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Corbett Campus**

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**HEADS' LETTER**

**JANUARY 19, 2012**

**ANNOUNCING TOMORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20,  
IDS FIELD DAY 2012 - SPIRIT DAY WEAR REQUIRED**

**Wear an IDS t-shirt or polo shirt to participate!**

**FIELD DAY IS AN AWESOME TRADITION!**

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: January 26 is a half-day for students and January 27 is a student day-off school for conferences.** Thanks to all of our families who have already booked their conferences. **Some of the conferences will be student-led and students will be required to be present for your scheduled times.** Please check with your teachers for conference expectations. Teachers will be discussing:

1. student strengths and areas of excellence,
2. areas to stretch students for even higher expectations, and
3. goals for upcoming months.

Please note that Extended Day will offer a complimentary service to watch our IDSers for parents who have multiple conferences or need childcare for a **SHORT PERIOD** during a conference. To use this complimentary opportunity, parents are **required** to sign their children in and out of Extended Day.

**REMINDER: NOON DISMISSAL THURSDAY, January 26, 2012: Extended Day** will be provided on Thursday, January 26, 2012, 12:00 until 6:00 p.m. Activities will be based in the Extended Day Room and an afternoon snack and juice will be provided. The cost for the afternoon will be \$15.00, regardless of the length of stay (except for those on the Yearly-Extended Day plan). **NOTE: PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND A LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD IF HE/SHE WILL BE STAYING FOR EXTENDED DAY.** Parents interested in this special Extended Day session on Thursday, January 26, 2012, need to REGISTER by phone at (813) 961-3087, or in person in the office by Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

**ONLY 12 MORE DAYS UNTIL FEBRUARY 1.** This is a gentle reminder to review, sign, and return your contracts along with the \$750 non-refundable deposit for the 2012-2013 academic year by February 1 to reserve your classroom spot for the coming year. **A STANDING OVATION** filled with appreciation to those of you who have already planned ahead to secure your place.

**IDS OPEN HOUSE – WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2012...** “Share the gift of an IDS Education” You will have the opportunity to share the GIFT of an IDS EDUCATION with your friends and family by informing them of our upcoming Open House for the 2012 - 2013 year. It will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.** If you have friends that you would like us to contact, please call Dr. Morrow, Director of Admissions, and she will be sure to welcome them to visit IDS for a personal tour or invite them to our Open House.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SUNCOAST AREA TEACHER TRAINING HONORS

**PROGRAM:** Interns from the SCATT program were hosted by IDS on Friday, January 13 as Dr. Swarzman dazzled them with the possibilities of how to adopt an Olympic Mentality in teaching. It was the perfect inspirational opportunity as they prepared to begin their full-time internship teaching the next week. These terrific and enthusiastic new teachers, who chose to go above and beyond through the SCATT program's training, toured the campus and then some even stayed to see the Brilliant Bugs perform their play called "*Heroes.*" When we see education through their eyes, we are always reminded of the gifts of an IDS education from their comments and appreciation.

**WELCOME TO IDS:** Two USF SCATT Honors students have joined us for their internships. Bryan McGraff, elementary education, joined the Fifth Grade team and Chris Ochoa, second generation Secondary Social Studies teacher, joined our Middle School Social Studies team with Mr. Freeman, Mr. Shoe and Mrs. Thomas.

**STANDING OVATION GOES TO THE *BRILLIANT BUGS!!*** Last Friday in the Farish Center, the *Brilliant Bugs* (Multi-Age first and second) took center stage to present their class play called *Heroes*. Their play goes along with their IB Unit called *Our Heroes*. The *Brilliant Bugs* totally astounded their audience with their ability to say their presentations so clearly, their total confidence, and their talent in mastering stage presence at such an early age. Congratulations to our teachers, Mrs. Borosh and Mrs. Jones, for their great guidance throughout the production. Joining their team for the rest of the year (as Mrs. Borosh prepares for maternity leave) is Ms. Elozory, a USF Master's Degree student, a SCATT graduate and IDS alum 2000.

