

HEADS' LETTER

JANUARY 13, 2011



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY MONDAY, JANUARY 17



On Monday, January 17, the Federal holiday to honor Martin Luther King will be observed. It is a great day to have family discussions with our children about tolerance, holding tight to great dreams, cherishing the importance of human rights, and valuing the U.S. gift of freedom for all. School will resume on Tuesday, January 18 for a big week combining traditions, innovations and routines! Remember that January 18th is the school-wide spelling bee at 9:00 a.m. (See page 4 from January 6th Heads' Letter for specifics.)

SCIENCE CLASS MEETS UP WITH RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM for MIDDLE SCHOOL EGG DROP REPORTED BY 7TH GRADER SYDNEY PETTY



Independent Day School's Middle School Egg Drop is truly a day to remember. On January 12, 2011, 60 seventh graders made the trip to Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Whether you are watching or participating in the egg drop, it is always fun for everyone. The seventh grade students create their own containers in order to protect an egg from a thrilling drop of 29 meters. The containers were simply brilliant. The Egg Drop project helps seventh graders understand and reflect on their INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE unit question related to human ingenuity: "What are the consequences of man's creations?" It also helps teach them how to use their minds to problem solve and be creative through the Design Cycle, also part of the IB-Middle Years Program.

One by one, the containers dropped, and there were a huge number of victories. Almost half of the seventh grade ended up getting together for a survivor photo. I can say that everyone had fun while doing it, and hopefully the next one will be just as electrifying.

Science Teacher Ms. Robinson was overjoyed with the results and said, "I was so impressed by the ingenuity shown by these students. Their containers were truly outstanding! We had one of the largest percentages of survivors I have ever seen. The trip was a huge success and I can't wait to see what these students do in eighth grade when physics concepts are added to increase the complexity of the project."

BRILLIANT BUGS CONNECT with HOSA

IDS parent, PJ Goetz, sponsors the HOSA Club (Health Occupation Students of America) at Wharton High School. She brought four of her nursing students to share knowledge with the Brilliant Bugs on Wednesday as part of their preparation for regional HOSA competitions. The HOSA club helps high school students develop leadership skills that support their success in their future careers as healthcare professionals. The Wharton students, Britny Coppedge, Alica Gant, Gabrielle Ramirez and Hanan Tamari, worked on team work & time management skills while preparing to teach a health concept. They prepared the lesson plan over the last few weeks to teach the Brilliant Bugs how germs gain entry into the body as well as prevention methods. The lesson also included goodie bags filled with Band-Aids and face masks to help reinforce the learning objective. The bugs really showed their brilliance by scoring perfectly in a bean bag toss game the Wharton Students made for their lesson. The bean bags represented the germs and the wooden board cut out represented the "portal or entries". The Brilliant Bug Teachers, Jennifer Jones and Sammi Borsch were totally impressed with the joy and skill of their visiting high school students.

IDS SCIENCE FAIR: 2011

The IDS Science Fair on the east side, once again totally impressed the judges and visitors. Science is so important at IDS and for the future! BRAVO to all the students who participated. We are totally thankful for our volunteer judges who include **Dr. Mark Stewart, PhD.** – USF Professor of Geology, Alum parent and Board member; **Gery Morey** – Middle School Science Teacher and **Heather Robinson**, - Middle School Science Teacher.

FIFTH GRADE students are to be congratulated because all students successfully completed a required individual science fair project. They demonstrated the ability to understand the scientific method through a hands-on experience. All fifth grade students were expected to complete a research-background paper and their logs reflect the detail of their scientific investigation. YEAH – FIFTH GRADERS! Fifth grade students selected to represent IDS at the Hillsborough County Science Fair are:

Kristin Astell (5th): *Home on the Wireless Range* - The purpose of this experiment is to investigate whether using a reflector can increase the wireless network range in parts of my house and reduce the wireless network range outside of my house.

Emma Friedman (5th): *Expect the Unexpected* - The purpose of this experiment is to find out how well people multitask.

