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**HEADS' LETTER**

**JANUARY 10, 2008**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK TO 2008!  
"COMMITMENT"**

In a fun, little, "how to" book called *12 Choices that Lead to Success*, the author David Cottrell provides us with a perfect start to begin a new year, by identifying three things to do in making a commitment to worthwhile endeavors. You may want to even consider sharing them with your children and how they relate to your own family. *AND* here they are:

**First: "Stay the course. If our goal is worth committing to, it is worth the price that comes with passionate commitment."** So, to our wonderful IDS families, we pledge to "stay the course" to continue to work everyday to provide a living example of an education that focuses on both excellence and excitement in learning each and every day. For example, our teachers returned two days early to renew their commitment and be well-prepared to welcome our IDSers back with the same enthusiasm as if it were the very first week of school.

**Second: "Surround yourself with people who are equally committed and compassionate."** That is part of the litmus test for being an IDS teacher. In fact, it is essential in order to make it as an IDS teacher as well as an IDS staff member. That goes for our PFA as well. Yesterday was the first PFA Executive meeting of the 2008 year, and it was inspiring to watch them in action. You could easily see, hear, and feel the abundance of compassion for and commitment to working on behalf of their children's school.

**Third: "Clarify your commitment. Put your goals into words and then begin making your commitment a reality."** In the IDS book, *"It's All About Kids: Every Child Deserves a Teacher of the Year,"* our goals and dreams as a school are clearly defined. In an effort to provide an extraordinary opportunity for our "kids", we pledge to sustain these big dreams and goals by continuing to review, refine, and when necessary revise our actions to remain aligned with what we say and what we do.

To all of our families, thanks so much for making your commitment to IDS by sharing your children with us! This is an exciting time in our history. IDS-CC turns 40 this Fall 2008! It's a special birthday and a reason to celebrate and remember our commitment to our two-part mission: "our kids first!" and "have a positive impact on the greater community!" We all wish everyone a happy, healthy, joyful and prosperous new year.

**WELCOME BACK REMINDERS JANUARY 14 - 18**

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FOR SESSION III BEGIN MONDAY, JANUARY 14!** Where has the time gone? It is time to begin the third session again. Afternoon activities start up this Monday. To help you sign-up, you can call the office to see what's still available from our 18 different options!!

**EARLY DISMISSAL WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, AT 12:00 P.M.** Please be prompt so that our teachers can have lunch and begin marathon conferences that go way into the evening. We are offering Extended Day on that Thursday for those in need of child-care for the afternoon. If your child will be staying at Extended Day, please provide a lunch for your child. Please be sure to reserve with Ms. Marie at (813) 961-3087 so that we can have plenty of coverage by Monday, January 14. The cost for the afternoon will be \$15.00, regardless of the length of stay (except for those on the Yearly-Extended Day Plan).

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: January 17 and 18** will be Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please be sure to schedule them with your teachers. This is a good time to renew commitment with our children in raising the bar on homework habits, work habits and pride in our accomplishments thus far. Remember to praise their **efforts** and how well they **persist** to achieve their goals. Many of your conferences will be student-led. They worked hard to learn how to self-assess, reflect on progress, and identify where to revise and refine. Praise those efforts!! And think **AMAZING!** They will feel your joy!

# MORE REMINDERS

**1. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 21 – SCHOOL RESUMES ON TUESDAY** bright and early!

**2. COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS:** All lessons resume on Monday, January 14, 2008. High School Musical begins next week with an optional audition workshop on Thursday and auditions on Saturday. Registration forms are available in the IDS Office or in the Music Room.

- High School Musical Audition Workshop (*optional*) - Thursday, January 17, 4:00 – 6:00 pm in Corbett Hall
- High School Musical Audition – Saturday, January 19, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the East Side Music Room
- High School Musical Rehearsals begin Saturday, January 26, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the East Side Music Room
- Performances May 23 – 25 in the IDS Farish Center

**3. TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE:** Desktops and Printers and Macs, Oh My! You've heard about all the wonderful things going on in the computer lab from your children. Now is your chance to experience it for yourself. Experience all of the technology that is available to IDS, allowing our students to soar with Mr. Mel (Matt Melnick) and Mr. Jason Contino, our Technology Wizards.

