

Getting Personal With ... Mark

For many families, the holidays mean participating in the same traditions year after year. Not Mark's family, which is anything but traditional during the holidays, especially when it comes to food.

"Last year it was ham hocks slow-cooked in sauerkraut. This year my dad is pushing for cow tongue, which he has fond memories of eating when he was a kid."

Mark, who has an adventurous streak himself, plans to give the cow tongue a try, but he'll have a pot pie standing by just in case.



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From the FAQ Files Overlapping Service Dates

If two service plans have overlapping dates for the same service due to unforeseen changes or amendments, this can be fixed in the services report. Teachers can also fix overlaps during service plan validation. Ensuring there is no overlap prevents exaggerated service minute/hour totals.

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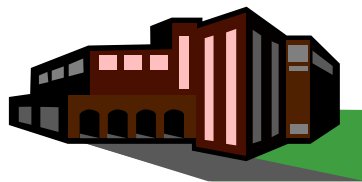
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The SpEd Forms staff
wishes everyone a

*Happy and Joyful
Holiday Season!*





Focus on ... Minnesota Transitions Charter School



Kelly Dietrich-Legg is one of three Special Education Coordinators for Minnesota Transitions Charter School (MTS), a free, public charter school with 13 K-12 educational programs. Dietrich-Legg, who has worked in the field of online learning since 2000, oversees MTS's two online schools, Minnesota Virtual High School and Connections Academy. And she couldn't be happier.

"I really love what I do," says Dietrich-Legg. "Charter schools fill a niche for students who don't do as well in a traditional setting, and online learning provides yet another option to have coursework tailored to meet the unique needs of individual students. It's wonderful to see students thrive in this environment."

In her role, Dietrich-Legg focuses on helping teachers and other team members to be more effective at their jobs working with students. She says that SpEd Forms reports allow her to predict what's coming up for teachers, and she can help them to prioritize their activities.

"It's nice to have everything in one place so I can get a comprehensive picture of everything that's going on," said Dietrich-Legg.

While she appreciates many of SpEd Forms' existing features, Dietrich-Legg would like to see more opportunities for users to share information and communicate directly with each other.

"I'd love to see some kind of an online forum where schools can support each other and communicate with one another. If SpEd Forms could do that, that would be great."

In the News Monthly Webinars in 2012!

Starting in 2012, SpEd Forms will be conducting monthly webinars for teachers and SpEd Forms admins. The teacher webinar will include a brief introduction to SpEd Forms followed by a Q & A session. The admin webinar will cover recent improvements and also include a Q & A session at the end.

To register for a webinar, email kelli@spedforms.com. (See the calendar below for upcoming webinar dates.)



SpEd Forms Calendar

Dec. 2011 – Jan. 2012

12/24/11	New Year's Update Preview
01/01/12	New Year's Update Installed
01/06/12	Webinar: Admin
01/11/12	Webinar: Teacher