THIRD and FOURTH GRADE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

THIRD and FOURTH GRADE students are to be commended for volunteering to go above and beyond expectations by accepting the challenge and initiative to complete a science fair project before Fifth Grade. Students could choose to do a group or individual project. The following students will be representing IDS as third and fourth graders at the 2011 Hillsborough County Science Fair in February:

THIRD GRADE: **Carl Bertolino (3rd)** was selected to be a representative for his project: *Does Rocket Nozzle Diameter Affect Rocket Performance?* - The purpose of the experiment was to find out whether or not the size of a rocket nozzle affects the altitude the rocket can achieve and the duration of the flight from liftoff to landing. Although a brilliant project, the County Fair does not allow the use of fire. Carl is now looking to submit his work to NASA.

Christian Bulnes (3rd): *Enamel Eroding Drinks* - The purpose of this experiment is to determine which everyday drink causes the highest level of enamel erosion.

Kaylee Stadick (3rd MA): *Does Changing the Temperature of a Florescent Rock Change its Light Emission?* - The purpose of this experiment is to find out if a change in temperature affects the light emission of a fluorescent rock.

Rachel Lykins (3rd): *Speed Racer* - The purpose of this experiment is to find out if the texture of an inclined surface affects how far a matchbox car will roll down it. She was selected as an alternate.

FOURTH GRADE: **Charles Lee-Rossing (4th MA):** *How Does Sand and Soil Mixture Affect the Growth of Radishes?* - The purpose of this experiment is to find out how the mixture of sand and soil affects the growth of radishes.

Ella Choi (4th MA): *Do Tall People Walk Faster Than Short People?* - The purpose of this experiment is to see if a taller person takes fewer steps than a shorter person walking the same distance.

GROUP PROJECTS

THIRD GRADE GROUP: **Emily Barron and Sheila Kratzer:** *The Affect of Oil on Water Plant Oxygen Production* - The purpose of this experiment is to determine if an oil spill in the ocean will affect the health of water plants. They became interested in this topic because of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and wondered how it would affect the water plant growth in our waters.

(MA) FOURTH GRADE GROUP: **Marcos Arias and Lorenzo Largent:** *Where is My Vitamin C?* - The purpose of this experiment is to find out which type of orange juice has the highest level of vitamin C.

FOURTH GRADE GROUP: **Anthony and Matthew Ceresoli:** *Can the Color of Your House Reduce Your Energy Bill?* - The purpose of this experiment is to find out if different exterior paint colors affect the inside temperature of a building or home.

CLASS PROJECTS

PREK4: *Things That Make You Go MMMMMM*” - The purpose of this experiment is to see which color was most common in the medium M&M bag.

KINDERGARTEN: *Help Our Flowers Grow* - The purpose of this experiment is to find out if carnations last longer in cold water or warm water.

MULTI-AGE (BRILLIANT BUGS): *“Will Raisins, Craisins, Lentil Beans or Macaroni Noodles “Jump” the Most in Seltzer Water?”* - The purpose of this experiment is to determine which item would rise and fall the most in carbonated water.

MULTI-AGE (COOL CATS): *Ice Cube Meltdown* - The purpose of this experiment is to find out which material will keep an ice cube frozen the longest.

MIGHTY MONKEYS: *Burn, Baby Burn!* - The purpose of this experiment is to see if the color of a candle affects the rate at which it burns.

PFA NEWS

IDS STEPS UP IN THE SEASON OF GIVING! Our Corbett Campus rallied in December and the PFA was able to deliver many boxes of household items, canned goods, and \$775 worth of gift certificates to *The Spring of Tampa Bay*. Our donations helped contribute to victims of domestic violence working to regain independence, dignity and self worth. We helped to brighten the holiday for others, thanks to the generosity of our terrific families. We received a wonderful thank you for our efforts.



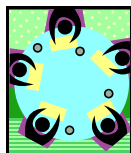
SUPERHEROES, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



Superhero Spectacular (BIG EVENT) is coming to IDS on Saturday, March 19, 2011
EVERY penny from this event benefits EVERY student on campus. So get your cape ready and remember to:

- ★ Keep those fantastic auction items rolling in! If each family donates two items (big or small) to the general auction, our event will be SUPER!
- ★ Underwrite the event for the ultimate opportunity for your business to network with families at IDS! See the form enclosed in this week's Thursday Folder!
- ★ Send in your RSVP as soon as your invitation arrives. It is coming soon. Your ticket will include a DELICIOUS surf & turf dinner, drinks, and admission to the live and silent auctions followed by dancing!
- ★ Encourage your kids to enter the catalog cover contest. The guidelines are available in the office, and time is ticking. Each entry is printed on every catalog, giving each child a chance to really shine!
- ★ Buy your TCO (Tuition Credit Opportunity). Every superhero could benefit from winning a \$5,000 credit towards next year's tuition!

