign" Update

- Mark your calendar for fun and camaraderie at the home of Steve and Fry on **Saturday, January 30!**
- Get the latest about the Possible Dreams Luncheon and our other fundraising efforts.
- Enjoy a variety of snacks and refreshments.
- Bond with other TWLS friends and families.
- Bring your child(ren), we'll have treats and fun for them, too.
- Watch for more information in the mailed invitation and in upcoming *Tuesday Take Homes!*