**UPPER PRIMARY DOES IT AGAIN:** Combine two busloads of wonderful children, positive parent chaperones, and a captivating place to visit and what do you get?...A fabulous field trip to the Edison and Ford Estates in Fort Myers, Florida! Our Upper Primary students were impressive and proud to share all their previous in-school learning about Thomas Edison with their Edison tour guides. Each of the guides who worked with our students complimented them! One of our guides took the time at the end of our tour to share how impressed he was with our students' listening, paying attention, sharing information and asking questions! In other words...our students were putting the IB learner profiles of communicating, being knowledgeable and being an inquirer into action! Seeing Thomas Edison's laboratory, his winter home, and his prolific museum brought all of their learning to life.

Thomas Edison and Henry Ford are true examples of individuals that have made a positive impact on our society. Our IB unit "*Our Heroes*" will continue to explore this type of individual as we learn what qualities and characteristics make a person want to make a difference in the world. Who knows what inspiration our students will gain from this study? Perhaps we have a budding Thomas Edison in our midst...?

Thank you IDS teachers and parents for taking "*IDS on the road*" for an education that is dynamic and deepens the connections in learning.

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**IDS SCHOOL-WIDE THIRD ANNUAL SPELLING BEE: CONGRATULATIONS** to the **146 students** who participated in the **School-Wide Spelling Bee** on Tuesday, January 17. They were all winners in their willingness to go above and beyond and take on the spelling challenge. Each student was well-prepared for a Spelling Bee that looked and acted just like the real National Spelling Bee with all of the rules and regs adhered to with precision. Their classroom teachers had prepared them so well for how to ask for definitions, parts of speech or to use the word in a sentence, and of course they all wore their IDS "*presence and poise*" as well as their green polo shirts. The entire group was truly impressive and the competition was exciting right to the last minute. A huge applause of gratitude goes to Fourth grade *Going Places* teachers Kim Rostick and Allison Lester and second grade *Mighty Monkey*'s teacher Vickii Ausburn. They spread the spelling enthusiasm among the staff and students while spearheading and coordinating this event that hypes the excitement that comes from hard work in academic areas. Each year the number of participants has increased and the competition gets better and better.

**THE FINAL NINE SPELLERS WILL HAVE A SPELL-OFF ON FEBRUARY 3.** The winner will represent IDS at the Regional Spelling Bee. They are listed in alphabetical order: **Robby Burton** – Brilliant Bugs, **Seth Cashen** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, **Catie Clark** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, **Riju Datta** – 3/4 All-Stars, **Jack Griffin** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, **Tanner Heinberg** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, **Casey Nouss** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, **Rishi Padmanabhan** – 3/4 All-Stars, and **Sydney Stuckmann** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

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**A NIGHT WITH THE YANKEES:** A night off for our wonderful, hard working parents! Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday, March 12, join your coaches and teachers in raising funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class gift! ***Please see the enclosed lineup and ticket order form.*** Thank you to the coaches for joining with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to make this another spectacular school wide community sports happening!!!

# PARENT/FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWS AND REMINDERS BY PFA PRESIDENT, HEATHER LEE

**PFA NEWS: THANKS for SUPPORTING YOUR PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION MARKET DAY** – Order forms in this week’s Thursday folder. Order by January 31<sup>st</sup> for delivery on February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking for some easy, delicious, and economical options to serve to your family, take a look at this month’s Market Day order form (included in your folder today and available online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)). There is a great variety of frozen foods as well as pantry staples offered to meet all different taste preferences. The best part is that you get the convenience, and IDS receives profits! If you place orders of \$40 or more in the months of February, March, and April, you will receive a free cooler tote in May! Orders placed by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be delivered to school on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Feel free to contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at [vminick@hotmail.com](mailto:vminick@hotmail.com) or (813) 629-1630.

**EAST SIDE TASTY TREAT TUESDAYS** - Students in Pre-K3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will have the opportunity to purchase an ice cream treat every other Tuesday. All sale proceeds will benefit the 2012 Graduating Class Gift!! The next Ice Cream Treat Day will be Tuesday, January 24. Ice cream treats will be sold twice a month through March 6. Just bring in a \$1 every other Tuesday. If you have already sent in your pre-order, then your IDSers are already on our list to receive an ice cream treat.

**THE IDS-CC 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BIG EVENT “BLACK & WHITE GALA” IS COMING!** Mark your calendar to attend the school’s largest fund-raiser and “fun”-raiser on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)! Our Planning Committee is enthusiastic and determined to make this year’s Big Event a real success! They are IDS parents whose imagination, passion, contacts and resources help make the Big Event a great success every year. PLEASE JOIN THE FUN AT OUR NEXT BIG EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING!