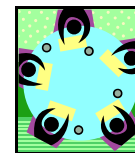
We meet each and every Wednesday morning at drop-off until the Big Event. Please join us for a meeting – you can attend ONE or ALL meetings! We are delighted to welcome you to the planning fun!



BIG EVENT MEETINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8:15 AM IN THE GRAND ROOM IN THE NEW BUILDING

Call your Big Event Chairperson to ask questions or get involved!

Thanks! Julie Salek (813) 382-2525.



IDS PARENT NETWORKING NIGHT – “INSIGHTS INTO SOCIAL MEDIA” On **February 8, 2011** (@ IDS Corbett Campus 6:00 to 8:00 pm) Vanessa Avilés, from Ad Partners, Inc. will conduct a seminar that will be a look into how small businesses can *supercharge their marketing efforts by leveraging social media*. Business owners will learn some background on social media trends along with a brief overview on the most popular social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, blogs and more. In addition, participants will be provided the basis on how to craft a simple strategy to get started online quickly. Please contact Stewart Friedman at (813) 220-0336 or email at stewart@MaxxPaymentSolutions.com to register for this event. (Include your name, business name, contact number and email address)

IDS YARD SALE - JANUARY 22, 2011 - 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM - It's getting closer! You still have time for your annual Spring Cleaning so you can bring in the items to us! This fundraiser will help support the 8th grade who is also providing a Car Wash, Bake Sale, and Cook Out to make the most of Saturday, January 22! Tell your friends to join us on Saturday and please remember that there will be a white pick-up truck parked outside the front office every day for easy donation drop-offs! The truck will also be available during the day and at pick-up time. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Salek, Yard Sale Chair, at (813) 382-2525.

BOOSTERS SCORE MEGA POINTS with the ANNUAL SPORTS STUDENT/FACULTY CHALLENGE held on Friday, January 7.

It was a GREAT success with lots of fun, friends, and games! After enjoying a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Garret & our catering team along with yummy deserts donated by many IDS families, the fun began. The 8th grade girls' volleyball and the 8th grade boys' basketball teams each took on the faculty in what proved to be very exciting games.

The half time entertainment was provided by the Community School of the Arts Dance Team and a joint performance with the Mini Cheerleaders & Middle School Cheerleaders. This event was made possible with the help of many volunteers including Dawn Skalnik, Cindy Wendell, Ivy Peterson, Heather Lee, Julie Salek, Carol Murphy, Vera Murphy Trayner, Brenda Okulski, Carol Berlet, Kim Rogers, DeeDee Swope, Cheryl Forehand, Paige Williams and Debbie Shamley.

The event was captured in pictures by our own parent photographer Doyle Harrell. The pictures can be viewed and purchased at www.zero1photo.com. KUDOS goes to Lisa Herscovici, our Boosters Chair, for coordinating this AMAZING event! Her hard work and dedication to IDS was visible all night as our IDS families enjoyed one of the greatest family fun nights of the year! THANK YOU LISA!!!!

The PFA extends a special thank you to Zealand Shannon, Alum 2010, who emceed the entire event. His play by play commentating added a professional flair to the games, while giving the shout-outs and making all of the announcements. Way to go ABOVE and BEYOND Zealand!!

In addition to the Student-Faculty games, there were also hula hoop contests and shooting contests! The Hula Hoop Contest winners were: Sophia Kaminski (Primary Division), Emily Barron (Intermediate Division), Alexis Karpodinis and Jonah Kornberg (both Middle School Division). Colton Salek was the big shot winner for Primary Division and Ahmad Everett made a 3-point shot to win for Intermediate Division. Thanks to ALL the contestants for making this a FUN competition!

