



# The Whole Learning School

*A multi-dimensional approach for kids with unique learning styles*

TWLS Tuesday Take Home ~ November 24, 2009

## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**Words cannot adequately convey how grateful we are to all of you...our closest friends and families!  
Thank you.**

## New

Dear Families, I have very exciting news! I am very proud to announce TWLS will be partnering with JK Martial Arts as part of our physical education program. Classes will be held every Friday from 2:00-3:00PM. Sensei Katherine Pierren is donating her services for a fraction of the cost because she strongly believes in the TWLS mission and wants to support the work we do. I will be sending home JK Martial Arts brochures next Tuesday but if you are interested, please log onto their web page at <http://jk-martial-arts.com/>

Our wonderful Marson family will be pursuing additional learning opportunities to help Cooper continue to develop his potential. He will continue to join us at TWLS on Friday's at least through December and additionally throughout the year for field trips and community programs that will benefit his personal learning plan. We wish him the greatest success in his learning journey.

## Calendar of Events

### **November**

25-27 No School Thanksgiving vacation

### **December**

- 1 Specialists phone conf. 6:30-9:00 pm
- 2 Specialists phone conf. 6:30-9:00 pm
- 2 Possible Dreams Tour 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Birthday celebration(s)
- 15 Possible Dreams Tour 11:00 a.m.
- 21-1/1 No school winter break

# Possible Dreams in Progress

from Julie Hoff

## ***Introducing Amy Parker***

Amy Parker is a new member of the development team, working as an intern on grant writing and fundraising. Amy is a graduate student at Metropolitan State University, receiving her Master's degree in Community Psychology. She has always had a strong interest in working in the nonprofit sector and doing her part to help build strong, happy individuals and communities. Amy will be working on various grant proposals, activities regarding donor appreciation and fundraising as well as other office related projects. She will be working in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; please don't hesitate to come in and say hello!

## **Board of Directors News**

Thank you to our incredible new board of directors...**now going strong with 8 members!** Board members include: Chairman Steve Benjamin, Treasurer Doug Neal, Secretary Kathy Marson plus Rick Hartfiel, Casey Nolan, Ann Rooney and our two newest members: Nancy Conboy (Marketer and Sales guru from IBM) and Amy Proshek (CPA with Deloitte and Touche).

The Board of Directors recently just made an extra financial commitment to help TWLS bridge the gap in our financial resources during this transition year. **Collectively, your board raised \$11,350 in November for TWLS**, in large part due to a generous matching gift from the Hartfiel family plus additional contributions from the Dennis and Israel families. Thanks to all of them for their generous and extraordinary efforts on behalf of TWLS. Thank you!

We encourage all of you to consider an additional contribution to TWLS this year. As you may have seen, we need to raise \$60,000 in new contributions between now and March 31 to meet our monthly cash flow needs. Our annual appeal will arrive at your home next week. Please consider making an additional gift this year and encouraging those in your community to do the same.

## **Other Development News**

The TWLS Development Team...(yes, there is a team this year!) is going great guns to raise that \$60,000. The people on the team include: the entire TWLS Board of Directors plus Susie Fry and Julie Bensen (Luncheon), Kate Hartfiel (Grants) and Amy Parker, our new development intern.

As part of our development efforts, **we recently submitted 28 grant proposals totalling \$96,000 in requests.** Very special thanks to Kate Hartfiel, our grants guru, for doing all the research to determine to whom we should apply. We are hopeful that a few of these requests will be funded, but it is a very competitive process. Thanks Kate.

Thanks, too, to the Bensen family for submitting another \$64 in matching dollars for the General Mills box tops drive.

## **TWLS Online**

**Don't forget to check the TWLS website every week...we have blog updates 2-3 times per week now, thanks to Ben Lurie, our web development intern. We also have a Facebook Fan Page...that really needs more fans. Encourage all the tech savvy people in your life to become a TWLS fan!**

**Stamp Drive**

60 stamps collected (thanks to the Brady's and Hansford's)...440 to go!