



## TWLS Tuesday Take Home February 16, 2010

### New

Please welcome back Teaching Assistant Ruth Cracraft! We are pleased that a brief sabbatical, Ruth decided to re-join the TWLS team. She will be teaching spelling and assisting in both classrooms.

Special person day was a great success. Thank you for your help in developing asset builders for children.

### February Calendar

16 Possible Dreams Tour ~ 5:00pm  
23 **7:00 pm Financial planning seminar for children with special needs - RSVP now!**

### March

2 Read across America (comfy clothes and hat day)  
3 11:00 Possible Dreams Tour (PDT)  
5 March Birthday celebration(s)  
16 5:00 pm Possible Dreams Tour (PDT)  
18 Stages Theatre HR 15 Field trip  
24 End of Quarter 3  
25-26 No School conference comp days  
28-4/2 No School Spring break

### April

7 11:00 Possible Dreams Tour (PDT)  
9 Birthday Celebration(s)  
16 8:00 Family Appreciation Breakfast  
20 5:00pm Possible Dreams Tour (PDT)  
20 Specialists phone conf. 6:30-9:30 pm  
22 Specialists phone conf. 6:30-9:30 pm  
27 Possible Dreams Luncheon

### Parent Bulletin Board

#### ***Spring Spectacular Update - From Kim Gallant***

Hi TWLS families,  
Due to bad weather last week the Spring Spectacular planning meeting was postponed. I would like to reschedule the meeting for this Thursday from 4pm to 5pm in the Welcome Room at TWLS. We have a great deal to cover thus I will be starting the meeting at 4:00 sharp. This years Spring Spectacular promises to be a great and memorable evening for our teenage students, but we need parent participation to make it happen. Students are welcome to stay with Nicole and watch a movie on the stage. Please RSVP if you can attend our Thursday meeting. If you are unable to attend, but you would like to help, contact Kim Gallant at 952-941-5329 or 612-669-3354. Thank you.

#### ***Scholastic Books - from Jess Peters***

Scholastic book orders are due Thursday, Feb. 18th.

#### **Possible Dreams in Progress ~ from Julie Hoff**

***Possible Dreams Luncheon ~ Tuesday, April 27 ~ Golden Valley Country Club.***

#### **Luncheon Sponsor Update**

We are thrilled to announce that we have two sponsors already committed to supporting the Possible Dreams Luncheon. Our heartfelt thanks to **Voyager Bank**, for their **\$2,500 Silver Level Sponsorship** (this is their second year supporting the luncheon) and to newcomer **Minnetonka Pediatric Therapy Center**, for their **\$500 Pewter Sponsorship**.

We want to **thank Susie Fry** for hooking us up with Minnetonka Pediatric Therapy Center. Your referrals really make a difference! Please...keep'em coming!

#### **Sign Up Now! Financial planning workshop for parents of children with special needs**

**If you are planning to attend this important workshop on February 23 at 7:00pm, please RSVP to Julie Hoff.**

If you are a family caring for a dependent with special needs come listen to an interactive workshop with presenters Maura Steblay, Licensed Parent Educator, MAEd and Melissa Morris, SpecialCare planner. **There is no cost to attend.** Please share this information with your interested friends and family...all our welcome at this important seminar.

Topics covered:

- ~ Why guardianship may be important.
- ~ Tips for applying for federal disability benefits.
- ~ What is a Letter of Intent and why is it important to my family.
- ~ What is significant about my child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday?
- ~ What happens when someone wants to give a gift to my child?
- ~ Why beneficiary updates are important.
- ~ Why a special needs plan is important to my family.
- ~ What gifts can legally be given to a child on government benefits.
- ~ How to monitor a child's assets.
- ~ Why consulting an attorney is important for my special needs child.

#### **New Blog Updates**

Check out our newest classroom video and a blog post about reading from Head of School, Ann Rooney. [Click here](#) to view it now!