The evening really was a blast. Our teachers and staff really deserve a standing ovation for facing our very fit and well-coached athletes. They fought hard with fun and fanfare and were terrific sports. We are blessed to have an amazing faculty with a great team spirit. Thanks to one and all.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Congratulations to sixth graders Alivia Abraham, Emily Baruch, Olivia Ferrone, Maggie Murphy and Hannah Starnes for winning the H.C. United U-12 Division Championship soccer title last Saturday. Their team, The Punishers, finished the season with a record of 9-0. Way to go, girls!!



REMINDERS



- ☺ Thank you for keeping the Annual Giving donations "rolling in."
- ☺ Re-enrollment contracts are due on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.



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

independent day school Corbett Campus



January 22, 2011 • 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

It's back, and just in time for your annual Spring Cleaning! Clean out your closets, and bring in the items to us! This fundraiser makes a ton of easy money for IDS, AND it helps you make more space in your home!

Also, make plans to stop by to shop and take advantage of the Car Wash, Bake Sale, and Cook Out we are adding this year!

There will be a white pick-up truck parked outside the front office every day starting January 10 for easy donations! Just pull up after dropping off your kids and unload your items! The truck will also be available during the day and at pick up times as well for your convenience.

Additionally, we will be available to pick up large items, like appliances and furniture, from your home on January 20. The schedule will depend on the number of families using this service, so please look forward to a call on January 19 confirming your time for the following day.

Remember to DONATE, DONATE, DONATE!

✂ ✂ PLEASE RETURN THIS TO THE IDS OFFICE ✂ ✂

Name: _____ Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Yes! I will drop off items in the white truck for the Yard Sale!

Yes, I need the truck to come to my house to pick up LARGE items!

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION: TRAVEL BEYOND OUR BORDERS
Madrid, Spain – Friday, March 25 – Friday, April 8, 2011



January 13, 2011

Dear IDS Fifth Grade and Middle School Families:

The future may require bilingual and multilingual skills as a way of life. Languages are now a vehicle for attaining life's goals.

With that mission in mind, the Spanish Department at IDS is happy to coordinate an opportunity to take classroom learning to real life experiences. This is an extension of our world languages program at IDS that offers Spanish to primary (K-2nd) students twice a week for 30 minutes, intermediate (3rd – 5th) students twice a week for 45 minutes and middle school students 45 minutes three to four classes per week. Other language opportunities such as Chinese, French and Italian are offered as afterschool activities and/or middle school electives or clubs.

On March 25 through April 8, 2011 (includes the week of Spring Break and the following week), students and teachers will travel for the second time to stay with host families from the prestigious private school Colegios Ramón y Cajal in Madrid, Spain.

The typical day for students will consist of classes with a host buddy, several afternoon excursions specifically designed to acquaint them with the history and surrounding areas of Madrid, and living with a family from Ramón y Cajal in the same grade level. There will also be time built into the schedule to allow for students to complete regular IDS course work provided by their teachers. **The cost per student is \$2,500.**

To move forward in making arrangements with Colegios Ramón y Cajal, we need your commitment. **A \$1000 non-refundable deposit per person made payable to IDS is due by Thursday, January 20.**

Below you will find the installment schedule for this invaluable experience. Please submit your deposit to the middle school office: **Attention: Odette Figueruelo.**

Installment Schedule:

January 20	\$1000 non-refundable deposit for airfare and trip excursion deposits
February 10	Partial payment due \$750 per student
February 25	Final payment due \$750 per student

**NOTE: Only personal expense money is needed. Everything is included.

We hope you will consider this Study Tour program to one of the most exciting cities in the world and to a real-life Spanish school!

Gracias,

Cathy Clark

Señorita Clark
Spanish Teacher (7th & 8th)

Odette Figueruelo

Señora Figueruelo
Spanish Teacher (1st – 6th)

Sonia Morgan

Señora Morgan
Spanish Teacher (K – 6th)

Please return the following in your child's Thursday Folder by Friday, January 14.

