

**TWLS Tuesday Take Home
December 8, 2009**

Calendar of Events

New - Winter Weather Information

Winter weather is upon us now and there are a few housekeeping details to share with families.

- Please send outside winter clothing (snow pants, boots, scarves, hats, mittens) everyday as we do go outside to play unless the temp drops below zero. The fresh air and snow play is very important in our daily sensory diet.
- **School closing**: Watch channel 4 for school closing notices. They will be posted by 6:30 a.m. We usually follow Wayzata school districts closing but occasionally we close in severe weather when they remain open because of the travel challenges for many of our families.

New - Spring Spectacular

From Kim Gallant, parent and teacher

Hi Families,

Wow it's an exciting and busy time of the year and here at TWLS things are really heating up. While it's hard to believe today, we are already starting to plan for our "Spring Spectacular" (TWLS Prom for students ages 13 & up).

To help meet the costs of putting on this fun and exciting dinner and dance, we will be doing additional fundraising. The first opportunity will be at next week's production of the "Henny Penny" play on Thursday, December 17. We will be offering parents, friends, family and all attendees of the event an opportunity to share their praises through Applause-o-Grams.

Applause-o-Grams are small stars and note cards that can be purchased before the performance. These notes and stars can be decorated and praises and accolades can be written on them. The awards will be posted on the actor's locker for them to read following the performance. The Stars will cost \$1.00 and the note cards will cost .25. The children will also be running a concession stand after the play. This opportunity will provide some great vocational & life skill training while raising money for a great cause.

The committee to plan the event will begin meeting in January. If you have not yet signed up to help, please contact Julie or Kim to volunteer or learn more. Thanks for your support, and we will see you at the play.

Reminder

Dear Families, PLEASE return your child's karate uniform order form to school this week so we can get the order placed. Our students are anxiously waiting to wear their karate uniforms (over

their clothes) for martial arts and I cannot order them until all orders have been returned. Thank you for your attention to this very important request.

December

- 15 Possible Dreams Tour - 5:00 p.m.
- 17 Drama winter informance (informal performance) "Henny Penny" at 2:00pm
- 18 PTO holiday party from Noon - 3 p.m.
- 21-1/1 No school winter break

January

- 11,12,14,19,21, student conferences
- 4 School starts
- 6 Possible Dreams Tour (PDT) 11:00am
- 8 Jan/July Birthday celebration(s)
- 12 Possible Dreams Tour (PDT)
- 18 No School Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Possible Dreams Tour (PDT) 5:00pm
- 21 Possible Dreams Luncheon 2010 Kick off
- 22 End of Quarter 2
- 28 Orchestra Hall field trip "*Sounds of Cinema*" leave 9:00 am

PTO News - TWLS Holiday Party

from Diana Benjamin

Date: December 18th, 12-3PM

Place: Country Club Lanes, 5601 County Road 19, Tonka Bay

What: Lunch and Bowling Plus a grab bag for the students

Who: TWLS Students and Parents

Other: We will return to school at 3:30 p.m. for regular pick up

Directions

From 494:

Take 494 to Highway 7 West till you get to Excelsior, Take a right turn at Oak Street (County Rd 19),
go about a 1 mile and we are on the right side.

From 394: 394 South to County Rd. 15 West Exit, go approx. 5 miles, take a left at County Rd 19 (Shadywood Dr),
in Navarre, go 3 miles south and we are on the left side before the traffic light.

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 latest highlights:

- In less than a month, we have received \$8000 towards our \$60,000 goal
- We received a \$1000 grant from the Perkins Foundation
- We had two excellent meetings with Voyager Bank and RJ Ahmann Company to discuss how they might be involved with the TWLS luncheon.
- We had a site visit with the Turner Foundation. They are considering a \$3000-\$5000 grant to TWLS
- We received two gifts of stock in the past week, totaling almost \$3000. Giving stock is a great way to avoid capital gains taxes...consider giving TWLS a gift of stock.
- The annual appeal went out to almost 500 TWLS friends and families.
- **We received \$1,285 from Kemps for all of our milk caps! WOW!! Way to go families!**

TWLS Online

Reminder! Don't forget to check the TWLS website every week...click here to see what's new! <http://www.twls.org/>