



## HEADS' LETTER

January 29, 2004

**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS  
TAKE THE LEADERSHIP IN PLANNING  
A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY TO HOST  
MULTICULTURAL DAY FOR PRE-K THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>**

On Friday morning, the middle school sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be host to the entire school on the Westside to provide stations representing various world cultures. For the last few weeks, along with our regular studies, the middle schoolers have integrated Social Studies, English, and Technology in preparation for presentations that will capture the interest of the students in grades Pre-K through 5. Art and Music classes also wove their themes around the celebration of diversity. P.E. classes researched games from other countries to teach younger students while also learning world games themselves.

Every middle schooler is presenting through a variety of stations showcasing dance, music, art, food, multicultural literature, games, artifacts, and clothing from cultures around the world. Primary classes will tour stations from 8:30 - 10:00 AM; Intermediate Division will tour from 10:15 - 11:25 AM.

**SIXTH GRADE SIMULATES MODEL UNITED NATIONS GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON MULTICULTURAL DAY...**

At 11:40, on Friday morning, the IDS sixth graders will participate in an event, which is one of the highlights of the sixth grade experience. Social Studies lessons come alive as students represent different countries and issues for debate in a mock UN Assembly. The audience observing the debates will be fifth, seventh and eighth graders. Sixth graders have been studying world issues and are prepared to make their cases in the middle school gym, which will be transformed into a UN General Assembly. Parents are invited.

**MULTICULTURAL DAY CULMINATES WITH *THE SALSA CALIENTE* DANCE TROUPE IN CORBETT HALL AT 2:00**

After a PowerPoint presentation about Hispanic Dance, *The Salsa Caliente Dance Troupe* will perform for the school. They will be the perfect finale to a day steeped in learning and appreciation for diversity... OLE!

## **SQUARE 1 ART FUNDRAISER to Benefit Fine Arts**



The orders are rolling in. Be sure to take the opportunity to have your child's artwork transformed into custom made products! Family and friends will enjoy these keepsakes. Please send in your order packets tomorrow. They will be sent to the company after that. The deadline for ordering is **TOMORROW**. If you have any questions, call Kim Karpodinis, PFA Fine Arts Co Chair at 991-7925.

## **BOOSTER SPONSORS SMOOTHIE DAY – FRIDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup> FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Enjoy delicious Smoothies once again. Smoothie Day for the Middle School is tomorrow, Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> during lunch periods. The cost is \$3.50. Enjoy a treat. Eastside Smoothie Day to be announced for February.



## **PEACOCK POST NEWS VALENTINE GRAMS READY TO ORDER FROM THIRD GRADE (ORDER FORM ENCLOSED IN THURSDAY FOLDER)**

**IT'S TIME FOR VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS!** The Holiday Candy Gram project was a huge success! The third graders were touched and delighted in fulfilling their goal of spreading the Holiday spirit by donating to the *Hope Children's Home*. Thank you everyone for your support of this project. We received a very appreciative thank you note.

**NOW IT IS TIME TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS FOR VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS!** Valentine candy grams are a sweet way to wish friends, classmates, siblings and IDS staff a Happy Valentine season! This will also be used to help the third grade students raise money to support their upcoming St. Augustine field trip, which will be both educational and fun.

**HOW DO WE PARTICIPATE?** Complete the order form enclosed, and choose from the three designs offered. As an added convenience, you may also order address labels. The labels come in sheets of 20 and include pre-printed IDS street and city addresses with a space for the recipients' names. Place the order form in an envelope with cash or a check (made out to IDS). Please return the order to the third grade classroom or IDS office by **Monday, Feb. 2, 2004**.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?** You will receive your cards, labels and stamps in your child's Thursday folder. After your child has signed, addressed and stamped their candy grams, place them in the Peacock Post mailbox (located on the boardwalk near the office) by **Monday, Feb. 9, 2004**. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will collect the candy grams, attach the candy and deliver the candy grams on Feb. 12, 2004. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of our RPCs: *Lauren Mandel 961-8319 Iza Winston 961-3369 and Tracy Ciocia 920-1600*.



