

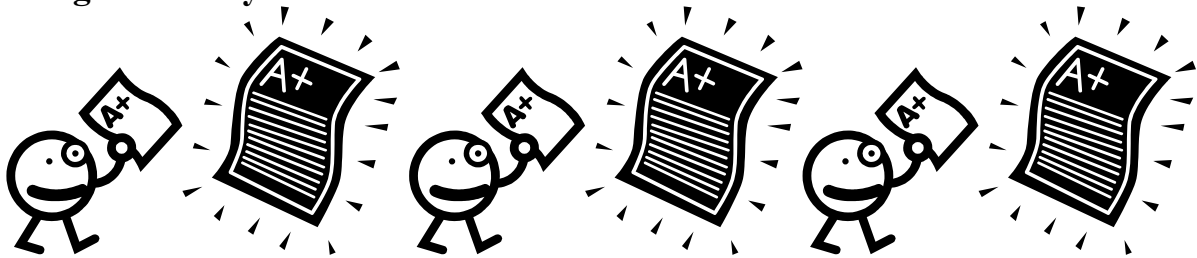
HEADS' LETTER

January 8, 2004

IDS Deserves to Be Proud and to Feel Very Fortunate Because...

An IDS Education means Academic Excellence with:

- ✓ A Curriculum rich in content.
- ✓ A Context for learning that promotes a healthy confident learner.
- ✓ A Culture that promotes rigor and joy in learning.
- ✓ The best and most highly trained faculty in America living and modeling a life long learning mentality!!!!!!



BRAVO to the IDS MIDDLE SCHOOL for brilliantly combining the BASICS with REAL LIFE learning capturing Environmental Science in Action (see news article below)

IDS-CC Students Monitor Lake Lipsey For Florida LAKEWATCH Program

Reprinted article from *Carrollwood Forum News*, December 2003,

When it comes to monitoring Lake Lipsey, students at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) do a “quality” job keeping tabs on the lake’s overall health and chemistry conditions.

Water quality testing is part of the seventh grade study of environmental science, which includes pollution, the water supply, and other environmental issues. It’s also an opportunity to serve the community by making important monthly contributions to the Florida LAKEWATCH Program.

Coordinated by the University of Florida’s Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Florida LAKEWATCH is one of the largest lake monitoring programs in the nation with volunteers checking more than 700 lakes in nearly 50 counties. For 17 years, it has enabled the public to be involved in a cooperative teamwork approach to solving and managing lake quality problems.

IDS-CC students use professional water monitoring techniques to collect scientific data about the lake’s nutrient levels, algae content, and water clarity. The university compiles the data and uses it for the development of lake management plans.

For middle school science teachers Gery Morey and Heather Robinson, LAKEWATCH is a natural extension of the IDS-CC philosophy, which focuses on providing students with practical, real-life learning experiences. School participation is credited to Jim Yost, long-time next-door neighbor of IDS-CC, whose property lies alongside Lake Lipsey. According to Morey, years ago, Yost offered IDS-CC students the opportunity to be the official volunteers to collect the data and water samples for the LAKEWATCH Program.

Each month, one student and parent boat out to the center of the lake to gather water samples. Every student conducts tests along the shore to determine the water’s pH and dissolved oxygen levels, nitrate and phosphate concentrations, and temperature. They practice these tests in class using tap water, before trekking across campus to the lake. Upon returning to the classroom, they add the data to graphs.

“Students now know why they sometimes see dead fish in lakes in the summertime,” said Robinson. “It’s not necessarily pollution, but low levels of dissolved oxygen in the water.”

“This is real life science,” said Morey. “They’re doing the job of actual biologists.”

**IDS HOST TO HOLIDAY CLASSIC BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT DECEMBER 19, 20, 21, 2003**

IDS hosted a Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament for middle school aged boys and girls over the winter break. Top teams from Tampa, St. Petersburg and Lakeland attended. The IDS girls team had a great tournament finishing third. The boys played spirited basketball and lost an exciting game against a basketball power, Christ the King, by a final score of 61 to 60. All the games were very exciting and closely contested. The tournament was a great experience for all the coaches and students that participated!! Congratulations Coaches Dewey, Fowler and Haynes. Bravo to Carol Lagos, Booster Co-Chair, for running concessions for three days and raising \$1200 for Boosters. WOW !!!!

