



## Getting Personal With ... Mark

Mark says he “gave up on New Year’s ‘resolutions’ long ago,” but he has plenty to look forward to in 2011.

“I want to learn to downhill ski this winter and I might (might...) go to England this Spring to visit my daughter who is studying there for a semester.”

In addition to buying a new vehicle in April and going fishing in Alaska in July, Mark also plans to run a few 5K races this summer and maybe attempt a 10K too.

Sounds like Mark has a very busy year ahead. Whew!

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## From the FAQ Files

When using the “Order” field to control the order of drop down list items, use larger increments such as 100, 200, 300 (instead of 1, 2, 3).

This way, when you want to insert a new item in between two numbers such as 200 and 300, you can just use 250. You won’t have to reorder everything that comes after the new item in the list.

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## Training Reminder

1/14/11 Marshall, MN

Note: This training was rescheduled.  
Please note the new date above.



## Focus on ... Waseca Public Schools



Julie Ladwig is Special Education Director for Waseca Public Schools. Her team of approximately 75 staff serve 895 students in five separate districts.

Ladwig came to Waseca Public Schools in 2002 after working as Special Education Director in Austin where they had been using SpEd Forms since 2000. In Waseca, only one of the five districts used SpEd Forms, making it difficult to coordinate services efficiently. Ladwig managed to convince the Superintendent that they should use SpEd Forms in all five districts.

“I just wanted to be able to manage IEPs for all of the districts using one program. Using SpEd Forms really saves us a lot of time and hassle.”

One of the things Ladwig appreciates about SpEd Forms is that the staff is particularly responsive to the needs of teachers and administrators. In the 10 years she has been using SpEd Forms, Ladwig says that there have been a lot of improvements to the program, many of which have been based on customer feedback.

“At our suggestion, SpEd Forms recently added the Early Childhood Outcome Form. Since we use this form a lot, it made a big difference for us to have it included.”

In her role as Special Education Director, Ladwig also likes that SpEd Forms allows her to control when an update is implemented in her districts.

“I like to make sure all of my case workers have the right training before we implement updates and start using new forms,” says Ladwig.

Ladwig spent part of her winter vacation working, though it didn't involve using SpEd Forms or even turning on a computer. She and her family are building a cabin near Brainerd and they were busy mudding, taping and painting the walls. Ladwig says that the cabin will be finished by summer vacation, when we hope she will be able to spend her time relaxing and enjoying the beautiful northwoods!



### SpEd Forms Training Videos Now Online

There are now step-by-step training videos demonstrating how to set up all three internet browsers that support SpEd Forms (Internet Explorer, Safari and Opera). We've even shortened the browser set up for Internet Explorer!

You can link directly to the videos, which can be viewed on YouTube and TeacherTube, through the Training Video Library in the Educator Guide. You can also access the training videos using this link: <http://spedforms.com/videos>

We add new videos every week, so check back regularly for the latest material. Bookmark the SpEd Forms Training Video Library!

*No-one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure.*

*~Emma Goldman*