



TWLS Tuesday Take Home April 13, 2010

New

Hurray! it's that time of year again! The family appreciation breakfast is this Friday, April 16 from 8:00-9:00am. All families are invited to join us in the gym for a delicious pancake breakfast in your honor. Regrets only please. Hope to see you there!

REMINDER ~ Summer School opportunities:

The STARS (Summer Tutoring and Reading Strategies) program is new this year. Private tutor sessions will be available in blocks of ten hours at \$40.00/hour. STARS will run July 12- August 6. Please visit <http://www.twls.org/curriculum/summer-program/> to learn about open time slots, then contact Ann Rooney at a.rooney@twls.org or 763-231-2700.

Entrepreneur Summer Camp is moving into its fourth year with growth and expansion in technology, business development and marketing. In 2008, this outstanding program earned TWLS a \$2,000 technology award from Best Buy. This year, our one-week summer camp runs from Monday, July 19 thru Friday, July 23 8:00am - 12:00.

It teaches the academic skills of reading and math as well as the thinking skills used in business development, everyday business writing and social communication. Students will produce hand made cards this year as well as our computer created cards, then sell them at our school garage sale this September. The cost will be \$300.00 for 20 hours.

Art Shirts ~ If you have not already done so, please remember to send an art shirt for your child to wear while we do cool art stuff at school!

April

- 16 Family Appreciation Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am
- 20 Possible Dreams Tour 5pm
- 27 Possible Dreams Luncheon Golden Valley Country club 12:00- 1:00pm

May

- May 17, 19, 24 student /teacher conferences 3:45- 6:30pm (sign up attached to email)
- 5 Possible Dreams Tour 11:00am
- 5 Orchestra Hall field trip
"The Four Seasons"
- 7 May/June Birthday celebration(s)
- 7 Stages Theatre HR 23 Field trip "The outsiders"
- 12 Minnesota Twins Game
- 18 Possible Dreams Tour (PDT) 5:00pm
- 18 TWLS Showcase Performance 6:30
- 25 **NEW** Specialist conference connection at TWLS 6:30-7:30 Regret only please

- 26 Community Homestead organic working farm field trip in Oseola, Wi. Parents are very welcome to join us!
- 31 No School Memorial Day

June

- 2 Possible Dreams Tour (PDT) 11:00am
- 3 Field trip- ðFeed my Starving Childrenð community volunteerism
- 5 Formal Dinner for Upper Class
- 10 Ceremony of Completion 6:30 pm
- 11 Year end field trip
- 11 **Last day for students** (173 school days)
- 13-18 Teacher workshop weeks

July

- 12-16 Teacher workshop weeks
- 19-23 Summer Entrepreneur Camp (8am-12)
- 19- 8/5 *NEW!* S.T.A.R.S. program
(Summer Tutoring and Reading Strategies)

Possible Dreams in Progress ~ from Julie Hoff

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

Possible Dreams Luncheon Update

After the luncheon - Dear Parents, you are welcome to leave with your child after the luncheon if that works best for you but we will have a school activity that afternoon. We will be going to French Park to celebrate the luncheon, enjoy the climbing ropes, explore the walking paths and the ride the trolley to the fishing dock and down to the lake. We will be back at school for the 3:30 pick up. Please let us know if you plan to leave with your child after the luncheon. Thanks!

Remember, we need callers to help make thank you calls, so the time from 2:00-3:30 might be perfect for coming to help out with thank you calls while your child has fun at French Park!

Thank you

- **Cindy Nehrbass** for referring a friend, **Bobby Taranowski**, who donated five, HUGE mirrors for the exercise room. We'll let everyone know when we get them hung up so you can check them out! Thanks Cindy!

Help Wanted - April 24

- We have a booth on Saturday, April 24 at the International Dyslexia Association's Annual Conference. We need volunteers from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to help spread the word about TWLS. Call Julie if you can volunteer some time that day.

TWLS Talks

Read about how our kids are learning about the habits of plants and animals, and get tips on ways to make learning fun [on our blog](#).

Parent Bulletin Board

Two upcoming PACER workshops - from Jess Peters

Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Transition Issues for Young Adults with ADHD

Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Diagnosis of ADHD: Promoting Acceptance by Self and Others

To register or for more info contact:

PACER CENTER

8161 Normandale Blvd.

Mpls, MN 55437

952-838-9000

PACER.org/workshops

Containers Needed - from Jess Peters

Please donate your empty plastic translucent (the orangish kind are fine) prescription pill containers for an upcoming classroom science project. Give them to Ms Taylor or put them in Jess Peters' box in the office. Thanks!

Updates ~ from Kim Gallant

Spaghetti Dinner Thank You

A **Big** TWLS thank you goes out to Donald and Christina Selmer and their extraordinary crew of parents and students who put on the 51st Annual TWLS Spaghetti Dinner. The food was fantastic, and the event provided an outstanding opportunity for families to connect, socialize, and strengthen our TWLS community! The fun dinner **raised \$1,500.00** exactly for our Spring Spectacular Event coming up on Saturday, June 5 at the Lexington in St Paul. Donald Selmer's company, Bon Appetit, generously furnished all of the food for the dinner and our local Plymouth Dairy Queen donated 215 Dilly bars for dessert. Thank you to all the families who sold tickets and came out to support this wonderful event. Special thanks also goes to: **Diana Benjamin, Julie Bensen, Cerise Brown, Sean Gallant, Kate Hartfiel, Anne and Peter Heegaard, Sally Klemp** and all the others who donated their time and talents to make this evening a success!

Wanted

The Spring Spectacular planning committee is looking for Chaperones. We request that at least one parent accompany each TWLS student attending the event. Responsibilities will include helping the teens with corsage/boutonniere pinning, coordinating with the photographer for group and individual pictures, monitoring the flow between the ballroom and restrooms, attending to any personal needs that may arise during the evening, and transporting students to the after party. This is a blast and I guarantee you will have more fun at this prom than you did at your own!

We are also looking for volunteers to help decorate the ballroom. Decorating will be done in the evening on Friday, June 4th and in the morning on Saturday, June 5th. Set up will entail blowing up balloons, creating a balloon arch, tying sashes, arranging flowers, and creating center pieces. Due to the great family support last year, we had a lot of fun and the set up went very quickly.

Attention ALL TWLS LADIES

A very special Girløz Club is hitting the scene on Friday, June 4 (FYI- the night before Prom). The place to be is Solana Nail Salon in Eden Prairie at 6:00pm. At this Mani/Pedi Party ladies will enjoy the royal treatment from the comfort of luxurious massage thrones. A gourmet selection of pizza and sodas will be served for our noshing pleasure. The basic mani/pedi package will be \$30.00 and dinner will be \$10.00. This øChicks Onlyö night out promises to be filled with loads of girlie girl bonding, tasty nosh, and tons of giggles and laughs. So bring your moms, sisters, and BFFs to this thoroughly female right of passage. reserve your spot now for this rockinøevening!

There will be a sign-up poster in the classroom hallway next week for all of these opportunities. Please consider volunteering for all of these events. If you have any questions, please contact me at (612)669-3354 or (952)941-5329.. Thanks for your support, Kim Gallant