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Corbett Campus**

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HEADS' LETTER

JANUARY 27, 2011

HEADMASTERS OF THE DAY: LEADERSHIP with PIZZAZZ:

In November, **Headmaster of the Day, Fourth grader All Star, Lorenzo Largent** brought a new dimension to leading the Monday Morning Assembly when he brought his Brazilian grandparents along with him during his big day. As he led the assembly with 600 students, teachers and guests, behind him on the big screen were his wonderful grandparents, aunt and uncle and two dogs sitting in their living room in So Paulo, Brazil. Thanks to Skype everyone met Headmaster Largent's family and heard them speak to one another in Portuguese. We were one big happy family. You can just imagine how proud his family in Brazil felt, as well as his parents and brother in Corbett Hall, watching Lorenzo lead the entire school with such great confidence while at the same time being well-prepared, relaxed, and in control.

This past Monday, the last Headmaster of the Day for this school year, **second grader Cool Cat, Kyle Morreale-Rosa** brought another new twist to his position at the helm of IDS. His contemporary suit, shirt, tie, and shoes brought admiration from the crowd while he led one of the longest assemblies ever at IDS. With poise, confidence and a presidential cadence in his speech, Headmaster Morreale-Rosa introduced one major achievement after another to congratulate IDSers for exemplary above and beyond efforts, hard work, and risk taking!

At the Monday Morning Meeting, Headmaster/Dr. Morreale-Rosa introduced:

*** Middle School teacher, Mr. Freeman, to tell us about the upcoming start of the Chinese New Year beginning February 3rd (the year of the rabbit);

*** Followed by Music Teachers Mr. Leblanc and Mrs. McBride sharing the excitement about the Florida Music Educators Association Conference held last week and introducing the students who performed after competing against over 700 students throughout the state of Florida. Two hundred made the cut including our own Fifth Graders Catie Clark, Noa Friedman, and Hannah Hill and 8th grader Jonah Watson.

*** Followed by recognition by Mrs. Rostick, Mrs. Ausburn and Ms. Lester, of the over 100 IDSers who competed in the school-wide spelling bee as well as congratulating the six finalists. (See Heads' Letter page 2, January 20 for specifics.) The spell off for the regional spelling bee will be in February.

*** Followed by a demonstration of the amazing talent and skills of our IDS competitive Middle School Cheerleaders who swept first place prizes last weekend at the Fairground Festival. Coach Jeanne Rivera and Coach Chris Thomas proudly sang the praises of how their Lady Warriors embraced the sport with true determination and team spirit! The stunts and routines demonstrated during the assembly showed why the cheerleaders were so successful earning them appreciation and admiration from their fellow IDSers...By the way, the team has been meeting almost every Saturday since early in the school year. Hard work does pay off...

*** Followed by Mrs. Ferlita who shared how overjoyed and proud she is of her competitive dance team that swept the competition at the same Fairground Festival last weekend. She recognized her IDS dancers and promised that they would perform in February for the whole school.

*** Followed by Brownie Troop 193 who shared the importance of water conservation through an energetic and fun poem that made the point. Their community service project is to remind all of us about ways that we can respect the usage of water.

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*** Followed by Middle School teachers Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Rivera, Mr. Vokoun and Mrs. Whittington telling how all 28 of their Thespians, who competed at the Regional Thespian competition, won the right to perform at the State Competition in two weeks. Everyone was recognized; **Seventh graders Jonah Kornberg and Alex Rivera** earned a **standing ovation** from the entire assembly after giving us a peek into why they earned the District's Critic's Choice Winning Award for **"The History of Video Games"**, which was their original pantomime and choreograph entry.

*** Followed by the celebration of January birthdays. Headmaster Dr. Morreale-Rosa surprised this year's Headmasters of the Day by inviting them (**Dina Al-Hassani (8th grade)**, **Ryan Kaliban (5th grade)**, and **Lorenzo Largent (4th grade)**) to join him in giving out birthday recognition, birthday ribbons and the "big hand high-5!"