- ★ **NEXT BIG EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW!!! – Friday, January 20 -8:15-9:30 a.m.** All are invited to attend. Breakfast will be provided as we continue to brainstorm and plan this great event! The meeting will be held in the IDS Main Office on the second floor. Please contact Big Event Chair, Kerry Lather, at 813-508-1239 or [kerrylather@hotmail.com](mailto:kerrylather@hotmail.com) with any questions, or to be added to the Planning Committee e-mail distribution list.
- ★ **PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A SPONSOR OF THE BIG EVENT!** Sponsor the Big Event for the ultimate opportunity for your family or business to network with other families and IDS family-owned businesses! Our Big Event Sponsorship Opportunities brochure was sent home last month, outlining many opportunities to help support the Big Event. Sponsorships are still available beginning at \$150. Sponsorship forms were in last week’s Thursday folder and are available online at [http://idsyes.com/documents/01122012\\_HL\\_000.pdf](http://idsyes.com/documents/01122012_HL_000.pdf). Thank you to those families who have already committed to sponsoring the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Event “Black & White Gala”, including our Title Sponsor, the Andrew & Wendy Cohen Family!
- ★ **WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS TO THE LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION!** There is a place in the auction for all of your items, big or small. We rely on the generous donations of our parents, and their contacts and resources, to obtain our auction items. As a guideline, *each family is requested to bring in two auction items for the general auction*, in addition to contributing to the class donations coordinated by your RPCs. A copy of the donation form was in last week’s Thursday folder and is available online at [http://idsyes.com/documents/01122012\\_HL\\_000.pdf](http://idsyes.com/documents/01122012_HL_000.pdf). 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, restaurant gift certificates, movie passes, household items, trips, and much more. It is important to remember that items of small value are important because we often combine them and create great packages.
- ★ **LOOK FOR YOUR BIG EVENT INVITATIONS IN YOUR MAILBOX AT THE END OF JANUARY!** Please make sure to purchase your Big Event tickets as soon as your invitation arrives! Also, look for information within the invitation about limited-availability child care at MOSI, the IDS Kids “Little Big Event” for fun at MOSI!

**SAVE \$2.00 A DAY BY ORDERING CHEF GARRET'S HEALTHY LUNCH FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. GO TO <http://www.idsyes.com/lunch-program.html> ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.IDSYES.COM](http://WWW.IDSYES.COM) to be sure you make life easier with lunches already prepared at school. PLAN AHEAD AND SAVE.** If you buy partial lunch, you can also save \$1.00 a day.

**WE ACTUALLY DID IT: THE FIRST WARRIORS CURB SIDE DINNER SERVICE TO BENEFIT OUR PFA** was launched yesterday with our Catering Team. They are proud to present our new dinner service with the ability to serve hot nutritious meals every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday which began on January 18, 2012. For more information about the dinner selections and order form, please click on this link: <http://www.idsyes.com/PFAFundraiserCurbSideDinner.html> or call the office at (813) 961-3087. All proceeds will benefit our PFA.

**BREAKING NEWS CHEF GARRET RECEIVED RAVE REVIEWS FOR THE OPENING NIGHT OF OUR NEW PFA FUNDRAISER! AN EXAMPLE WAITING IN HIS EMAIL THIS MORNING:**

*"Chef Garret,*

*Wanted to let you know that tonight's dinners were wonderful!! Our son LOVED the chicken.... so refreshing to have it be healthy! My husband and I also thoroughly enjoyed our dinners and will be ordering again this for Thursday night.*

- Rustic Chicken with Herbs and pasta*
- Jumbo Shrimp Scampi and pasta and*
- Warriors' Chicken Tenders.*

*I will pick it up at 5:00 p.m. ...Thanks again..."*

## **EDU-TALK/TOUR OPTIONS WITH "DR. JOYCE"**

- 1. TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012, 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. IN THE GRAND ROOM or**
- 2. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012, 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. IN THE GRAND ROOM**

Join Dr. Swarzman, as we tour in-and-out of our classrooms and talk about why we do what we do. See the International Baccalaureate Program and the M.O.R.E. Model in action as well as how we tap in to the gifts and talents of our students. This is an opportunity to see what we say in action and on the spot. It's fun, informative and a great way to become even more knowledgeable. Coffee, juice, and breakfast foods will be awaiting your arrival at 8:00 a.m. and the *TALK and TOUR* will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Everyone learns soooooooooooooooooooooo much; those who put on their walking shoes and trek along with *Dr. Joyce* find every minute totally amazing! REALLY! Come and see for yourself...There's always more to learn.