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

New Session Begins January 26th. Sign up early to get your favorite offering! Brochure enclosed in today's Thursday Folder

**Star Moments in Our Community Congratulations to:
(Let us brag about you – share the good news)**

ANDIE LLOYD (3rd grade), competed to become Grand Champion in the “Walk, Trot Equitation on-line 8 and Under” and in the “Show Pleasure Driving” classes at the United Professional Horseman Association State Academy Championships. She won first place (Champion) in both her classes on Saturday and Grand Champion in both her classes on Sunday. Andie rode and drove her Saddlebred horse, The Admiral Queen.

An IDS MOTHER/DAUGHTER DUO impressed IDS 5th graders with a series of seminars on Health, Nutrition and Exercise to prepare them for the 10,000 Steps Program. Mom, Dawn Schocken, and daughter eighth grader, Dani Schocken, are a star teaching team! Seeing them in action brings a huge smile

RICHARD and WILLIAM LIVERNOIS succeeding in bringing a thunderous applause at their December recital while performing a piano duet. Bravo guys for a great team effort.

GRAND CANYON TRIP OFFERED...SEE INSERT FOR INFO

**AARGH, ME HEARTIES!
THE BIG EVENT IS JUST
AROUND THE CORNER!**



MARCH 13TH, 2004 A LUCKY DAY!

MARCH 13 is on the horizon! IDS Parents and Friends will dance, eat and shop the night away at the *Silent and Live Auctions*. The deadline for all auction items to be donated is Friday, February 6! We encourage each family to donate two items for the auction, whether through your own business or those that you patronize. Auction forms are available in the office.

Some Auction item *ideas* include:

- Electronics
- *Gift certificates* for dining or shopping
- Sports/ Concert tickets
- Jewelry
- Vacation rentals/ hotel stays
- Birthday parties
- Autographed sports items/memorabilia
- *Your idea here!*



There will be the very successful “SIGN UP” portion that was added to the BIG EVENT last year. This section of the Event includes opportunities to participate in unique experiences that you sign up for at a certain price per person. We will once again have the very popular “Corbett Hall Sleepover” and the Iannacio Dinner Party.

If you have any ideas for a sign up item, please call one of us at the numbers below!

Julie Brown-Salek 920-8835 Mary Beth Langston 971-9780 Nancy Mezo 855-2064

***Catalog Cover Contest* Deadline is being extended to Friday, January 16th**

1. The design must fit the PIRATE THEME and include these three elements: IDS, 2003-2004, and “YO HO HO AND A BOTTLE OF FUN”
2. Your cover should be 7 ½” tall X 4 ½” wide with ½” white space on all sides.
3. Do your personal best design in black on white. Clear, bold lines reproduce the best. We will “colorize” the winning design if the artist desires.
4. All entries must be submitted by Friday, January 16, 2004. Please indicate artist’s name, age and class on a separate sheet of paper, and include it with your entry when it is turned in to Marie Masara in the East Side Office or Barbara Ball on the West Side offices.
5. **Be Creative and Have FUN!!!**

Days of Note

- January 12** *Sally Foster* winners announced at Monday Morning Assembly
- January 12-15** St. Pete College of Education Intern Seminar in Theater Training Center, to learn the IDS way for Master Teaching!
- January 13** Science Fair Judging
- January 15** **EARLY DISMISSAL** 12:00 PM
- January 15** Parent/Teacher Conferences begin at 1:00 PM and continue until 6:30 PM
Call to schedule appointments
- January 16** Parent/Teacher Conferences begin at 7:30 AM and continue until 1:00 PM
- January 19** Martin Luther King Day-**HOLIDAY**
- January 22** Coffee Talk with Dr. Joyce-Theater Training Center 8:15 AM
- January 22** *ParentNet* for Primary Parents 8:15 AM
- January 25** **REFLECTIONS CONCERT/ Chamber Music** –3:00PM Information enclosed to register for a perfect afternoon to connect with music and family!
- February 17** Coming: A Workshop Just for Parents: “**MAKING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL**” presented by Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman. Outsiders welcome at \$20.00 per person. Free to IDS parents!



**January 25 REFLECTIONS CONCERT
3:00 PM.**

Independent Day School-Corbett Campus Honors Trustees For Commitment and Service (Press Release Below by Mary Beth Erskine)

The IDS Board of Trustees recently honored two long-time board members, Bette Maniscalco and Cindy Mathias, for their extraordinary service and commitment to the school.

Maniscalco, who has been on the IDS-CC Board of Trustees for more than 25 years also served as a board president. As a trustee, over the years she has been responsible for numerous fundraising events and annual giving campaigns, which were instrumental to the school's growth and development. Maniscalco's four children, Laura, Michael, Jennifer and Lisa attended IDS-CC. She currently chairs the school's Alumni Committee. In this position, she recently coordinated the school's 35th anniversary celebration, an effort she has undertaken during previous milestone anniversary years.