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

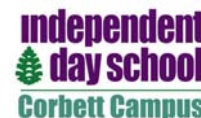
We are committed to giving our child this exciting Study Tour to Spain. **Our non-refundable deposit will be submitted by Thursday, January 20.**

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

"To have another language is to possess a second soul." -Charlemagne

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR IDS STUDY TOUR
TO COLEGIOS RAMON Y CAJAL, SPAIN
Friday, March 25 – Friday April 8, 2011**



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – Depends on School Activities that Week

Friday, March 25	Depart Tampa
Saturday, March 26	Arrival in Madrid & Welcome at Airport from Host Families
Sunday, March 27	Free Day with Host Families
Monday, March 28	Morning classes with host student (WELCOME) Afternoon Panoramic Visit of Madrid and Walking Tour
Tuesday, March 29	Full day at school with host student Afternoon meetings with IDS teachers
Wednesday, March 30	Arrival at School Depart for full day Guided visit in Toledo , the former capitals of the Spanish Empire and place of coexistence of Christian, Jewish and Muslim cultures
Thursday, March 31	Full day at school with host student Afternoon meetings with IDS teachers
Friday, April 1	Arrival at School Depart for full day tour of the magnificent Segovia Roman aqueduct and magical Alcázar castle-palace
Saturday, April 2 – Sunday, April 3	More Fun Days with Host Families
Monday, April 4	Arrival at School Depart for Guided visits to Real Madrid Soccer Stadium and the Royal Palace Attend afternoon school classes with host students
Tuesday, April 5	Full Day at school with host student Afternoon meetings with IDS teachers
Wednesday, April 6	Arrival at School Depart for Guided visit to the famous Museo del Prado and picnic and boating with IDS teachers at Parque del Retiro Attend afternoon school classes with host students
Thursday, April 7	Full Day at school with host student Afternoon meetings with IDS teachers
Friday, April 8	Arrival at School (FAREWELL) Depart to Tampa in the morning

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

January 17-21

Daily Sports Hotline: 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 1/17	Off	Student Holiday	Off			
Tues. 1/18	Off	Athletes' Day Off	Off			
Weds. 1/19	4:00	Girls B-Ball-Green Team	Berkeley Prep	Berkely Prep	7:00	P/U Middle School Gym
	5:00	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	Berkeley Prep	Berkely Prep	7:00	P/U Middle School Gym
	4:00	Boys B-Ball-Silver Team	Berkeley Prep	Middle School Gym	5:00	
	4:00	Boys B-Ball-Green Team	Berkeley Prep	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	5:00	Boys B-Ball-Purple Team	Berkeley Prep	Corbett Hall	6:00	
	4:00	Cheerleading	Berkeley Prep	Corbett Hall	6:00	
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Track & Field	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	P/U Middle School Gym
Thur. 1/20	Off	Girls B-Ball-Green Team	Off			Season is over
	4:30	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	Tampa Prep	Middle School Gym	5:30	
	3:30	Boys B-Ball-Silver Team	Tampa Prep	Middle School Gym	4:30	
	3:30	Boys B-Ball-Green Team	Tampa Prep	Corbett Hall	4:30	Season Ends
	4:30	Boys B-Ball-Purple Team	Tampa Prep	Corbett Hall	5:30	
	Off	Cheerleading	Off			
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Track & Field	Practice	Soccer Field	4:45	Parent Meeting (8th grade common)
Fri. 1/21	3:00	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	Practice	Middle School Gym	4:30	Sharing the Gym
	3:00	Boys B-Ball-Purple Team	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Middle School Gym	4:30	Sharing the Gym
	4:30	Cheerleading	Practice	Middle School Gym	6:00	
	3:00	Track & Field	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	P/U Middle School Gym

Sat. 1/22	9:00	Wrestling	Indian Rocks Christian	Indian Rocks Christian	TBA	
Sun. 1/23	TBA	Orange Jam Comp.	Competition	Fla. State Fairgrounds	TBA	

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Corbett Campus
DIRECTIONS

BERKELEY PREP SCHOOL: 4811 Kelly Rd. Tampa, 885-1673.

Dale Mabry south to the Hillsborough exit. Take a right onto Hillsborough at the end of the ramp. Left onto Kelly Road (TJ Maxx and Mobil station on the corner). The school is on the left.

FOREST HILLS TRACK: 2 miles south on Orange Grove Drive. Left at the stop sign (driving from IDS, 4th stop sign). Right into the parking lot.