**PFA NEWS**  
**By PFA PRESIDENT**  
**Jenny Stiles**

- The **NEW LUNCH SESSION** will be starting on Monday. Please note the addition of fruit and vegetables on a few of the lunch days.
- The **BIG EVENT COMMITTEE** will be assembling the invitations of “*Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Fun*” on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM in the Teacher Training Center Breakout Room. Please join us if you are available to help this group of dedicated volunteers.
- Shiver me timbers! Pirate’s treasure is flowing into IDS! Remember to hand in your **AUCTION ITEMS** by February 6<sup>th</sup> to be included in our Program booklet. Thanks Matey’s!

**SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS**

**IDS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL TEAM SOARS**

For the first time in IDS history, the girls’ purple Warrior Basketball team is top in the league! With a record of 10-3, the girls are looking for a bye in the 1<sup>st</sup> round for the upcoming tournament if they win today’s game. Coach Sonny and Coach Fowler are very impressed with the amount of dedication and conviction the girls show in learning and running complicated plays. With 7 players returning for next year’s season, it’s sure to be another great year!!!

The girls’ white team also finished the season winning their last 3 games. The skills that they developed will be a definite asset going into next year.

In next week’s Thursday folder, there will be information for Girls’ Basketball Summer Camps offered at IDS.

**IDS BOYS’ BASKETBALL TEAMS SCORE IN A BIG WAY**

Boys’ basketball was flooded with three energetic teams and a full house of intramural competitors. It’s been a great season for them with the White and Green teams winning the FWCL League Championships and the Purple Varsity finishing a proud second place in the League. Intramural basketball provided skill development and good team sportsmanship for our players. The season culminated with the intramural teams combining with and playing against our competitive teams. WOW! These guys had a great time. Bravo to our coaches led by Co-athletic director Don Dewey.

## **EXTENDED DAY OFFERED FOR EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please note that **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> IS EARLY DISMISSAL**. There will be a teacher Inservice training that afternoon. **EXTENDED DAY** will be offered from 12:00 to 6:00PM, the cost will be \$15.00. Please send your child's lunch with them; fresh fruit and snacks will be provided. Sign up in the main office with Marie Massara at 961-3087, by Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> to reserve your space!

## **THURSDAY FOLDER ENCLOSURE FORMS INCLUDE:**

- Third Grade Candy Gram Order form for Valentine's Day (see page 2 for more information.)
- Big Event Advertising Form/Underwriting Opportunities
- February Calendar ( note all of the special happenings this month)
- Yearbook advertisement order forms...Now is the time to order your yearbook ads to surprise your kids and let them know what a special year they had during our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Business ads are also welcomed and appreciated.

## **REENROLLMENT CONTRACTS FOR 2004 – 2005 DUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **IDS HOSTS MAJOR TRAINING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 6 & 7:** Community Service begins at home. That is just what our faculty will be doing as we welcome international experts in Cooperative Learning, Dr. Spencer Kagan and Laurie Kagan along with 200 plus educators from public and private schools throughout Florida. The David C. Anchin Center at USF and FCIS (Florida Council of Independent Schools) are co-hosts with us for this training event. Our visitors will observe our hardworking teachers and students as they engage in learning within their "*brain-friendly*" classrooms. On Saturday, we will be treated to training on higher order thinking with Cooperative Learning Strategies. Please leave parking for our visitors wherever possible on Friday. Thanks for your help.

**FEBRUARY 8, 9,10:** The Florida Council of Independent Schools will hold the 8<sup>th</sup> *Academy for High Performing Teachers* in our Theatre Training Center. We are expecting 70 participants from FCIS schools from around the state. We are excited to once again share some of the strategies that have helped IDS make this a "brain friendly" school for our students. We thank you ahead of time for welcoming our guests.