

HEADS' LETTER

January 15, 2004

“COFFEE TALK with JOYCE”

January 22nd 8:10 AM IDS THEATRE/TRAINING CENTER

Come and join your Headmaster for an update on happenings around IDS, a chance to be in “the know” and an opportunity to get your questions answered! It’s always fun, informative and worthwhile. See you there.

TWO NEW RESIDENTS JOIN IDS FACULTY

The opportunity to study with IDS master/mentor teachers makes a residency at IDS a dream come true for our two new residents. We welcome **SAMMI CLARK** to the Primary Multi-Age Brilliant Bugs to team up with Michele Carlo and Jennifer Jones, and **JASON LEVY** to our Social Studies Department to study under the supervision of Linda Boza and Barbara Grady. Ms. Clark graduated with a BS in Education from Appalachian State University, NC. She is also a proud alum of IDS who has returned because her own IDS teachers inspired her. Welcome home, Sammi!

JASON LEVY is a SunCoast Area Teacher Training Honors Program (SCATT) graduate from the University of South Florida, College of Education in Social Studies. He comes from the business world and brings experience in broadcasting to our WIDS Television Studio. He is very enthusiastic about working with our students and teachers!

POETRY ALIVE

Held in Corbett Hall for Grades 3 thru 8

Corbett Hall was alive with an appreciation of poetry involving our students in the process. Dramatic interpretation of poetry was presented by a national poetry troupe brought here by our Middle School to share with grades 3 thru 8. The IDSers were enamored with the presenters, who captured their attention expertly.

Following the performance, interactive workshops were held in the three 8th grade classes to provide another soaring learning opportunity in English for our eighth graders!

IDS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE WITH USF DNA PROJECTS

The 7th graders will participate in a competition for art and design sponsored by University of South Florida to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the discovery of DNA! This comes as a result of their trip to USF before the Winter Break, when they visited three USF labs to learn about graphic design and how scientists work with genetics. Last week Preston Poe, a USF art instructor, visited IDS and helped each 7th grade student create a crayon design depicting DNA. Graphic images will be created from the students’ artwork and entered into the competition.

USF hosts the **AWARDS CEREMONY** for this competition. All IDS students and parents are invited to attend.

WHEN: Thursday, January 22nd from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

WHERE: University of South Florida Fine Arts and Humanities 101

WHAT: From 7:30 – 9:00pm Eduardo Kac will speak on the subject of his most recent work in Biotechnology.

This DNA Art Show is a **ONE NIGHT ONLY** opportunity to see **IDS STUDENTS’ ARTWORK DISPLAYED** and to hear a world-renowned expert discuss the latest in biotechnology and art. There will be an exhibition and a reception with refreshments following the speaker. Call Gery Morey for more information 961-3087 ext. 360.

REFLECTIONS CONCERT Sunday, January 25th at 3:00 PM
Help Grow and Enliven the Brain
Share a Family Day and Expose Your Children to the JOY of the ARTS

The second of three in our **REFLECTIONS** Concerts series will take place in the IDS Theatre/Training Center. This will be an outstanding afternoon for family entertainment.

The program is “Trio of Trios” featuring professional chamber musicians. Compositions by Bartok, Glinka and Ives will be interpreted on violin, clarinet, bassoon and piano.

The doors of the theatre will open at 2:30; Tickets are \$5.00.



***PARENTNET* for PRIMARY GRADES: DATE CORRECTION**
Tuesday, January 27th 8:15 AM

You will love ParentNet! Non-stop talk about children, and examples of how we can learn from each other as well as parents leading and facilitating each other! Everyone who attends learns, enjoys and finds value! Each session our numbers are growing.

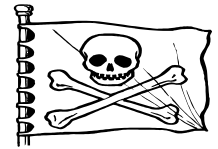


SQUARE 1 ART FUNDRAISER

Please take a moment to look at the free magnet that was created with your child’s beautiful artwork. *Square 1 Art* is a new fundraiser to IDS that supports the Fine Arts Department. These packets are only enclosed in the Thursday folders of Pre-K thru 5th Grade students. These make great gifts for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Teachers, and Grandparents. Order forms need to be returned by Monday, January 26th. If you have any questions call Kim Karpodinis -- 991-7925.