*** Followed by what everyone waits for...the plans for the day by the Headmaster. It was a wonderful assembly led with distinction by our Headmaster Dr. Morreale-Rosa. Next year's Headmasters of the Day will be selected through the live auction at the **BIG EVENT: SPECTACULAR SUPER HEROES on March 19, 2011.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

IMPORTANT AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES REMINDER: SESSION FOUR BEGINS

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31! It's that time again already!! The Afternoon Activities Program is for our IDS students only: Their purpose is to provide an array of different choices to extend their learning opportunities with fabulous fun experiences. Be sure to reserve your spot. If you need another brochure, please go online to <http://idsyes.com/afterschool.html> or call the office, and we would be very pleased to send a brochure home with your child.



IDS SPELLING BEE: We look forward to the IDS school-wide Spell-off on February 1st! This is the culmination of 3 months of word study and practice, practice, practice. The top six spellers from the IDS school-wide Spelling Bee are: Riju Datta- 3rd/4th Multi-age All Stars, Ethan Heinberg- 6th, Rishi Padmanabhan- 2nd Brilliant Bugs, Zach Roberts-7th, Sydney Stuckmann- 4th, and Taylor Wooldridge-5th.



These spellers have been working hard all week spelling words from Greek, Italian, and even German word origins. Only one student will be able to represent IDS at the Regional Spelling Bee on March 5th in St. Petersburg. Upper Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School will be audience members at the Spell-off. Parents are welcome to attend. Let the spelling begin!

LANEY LIBRARY VOLUNTEER COFFEE: All parents interested in volunteering in the library or for our spring book fair are invited to a Library Volunteer Coffee. Please join us at our beautiful Laney Library on Tuesday morning, February 1, at 8:05 am to learn more about ways to be involved as a library or book fair volunteer!



ONLINE SAFETY: The date is set for Mr. Mel's Meetups' first adult technology workshop entitled, *Online Safety*. This training, the first in our new Adult Technology Series, will take place on Thursday, February 10 at 3:30 pm. The 2½ hour hands-on workshop is designed to educate parents on specific technology skills that can help keep their children safe. Topics will include Facebook privacy settings, Safari & Internet Explorer security controls and Mac and PC Parental Controls. The event is **complimentary for IDS Parents** and **SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 TO REGISTER**. See the enclosed flyer in this week's Thursday Folder or go to mrmelsmeetups.com to register.



IDS-CC ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA TO CHINA: Parents and students are welcome to join IDS this summer for an unforgettable and amazing experience as we travel across China. Our third annual trip will take place this summer from July 8th to July 22, 2011. For more information, please see the color brochure included in today's Thursday Folder or contact Middle School Teacher, Mr. Freeman at dfreeman@idsyes.com.





SEE PAGE FOUR NEW ABOUT THE BIG EVENT



PFA NEWS

IDS PARENT NETWORKING NIGHT – “BUSINESS INSIGHTS INTO SOCIAL MEDIA”:

FEATURED SPEAKER AND NETWORKING. 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).

PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION (PFA) MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – 8:05 am - 9:00 am

– Please join us for our February PFA Meeting. The whole IDS community is welcomed! Grandparents also! We will begin the meeting promptly at 8:05. We will meet in the Grand Room on the 2nd floor of the New Building. Items on our agenda include:



1. Big Event Planning and “sneak peek” of the FUN we have in store
2. Fine Arts Pancake Breakfast Update and Sign-Up
3. Networking Night Series UPDATE/INVITATION
4. Teacher Appreciation Week

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT MONTH! - Wednesday, March 2, 2011 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

By popular demand we will be holding an **EVENING PFA Meeting** for our March Meeting. Please join us Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 pm in the Grand Room on the 2nd floor of the New Building. We want to have a full house, so please mark your calendars to join us! Light hors d’oeuvres will be served. Please contact Heather Lee, PFA President, with any questions at (813) 966-9022.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Tallulah Nouss (3rd grade All-Star) was a scholarship finalist at the New York City Dance Alliance Regional Workshop this past weekend in Orlando! This workshop gives students the opportunity to take classes with Master teachers from New York and across the country. She had fun making new friends and learning new dance skills!

