



TWLS Tuesday Take Home January 19, 2010

New

The Minnesota Independent School Forum (www.misf.org) has tax information specifically for families with students in private/nonpublic K-12 schools. Please consult your tax advisor with questions and a complete list of qualifying education expenses as you complete your 2009 tax returns.

To learn more...view the PDF attachment or visit www.misf.org

Reminder

Dear Families, as a school we value the 40 developmental asset builders that add to a quality of life for children. One of the external assets is an important adult in a child's life. We would like to celebrate "**Special Persons Day**" with your child and their special person on February 12, 2010. More information and specific details of the event will follow but I wanted you to have a save-the-date and begin thinking of the special person for your child. **We would like their name and address by January 15 so students can begin their invitation process.** The day consists of a morning event starting at 10:00am culminating at 12:30 with the student and their special person leaving to share a lunch or special afternoon together. Thank you for helping your child choose a special person for this important TWLS event.

For more information about the 40 developmental assets please click on the link below.
<http://www.search-institute.org/content/what-are-developmental-assets>

January Calendar

- 19,21,26,28 school conferences
- 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 needs 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

~ In-kind donations: We are so grateful for our entire community's incredible generosity. In fact, We have received so many gifts of stamps, books, paper and more, that it is getting difficult to track. To help us do a better job of recognizing all of our generous donors, please use the attached form when you or friends and family donate in-kind gifts (things, not money). We are so grateful and we want to do a better job of showing you just how much we appreciate you!

Invitations are in the mail!

~ Possible Dreams Kick-off and "Reach Our Potential Campaign" Update ~ **Saturday, January 30.**
Our goal is 100 percent turn-out!

New Blog Update

~ TWLS is partnering with new friends Maura Steblay and Melissa Morris, who came to know us through one of our Possible Dreams Luncheon guests, to offer an interactive workshop about planning for your child's financial future. To learn more about this important workshop, check out our latest blog post at <http://www.twls.org/>