This unique opportunity will take place on Wednesday, January 23rd in the East Side Computer Lab. Bring your children to school and then report to Mr. Mel's Classroom upstairs next to fifth grade at 8:00 A.M. sharp.

Be sure to contact Mr. Mel by phone at (813) 961-3087 x331 or at [mmelnick@idsyes.com](mailto:mmelnick@idsyes.com). There are only 20 seats available for this interactive lesson on both the Apple MacBooks and the Dell Desktops. This is for parents only!!!

**4. OPEN HOUSES AND TOURS FOR ADMISSIONS FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.** On **Friday, January 25, 2008**, we will host our third Admissions Open House of the year for new families to come, visit, and “*catch the spirit*” of what goes on here at IDS.

Many of you made your first visit to IDS during one of the Open Houses and may remember that very important first impression. Over the years we have found that the best way to reach new families is through YOU!

With that in mind, we are asking that you give the enclosed postcard to your friends and neighbors who may be interested and encourage them to attend the Admissions Open House. Let them see first hand the joy of learning your children experience each day.

For those who would like to attend but will be elsewhere on a work day, Campus Tours will be available at IDS on **Sunday, January 27**, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. As always, thank you for your most valuable support in all that we do at IDS to make it the best it can be.

**5. FOR IDS FAMILIES:** Take the time to see, hear, and know what students are doing everyday throughout the school! Edu Talk/Tour...tour around campus and learn how we “*walk the talk*” in each class throughout IDS!

- Westside Edu Talk/Tour (Middle School – Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade) will be held January 28, from 8:15 – 9:30 am.
- Eastside Edu Talk/Tour (Pre-K3 through Fifth Grade) will be held January 29, from 8:15 – 9:30 am.

# PFA NEWS

## PFA/IDS YARD SALE: THE SEQUEL SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008

Our Fall Yard Sale was such a success that we are currently planning a yard/rummage sale to help you clean out your closets and raise dollars to support IDS!

This committee needs your help! How can you help?

- Bring your items in starting NOW! Drop off items during morning drop off or after school. There will be a white pick up truck in front of the office to collect your items!
- Sign up to help with pricing and organizing items or to work a few hours the day of the sale.

Questions? Call me!

Chairperson Julie Salek (813) 382-2525

**IDS DONATIONS FOR THE “SPRING” RESULTS:** Thanks to our generous IDS families, we collected \$1,485.00 in SCRIP donations for The Spring and over \$1,000.00 in household items. Many families were able to have a happier holiday season because of all the gifts of SCRIP, toys, bicycles, household items, and as well as many other requests. With appreciation – Amy Bottini, PFA President.

**MEET THE BOARD/PFA COUNCIL MEETING:** Bravo to our IDS Board of Trustees for spending the first part of Trustee Day at the PFA Council Meeting! The Trustees were so sincere, warm, and eager to answer questions including tuition costs, operations, technology, high school and more! A huge thank you to the number of people who came to the council meeting to listen, learn, and support IDS!



## PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



TO OUR IDS FAMILIES, PLEASE SHARE SPECIAL MOMENTS SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY WITH YOU.

Nicole Stambo (IDS *Cool Cat*) – on December 15, 2007, Nicole took first place on floor exercise with a 9.5 and first place all around with a 36.2 at the AAU Florida State Gymnastics meet in Tampa at Lightning City Gymnastics, her home gym. Bravo Nicole!

Nirja Patel (IDS sixth grade) – on December 15, 2007, Nirja participated in a swim meet held at Doyle Aquatic Center at the Long Center, Clearwater, FL. and took second place for her age and eighth place for age twelve in the 50 yard breaststroke, finishing in 37.19 seconds. She is now qualified for the 2008 Florida State Junior Olympics to be held at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Congratulations to Nirja!