ENCLOSURES

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| a. IDS Annual Extravaganza to China | b. Adult Technology Series Meetup 1 |
| c. Big Event Underwriter Form | d. February Calendar |

BIG EVENT – SUPERHERO SPECTACULAR MARCH 19, 2011 CHECKLIST!!

- ☑ **DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT & LIVE AUCTION!!** Keep those fantastic auction items rolling in! If everyone secures (big or small) for the general auction, our event will be **SPECTACULAR!** Our auction includes ALL types of items and many different “price points”. In the past we have had autographed memorabilia, event tickets, books, art, jewelry, spa packages, dinner out, movie passes, household items, trips, etc..
- ☑ **BECOME AN UNDERWRITER!** Underwrite the event for the ultimate opportunity for your business to network with families at IDS! This is also a great way for individual families to show their **STRONG** support of IDS! **See the form enclosed in this week’s Thursday Folder!**
- ☑ **PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDENT COVER CONTEST!** Encourage your kids to enter the catalog cover contest. Entry form can be found on-line with last week’s Heads’ Letter at idsyes.com. Each entry is printed on every catalog, giving each child a chance to really shine!
- ☑ **BUY YOUR TUITION CREDIT OPPORTUNITY (TCO)!** Every superhero could benefit from winning a \$5,000 credit towards next year’s tuition! TCO form can be found online with last week’s Heads’ Letter at www.idses.com.
- ☑ **SEND IN YOUR RSVP AS SOON AS YOUR INVITATION ARRIVES!** Formal invitations will be coming soon! Watch out for Early RSVP ticket prices and a chance to participate in a raffle to win a **VERY SOUGHT AFTER PARKING SPACE** for the 2011-2012 school year!
- ☑ **JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO PLAN THIS GREAT EVENT!** Please join us for a Big Event Planning Meeting – you can attend **ONE** or **ALL** meetings!
- ☑ **COME ENJOY THE GREAT ENERGY AND PLANNING OF THIS COMMITTEE**



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 2nd!
We will meet at 8:15 am on the second floor of the New Building!
Call your Big Event Chairperson to ask questions or get involved!
Thanks! Julie Salek (813) 382-2525.

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

IDS is going to China

Summer 2011

Third Annual Student/Family trip

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Now Accepting Applications for China Trip!

Picture yourself tiptoeing through an imperial city that was once forbidden to anyone but royalty. Imagine yourself able to read a Chinese inscription carved into a temple wall over two thousand years ago. This summer IDS is proud to once again provide our students a cultural immersion trip to China. This 15 day adventure will include an exciting, interactive course in Mandarin Chinese that encourages participants to put their newly acquired language skills to work immediately. Explore China's ancient past and modern present as you journey through this inside look at how China is rapidly growing in importance to the world. This is a chance of a lifetime for those students who are interested in preparing themselves for the world of tomorrow.

Details



Dates: July 8th - July 22nd.

Who: The first 15 students grade 3 and up are invited to join us. Students in grade 3 through 5 are welcome to join us with at least one parent. Students in grade 6 and up may sign up without being accompanied by a parent and will be assigned to an IDS chaperone. Space is limited to the first 15 students.

Questions: Please direct further questions to the trip leader and language instructor, **Mr. Dave Freeman**, 6th grade Social Studies and Chinese teacher. dfreeman@idsyes.com



Highlights



- **Stand** at the Temple of Heavenly Peace and imagine what it was like to witness mass sacrifices.
- **Stroll** through a rice paddy barefoot and get a closer look at that lumbering water buffalo.
- **Ride** a petty cab through the narrow streets of the historic Hutong District.
- **Climb** the steps of the Great Wall and imagine life in China's imperial past.
- **Shop** till you drop down the famous street markets of Hong Kong.
- **Experience** the best that China has to offer via petty cab, turbo jet, ferry, overnight train, double-decker bus, cable car, mountain bike, raft, Chinese taxi, and possibly even a camel.