## **COMMUNITY AD**

**If you are interested in running an advertisement in the Heads' Letter, please contact Celeste Ross at (813) 961-3087**



**A Great Install, Inc.**  
**Custom Cabinets Designed, Handcrafted, and Installed**

*IDS Family Owned and Operated*



Contact Joe Aulicino at (813) 760-4356 or [AGreatInstall@Gmail.Com](mailto:AGreatInstall@Gmail.Com) to discuss your cabinet needs.



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enclosures also  
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**BREAKFAST WITH THE ARTS**  
**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual IDS Pancake Breakfast**



**Saturday, February 4, 2012**  
**8:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Corbett Hall, IDS-CC**



**PRE-PURCHASE: \$7.00 (per adult) and \$5.00 (per child)**  
*All PRE-PURCHASE tickets will be distributed at the door*  
**COST AT THE DOOR: \$8.00 (per adult) and \$6.00 (per child)**

Featuring IDS students Pre-K3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade performing in bands, choruses, dramatic presentations, and hands-on art activities sponsored by the IDS Visual Arts Department!

**ADULT PORTION** includes four (4) 5” pancakes, syrup, two (2) sausages or bacon strips, with coffee, juice, and/or water.  
**CHILD PORTION** includes two (2) 5” pancakes, syrup, one (1) sausage or bacon strip, with coffee, juice, and/or water.

Proceeds benefit the IDS Fine Arts Division

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**Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of tickets:      Adult(s): \_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren): \_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL\$** \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_ **Yes! I am available to help volunteer for (choose one or more):**  
\_\_\_ **Set-Up** \_\_\_ **Serving** \_\_\_ **Cooking** \_\_\_ **Clean-Up**

Please contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_.

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# A Night With The Yankees

*A Night Off For Our Wonderful, Hard Working Parents!*



**VS.**  
**7:05pm**



**Monday, March 12th**

*Join Your Coaches & Teachers In Raising Funds For the 8th Grade Gift!*

**Your child's lineup for the evening:**

Inning	Position	Time	Event
1	M.S. Gym	2:55 - 3:00	Teachers escort students to M.S. Gym
2	M.S. Gym	3:00 - 4:00	Matball Game
3	Dean Dining Hall	4:00 - 4:45	Pizza and Drinks
4	Bus	4:45 - 5:15	Bus Ride to Stienbrenner Field
5	Steinbrenner Field	5:30 - 6:45	Autograph Seeking (bring memorabilia)
6	Steinbrenner Field	6:45 - 7:10	Concessions
7	Steinbrenner Field	7:10-10:00	New York Yankees vs. Houston Astros
8	Bus	10:00-10:30	Bus ride back to IDS
9	M.S. Gym	10:30	Approximate pick-up time at M.S. Gym

**Eligibility: 4th Grade and Up - Limited to First 40 Students**

*Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 9th*

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## **A Night With The Yankees - Entry Form**

**\$50 Per Student**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card / Check # / Check Enclosed :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Independent Day School and  
turn in to either the East or West side office**

# WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

Jan. 23 - Jan. 27, 2012

Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School playing	Location of game	Pick-Up	Pick Up/Comments
Mon. 1/23	3:00	Boys B-Ball-Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	Practice	Middle School Gym	5:00	
	3:00	Track & Field	Practice	Buchanan Field (IDS)	5:00	
Tues. 1/24	4:00	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	Berkeley Prep	Corbett Hall	5:00	Win & Play Wednesday
	5:15	Boys B-Ball Purple Team	Berkeley Prep	Corbett Hall	6:15	Win & Play Wednesday
	4:00	Cheerleaders	Berkeley Prep	Corbett Hall	6:15	
Wed. 1/25	TBA	Boys B-Ball-Purple Team	TBA	TBA	TBA	
	TBA	Girls B-Ball-Purple Team	TBA	TBA	TBA	
	3:00	Track & Field	Practice	Buchanan Field (IDS)	5:00	
Thurs. 1/26	Off	All Athletes	Off			
Fri. 1/27	Off	All Athletes	Off			

**Directions:**

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**End of season team celebrations: Please check next week's sports update to see information on team parties for basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading.**