

Getting Personal With ... Lisa

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go back in history equipped with the technology we have today?



Lately, Lisa does, as she's been busy recording old time radio shows on MP3 players for residents at local retirement homes. Recently, hearing the crackly sounds of the 1935 World Series brought a smile to a grateful "young at heart" baseball fan. While Lisa now knows Burns and Allen, Fibber McGee and Duffy's Tavern more than she ever wanted, she holds out hope that in 50 years, someone will bring her Lady Gaga to listen to.

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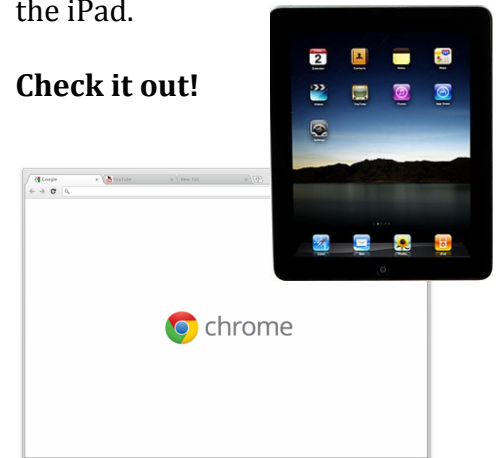
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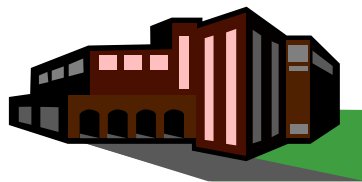


From the FAQ Files Browsers and Platforms

We want to make sure you can use SpEd Forms with whichever browser or platform you choose. SpEd Forms now works in Google Chrome and on the iPad.

Check it out!





Focus on ... Fraser Academy



Fraser Academy is a public K-5 charter school with a primary emphasis on small class sizes and individual attention. The school, located in Northeast Minneapolis, has 90 students and 40 staff. Ninety percent of the students at Fraser Academy have an IEP.

“The school’s mission is to be inclusive and we have a very diverse population,” says Special Education Coordinator Noreen Foster.

Foster helped to write the charter for the school and has been with Fraser Academy since inception in 2004. She started working in Early Childhood Education while pursuing undergraduate degrees in Anthropology and History.

“I had originally planned to work for a museum, but then I realized that you really have to have a passion for inanimate objects, like lamp-posts and period clothing, and that just wasn’t me. I found out I prefer working with people.”

Last year, Fraser Academy underwent a compliance audit with the Department of Education. (They passed.) Foster gives SpEd Forms some of the credit for their success with the audit.

“SpEd Forms is really good about keeping the software up-to-date with the latest legal requirements. Honestly, sometimes the first time I learn about a new requirement is through using SpEd Forms.”

Foster says that since she can rely on SpEd Forms to incorporate the current state laws and regulations, she doesn’t have to spend time reading up on new legal requirements.

“In the end, it means I have more time to devote to the students and staff at Fraser, which is great.”

In the News

Pilot Program Tracks ECSE and More in SpEd Forms

Runestone Area Education District (Alexandria, Brandon, Evansville, Minnewaska, Osakis and Parkers Prairie Public Schools) is piloting a new method for tracking ECSE and shared time enrollment, membership and attendance in SpEd Forms.

Michelle Steele, Coordinator of ECSE Services, says she thinks the new system supports ECSE teachers and MARSS reporters in gathering accurate data for end of year reporting.

“For a long time, Special Education administrators have been concerned with MARSS reporting being fiscally responsible, accurate and efficient.”



On Autumn . . .

When summer gathers up her robes of glory, and, like a dream, glides away.

~ Sarah Helen Whitman