Estimated Cost of Trip:
\$3,900.00

Total cost of this trip is estimated at **\$2,600.00**. An additional **\$1,300.00** should be set aside for airfare. Therefore, the total fee includes domestic and international flights, transportation, lodging, food (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), transfers to and from airports and terminals within China, entrance fees, tour guides, language instructors, and chaperones. A spot on the trip will be reserved after your application has been approved and your deposit payment has been received.

Adult Technology Series

Meetup 1: Online Safety

You've always taught your kids to share and now it's your turn to learn. Raising your constantly connected "Digital Natives" brings many challenges, and our first Meetup is designed to help parents understand the technologies that are being used to share everything from words to photos to their privacy. Combining a lecture format with roundtable discussions, this workshop will address practical solutions for:

- Facebook Privacy Settings
- Safari & Explorer Security Controls
- Apple & PC Parental Controls

What you need to bring:

You can bring your own computer or one can be provided

What you get:

- Online access to Mr. Mel for follow-up support
- Official Mr. Mel's Meetups workbook

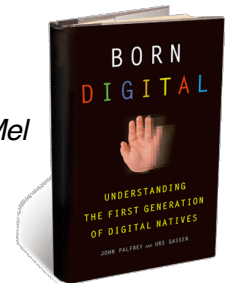
When: Thursday, February 10 from 3:30-6:00

Where: Mr. Mel's Computer Lab

Cost: Complimentary for IDS Parents



*Workshop is limited to the first 20 participants. Return this form to Mr. Mel or register online at mrmelsmeetups.com. Attendees who register by Jan 31 will receive access to online pre-workshop activity with free recommended reading excerpt from **Born Digital**. (Book will be available to participants for purchase at a discount.)*



Mr. Mel's Meetups are monthly 2-3 hour workshops designed to help parents learn technology that their kids already know. Those can range from strategic parenting concepts to practical computer knowledge. Topics are driven by the demand generated through online and offline discussions moderated by Mr. Mel.

Border-crossing, boundary-busting innovation that creates solutions to meet the needs of your organization.



To register go to mrmelsmeetups.com or return this form to Mr. Mel and he will follow up with you by e-mail with your pre-work materials.

Name _____

E-Mail _____



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BIG EVENT UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

The exciting underwriting benefits for this year's SUPERHERO SPECTACULAR are as follows:

"Legion of Superheroes"/TITLE SPONSOR: \$10,000

- Ten complimentary tickets to the Big Event and seats at a reserved table
 - Ten complimentary tickets to the Patron Party
- Corporation/ Family information displayed prominently throughout the Event
 - Full page ad in the event program catalog
 - Corporation/ Family information printed on an event tee-shirt distributed at the event to all guests in attendance
- Recognition on signage on Orange Grove Drive fence from March 2010-June 2010

"Justice League"/PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$5,000

- Ten complimentary tickets to the Big Event and seats at a reserved table
 - Ten complimentary tickets to the Patron Party
 - Full page ad in the event program catalog
 - Corporation/ Family information printed on souvenir mug distributed at the event to all guests in attendance
- Recognition at event and on signage on Orange Grove Drive fence from March 2010-June 2010

"Metropolis"/GOLD SPONSOR: \$2,500

- Six complimentary tickets to the Big Event and seats at a reserved table
 - Six complimentary tickets to the Patron Party
 - Half page ad in the event program catalog
- Recognition at event and on signage on Orange Grove Drive fence from March 2010-June 2010

"Fortress of Solitude"/SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,000

- Four complimentary tickets to the Big Event and seats at a reserved table
 - Four complimentary tickets to the Patron Party
 - Quarter page ad in the event program catalog
- Recognition at event and on signage on Orange Grove Drive fence from March 2010-June 2010

"Superhero Sidekick"/BRONZE SPONSOR: \$500

- Two complimentary tickets to the Big Event and seats at a reserved table
 - Two complimentary tickets to the Patron Party
 - Quarter page ad in the event program catalog
- Recognition at event and on signage on Orange Grove Drive fence from March 2010-June 2010

"Superhero"/PATRON SPONSOR: \$250

- Two complimentary tickets to the Big Event and seats at a reserved table
 - Two complimentary tickets to the Patron Party
 - Listed as Patrons in event program catalog
- Recognition at event and on signage on Orange Grove Drive fence from March 2010-June 2010

"Caped Crusader"/CLASSROOM SPONSOR: \$100

- Picture of the kids from your classroom dressed as superheros displayed and auctioned at event

Big Event 2011 - Superhero Spectacular - Underwriting Reservation Form

Name(s) as you would like it to appear on signage, screen, and catalog.