## ENCLOSURES

1. Key Dates – Bookmark
2. IDS Lunch Program Savings for January and February
3. Spanish Letter for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade
4. Admissions Open House Post Card
5. IDS Press Releases
6. Big Event Information



**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008**

Throughout the year, you will hear more and more about the Big Event. We want to answer all of your questions and help you to get involved in IDS's biggest fundraiser and fun-raiser of the year! Here are a few FAQ's:

**What is the Big Event?**

It is the school's biggest fundraiser and fun-raiser of the year! It is a party for the adults which includes dinner, music, dancing, and a live and silent auction. It is being held on April 5, 2008 with a fun filled SPORTS theme!

**How can I get involved?**

There are many ways to help with the Big Event! You can help by underwriting the event, donating items for the auction, volunteering your time to assist in planning, decorating and organizing, and much more.

**What can I do now to help?**

This is the perfect time to start thinking of what YOU can obtain for a donation item. We count on the generous donations of our parents and their resources to obtain our auction items. Please take a copy of our donation letter with you when you are out doing your shopping, dining, etc. You will find one enclosed in this week's Head's Letter. Ask those with whom you do business to donate an item of any size for our auction. In the past, the auction has offered everything imaginable: autographed memorabilia, event tickets, books, art, jewelry, spa packages, dinner out, movie passes, household items, trips. It is important to remember that items of small value are just as important as expensive items because we often group them and create great packages out of them in combination with one another.

**How do I get involved?**

Call Julie Salek, Big Event Chairperson, at (813) 382-2525 or come to our next committee meeting, which is to be geared towards answering any and all questions about the Event. There are so many exciting opportunities to get involved, and this is truly one of the most memorable experiences at IDS each year. Thanks and we look forward to talking with you soon!

**BIG EVENT MEETING**

**Q's and A's!**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

**8:15 am**

**Grand Room (second floor new building)**

**Please see  
"All School"  
enclosures also  
found in  
Thursday Folder.**

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- ❑ **TEACHER IN-SERVICE/NOON DISMISSAL**  
*THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008*
- ❑ **SCHOOL HOLIDAY – PRESIDENTS’ WEEKEND**  
*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008*  
*MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008*
- ❑ **FINE ARTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
*SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008 – 8:00 – 11:30 AM*
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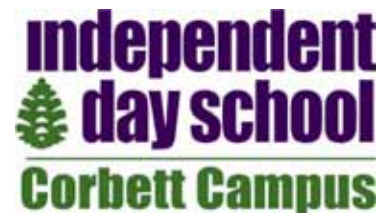
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# "CHEF GARRET'S IDS LUNCH PROGRAM"



Big Savings! Get your  
orders in today!  
(from Jan. 7 through Feb. 29)

Sign up now for the **FULL LUNCH** program and  
save \$30 for the rest of this period.

**Jan. 7 through Feb. 29, 2008**

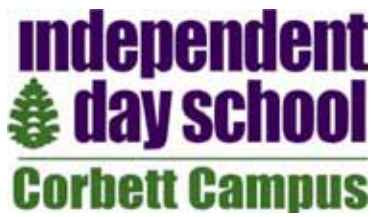
With school favorites like Mac n' Cheese, Hearty Lasagna, Grandma's Meatloaf, and Grilled Cheese with Tomato Bisque being served this month, now is the time to add IDS lunches to your child's daily routine. All of these delicious meals are made fresh daily and accompanied by salad, fresh fruit and/or fresh vegetables. At \$4.00 a meal you can feel good about what your child is putting in his/her body.

***Save \$30***

- **WONDERFUL**  
**PRODUCE**
- **FRESH HOT**  
**MEALS**
- **HEALTHY**
- **DELICIOUS**



To order, please sign the back of this form. Return the form in your Thursday folder and we will call you. *For further questions, please contact Billie Valloreo at (813) 961-3087 x391.*



***YES* \_\_\_\_\_, PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR THE FULL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SAVE \$30.00 FROM JANUARY 7 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2008.**

**PARENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** FL **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST NUMBER(S) TO REACH ME:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_





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