



Times of the Odd Family

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Julie, George, Jaden, Carson, and Pauley Tsai

The Twelfth Volume

Moment of Tsai-lence

With the chaotic times, the Tsais were grateful for a year of relative calm and stability.

Four Year Enjoyment

Carson

Year Two in school = improved writing, drawing,

"Burp. Excuse me."
"Bapple Banana Boogie."

Belly full of gnocchi, broccoli, rice with furikaki, and orange chicken

Booty always moving to a beat, often his own

Think *Happy Feet* in fast forward. Gymnastics and swimming kept them busy.



Dill-ightful Year

In honor of his latest obsession, Jaden's (aka KP4 or King Pickle IV) year will be summarized in an acrostic:

Packed schedule, from the arts, after-school activities, and sports

Ikura sushi, an example of adventurous and experimental eating habits

Cycling around the block, thanks to an acquired skill this past summer

K – finished two 5Ks

Legos anywhere and everywhere in the household

Enjoys jokes, puns, dancing, and opportunities to be goofy

Soccer for his fourth and final year with the same team



Running With It

Julie's second year with Aspire Public Schools broadened her scope of work, including The College Ready Promise. The pilot program focuses on keeping students successful beyond high school and retaining effective and positive teachers. Combined with coaching and training staff members statewide, Julie can be seen on the road and in planes quite often.

As if running between school sites wasn't enough, Julie checked a 13.1 mile race off her bucket list in October. The Nike Women's Half Marathon rewarded her with both another feat and a Tiffany necklace.

George of the Juggle

Who knew an assistant principal could wear so many hats? Whether it's dressing up as Clifford to read to kindergarteners, making silly videos to encourage students, deejaying or planning events, George relished opportunities to be goofy, creative, and have fun.



Family News

John and **Chris** celebrated their 40th college reunion and also traveled to Seattle, the Midwest, and Greece. **Mark** and **Nichole** added Chicago, Belize, and Hawaii to their list of voyages.

Donald and **Grace** enjoyed retirement with travels and church, **Chen-Yuan** focused on her health. **Jenn** continued her bakery pursuits, and **Janet's** recent engagement has her in planning mode until April.

Reflections

2011 was a time for brotherly love as the boys found ways to play and connect with each other. There were many instances in which snorts and giggles reverberated down the Tsai hallway.

As more friends become parents to newborns, we look forward to even more stories and reasons to get together.

We wish all of you health and fun in the coming year. Happy holidays!