Also, please attach camera ready artwork.

Business/Family Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

_____ YES! I would like to be the exclusive ***Legion of Superheroes/ TITLE SPONSOR.***

A check for \$10,000 and my camera ready art work are enclosed.

_____ YES! I would like to be the exclusive ***Justice League/ PLATINUM SPONSOR.***

A check for \$5,000 and my camera ready art work are enclosed.

_____ YES! I would like to be a ***Metropolis/ GOLD SPONSOR.***

A check for \$2,500 and my camera ready art work are enclosed.

_____ YES! I would like to be a ***Fortress of Solitude/ SILVER SPONSOR.***

A check for \$1,000 and my camera ready art work are enclosed.

_____ YES! I would like to be a ***Superhero Sidekick/ BRONZE SPONSOR.***

A check for \$500 and my camera ready art work are enclosed.

_____ YES! I would like to be a ***Superhero/ PATRON SPONSOR.***

A check for \$250 and my camera ready art work are enclosed.

_____ YES! I would like to be a ***Caped Crusader/ Classroom Sponsor.***

A check for \$100 is enclosed.

_____ YES! I would like to donate to help underwrite The Big Event as a ***Teacher Sponsor.*** Please use my donation to provide admission to the Big Event for a teacher and guest.

Please make check payable and mail to:

Independent Day School
ATTN: Big Event
12015 Orange Grove Drive
Tampa, FL 33618

Questions? Please contact Big Event Chairperson Julie Salek 813-382-2525 jcsalek@hotmail.com

February

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 Spelling Bee Spell Off Day 3	2 Middle School Forensics Tournament 3:00 – 7:00 pm Day 4	3 PFA Meeting 8:15 am Third, 3/4 Multi-Age, and Fourth Grade Performs Peter Pan 9:00 am and 1:30 pm Day 5	4 Middle School Dance 7:00 – 10:00 pm  Day 1	5
6	7 Early Primary Happy  Day Middle School Thespian Showcase 7:00 pm Day 2	8 Edu-Talk/Edu-Tour 8:15 am PFA Parent Networking Night 6:00 – 8:30 pm Day 3	9 Multi-Age Cool Cats Drama Performance 9:30 am NOON DISMISSAL/ Extended Day Available Teacher In-Service Day *	10 PFA Hosts Sweet Spectacular for Teachers & Staff Mr. Mel's Meetup 3:30 pm Day 4	11 IDS hosts the 2011 Kagan Winter Academy Day 5	12 IDS hosts the 2011 Kagan Winter Academy
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20	21 Presidents Weekend School Holiday 	22 Day 5	23 IDS Field Day  Day 1	24 IDS Admissions Open House 8:30 – 10:00 am  Day 2	25 8 th Grade Drama Performance 8:30 am Hockey Night with IDS 3:00 – 10:00 pm Day 3	26
27	28 Day 4					

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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

Jan. 31 - Feb. 4, 2011

Daily Sports Hotline: 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 1/31	3:00	Boys Basketball-All Teams	Team Party	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Girls Basketball-All Teams	Team Party	Middle School Gym	5:00	Parents welcome..be prepared to play
	3:00	Track & Field Team	Practice	Soccer Field	5:00	
	3:00	Wrestling	Team Party	Ci Ci's Pizza	4:30	Bring \$6 for pizza!
Tues. 2/1	4:00	Girls Track & Field Team	Meet	Berkeley Prep	7:00	
Weds. 2/2	3:00	Track & Field Team	Practice	Soccer Field	5:00	
Thur. 2/3	4:00	Boys Track & Field Team	Meet	Berkeley Prep	7:00	
Fri. 2/4	3:00	Track & Field Team	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	

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. Enter school and head right follow to back of school. Track & Field stadium behind school and to the right.

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.