“Bette has provided extraordinary service and leadership to IDS,” said Board of Trustees President Jim Conlin. “She has been continuously devoted to nurturing, protecting, and growing the school's child-centered philosophy with deep love, great devotion, boundless generosity, endless hours, and years of modeling and reminding all that a superior education is ‘All About Kids.’”

Mathias has served on the IDS-CC Board of Trustees since 1989. As chair of the Trustee Committee, she has led the board's efforts to develop and implement critical policies and bylaws, which have contributed to the school's reputation as a model of educational excellence. In addition, she has helped provide for superior school leadership by ensuring an effective process for the selection of dedicated and qualified Board members is maintained. Mathias' two children, Shelby and Doak, are also IDS-CC graduates.

“Cindy has been an outstanding member of the IDS Board of Trustees,” said Conlin. “Her exceptional service and leadership have helped the school soar. We continue to be grateful for her many contributions, all marked significantly with endless giving of her heart and soul to ensure the strength and success of IDS, and every child within its care.” We will miss her guidance as a Board member.

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PROFESSIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC

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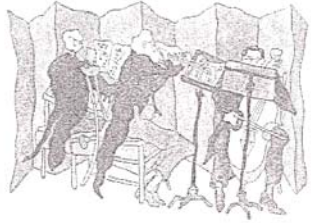
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Stewart Kitts
Violin

Stacey McColley
Clarinet

Maurizio Venturini
Bassoon

Olga Glick
Piano



Nourishment for the Soul

A Trio of Trios

Works by:
Bela Bartok
Mikhail Glinka
Charles Ives

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2004
3:00 PM

THEATER
INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL
CORBETT CAMPUS
12015 ORANGE GROVE DRIVE
TAMPA, FL 33618

TICKETS \$5

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
Tom McColley or Michael LeBlanc 961-3087

REFLECTIONS Ticket Order Form



Table with 4 columns: Concert Date, Number of tickets, Ticket price, Subtotal. Rows for 01/25/2004 and 02/22/2004.

Total: \$

I would also like to support Reflections with my donation at the following level:

- Series Sponsor (\$10,000)
Concert Sponsor (\$ 5,000)
Platinum Baton (\$ 1,000+)
Gold Baton (\$500+)
Silver Baton (\$250+)
Bronze Baton (\$100+)

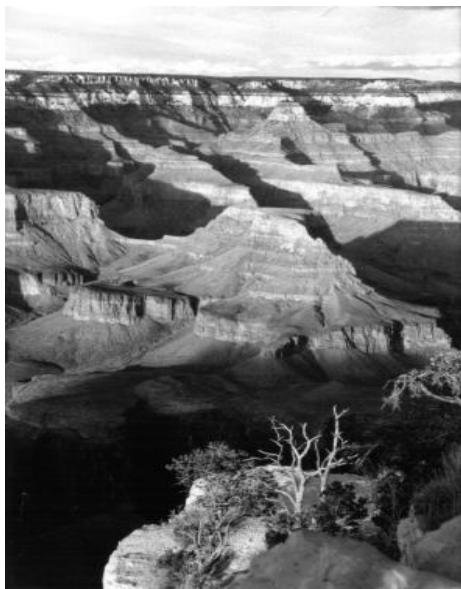
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Phone

For additional information contact:
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Michael LeBlanc
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Student's Home Room

GRAND CANYON ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITY

Information Meeting Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.



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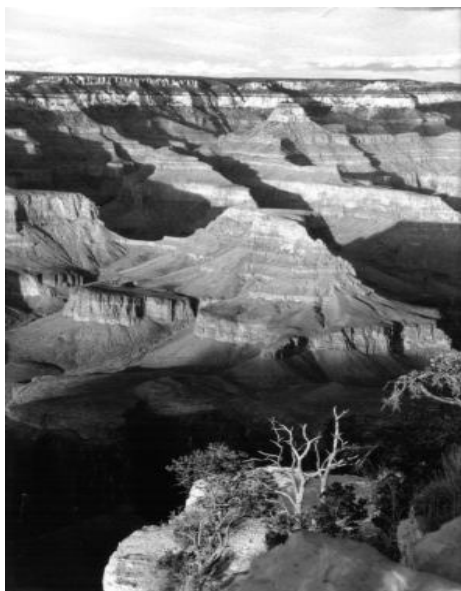
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