Shiver Me Timbers!



AAARGH, ME HEARTIES! Your Captain Crew has been gathering exciting Pirate Booty for your treasure chest! Here are a few items we will be auctioning off at The Big Event!

HEADMASTER FOR THE DAY: *Have your child "Lead the School!" Every Headmaster of the Day remembers this as an experience of a lifetime. There will be three Headmasters of the Day: Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School. Bid on this item at the LIVE AUCTION.*

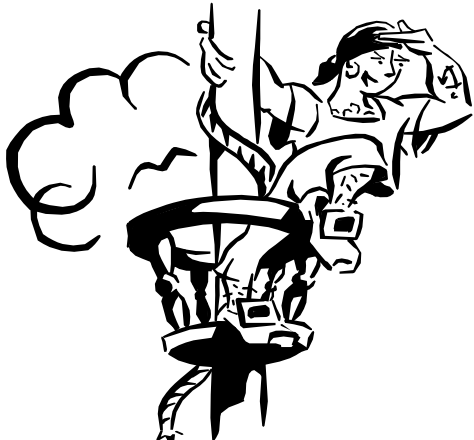
BIG EVENT PARKING SPACE: *Have you ever thought to yourself "we have to hurry to school so we can get a good parking space?" Plan ahead: Just bid on the Big Event Parking Space that will be reserved just for you on any particular month! Bid on this item in the SILENT AUCTION.*

QUEEN/KING OF THE CARPOOL: *It would sure be nice to pull into the driveway at pickup time and go straight to the front of the line instead of waiting in the line! Well, whoever wins Queen/King of the Carpool can do just that! Imagine going right to the front of the line and pick up and drop off right away! Remember, if you see someone go straight to the front of the line, they paid for that privilege, and you can too! Bid on this item in the SILENT AUCTION!*

CLASS BASKETS: *Each class will be putting together a "basket" that will be auctioned off at the Big Event. The basket is actually a large display of items revolving around a particular theme. This is always a large moneymaker for the school. Please donate to your child's class basket.*

CLASS CREATIONS: *Each class or grade, as a group, will be making a "creation" that will be auctioned off at the Big Event. All the children in the class participate in the creation. Be the lucky parent that takes home this PRICELESS item for their child!*

FROM THE IDS STAFF: *Children love to spend time with their teachers. IDS teacher donations are very popular items on which to bid. Examples of teacher donations include taking students on a picnic, a trip to the movies or bowling, or to lunch. Be on the outlook for exciting teacher donation announcements!*



SIGN UP ITEMS: *The very successful sign up section of the Event is BACK! Some exciting sign up items already donated include the Corbett Hall Sleepover, A Regatta Dinner Evening at the beautiful Iannacio Home in South Tampa, A Wine and Cheese tasting at the Museum of Art courtesy of the some generous IDS families, and MUCH MORE!*

AYE, LANDLUBBERS! Get your Big Event Donations and Auction forms turned in. The deadline is **February 6!**
Call your Pirate Crew if you have any questions!

Julie Brown Salek 382-2525 Nancy Mezo 334-8852 Mari Beth Langston 323-2402

• PARENT /TEACHER CONFERENCES

Today And Friday (Specials Teachers will be available 12-5 Thursday & 9-1 Friday)

• SCHOOL HOLIDAY: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, January 19th

• SCHOOL RESUMES

Tuesday, January 20th 8:00 AM

REMINDERS and KEY DATES

- Lunch forms are due by today in order to insure having a school lunch beginning February 2.
- IDS Reenrollment Contracts are due February 1 for 2004-2005
- LOST AND FOUND: Beautiful clothes are ending up in our lost and found. **PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS** so that they may be easily returned.

January 27 *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 Especially for Parents: “**MAKING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL**” presented by Dr. Joyce Burick Swartzman. Outsiders welcome at \$20.00 per person. Free to IDS parents!

March 13th **BIG EVENT!!** Get ready Mateys for a Night of Nights!

Catch the Spirit with IDS!