



HEADS' LETTER

February 5, 2004

SPOTLIGHT ON HIGHLIGHTS

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS are participating in a community service project through their art classes by connecting with the "Arts in Medicine" program at Moffitt Cancer Center. Students are immersed in printmaking, stamping and embossing beautiful multicolored papers, which they fold into origami cranes. The cranes, a symbol of peace and healing, are given to the patients to lift their spirits and brighten their days. Kudos to the students and art department for becoming aware of caring ways to share with our greater community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE TEACHERS: Fourth and Fifth grade teachers received commendation from the National Duke Tip Talent Identification Program for having the most students identified for the program in the entire state of Florida. This early identification of talent allows students who do well on tests to be recognized for that skill, just as we recognize students in other ways through sports, fine arts, science fairs, writing, etc.... (Seventh grade has been the traditional time that students are invited to participate in this recognition program. This early identification program makes students aware of that upcoming seventh grade opportunity.)

FOURTH GRADERS on Wednesday completed a three-hour marathon of the mind called a READATHON. Walking into fourth grade on Wednesday, you would have seen pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, books, books, and more books as students read, read, and read to meet their goals set for the Readathon. Classical brain-friendly Baroque music was playing in the background, and periodically students reached into their bags for light snacks, while remaining engrossed in their reading material. It was amazing! They will use the funds raised from the Readathon to help pay for their class trip to Tallahassee. In March, they will visit our Florida State Capital and see their studies come alive as they participate in the government chambers and meet the governor and state legislators.

Their trip is an integral part of their Social Studies curriculum spanning from the Colonists to the establishment of the United States government. This week Fourth Graders also felt the pain of the Stamp Act and learned why it led up to the American Revolution through a simulation of the King of M&Ms. This interactive hands-on approach brought home the message of what life is like living under the rule of a monarchy. Ask any fourth grader about it to get the details. Bravo Fourth Grade!...

FIFTH GRADE celebrates Friendship Week beginning February 9. Those hardworking fifth graders will also spotlight the heart next week as they model appreciation for one another through a secret pal program where they will surprise one another through acts of kindness, generosity, and sincerity. The festivities culminate on Friday, February 12, with the students revealing their identities and taking time to celebrate each other...This week is a good reminder for all to add appreciation of one another to our very busy task-focused lives. Thanks to Fifth grade for taking time to smell the roses...You are working so very hard as you prepare to be stars in Middle School...



MIDDLE SCHOOL does it again. Accolades for our sixth, seventh and eighth grade advisory teams were very impressive after they went out into the community for Service Day on Wednesday. People noticed how hard our students work, how focused they were, how they demonstrated respect and caring in each place where they worked. Taking time out of their heavy academic schedules to share their personal gifts with others is all about preparing excellent, aware citizens for the future. By the way, they had fun doing it as well!!! They worked at: *Alpha House, Ronald McDonald House, Quantum Leap Horse Farm* serving the disabled, the food bank at the *Tampa Jewish Social Service, Lake Park Recreation* for cleanup and planting, *Westshore Senior Day Care Center, Brighten Gardens of Tampa, Headstart* at MOSI and for the Eldernet Division of the *Crisis Center of Tampa Bay*. Their work spanned the age range from "little to big" giving of themselves to support wherever there was need, while bringing to light social issues facing society today...**Way to go middle school!!!!**...You are Warriors for a good cause!

PEACOCK POST NEWS
VALENTINE GRAMS LAST DAY TO ORDER
FROM THIRD GRADE (ORDER FORM ENCLOSED IN THURSDAY FOLDER)

For those of you who have already ordered **VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS**, thank you so much. For anyone who wishes to place more orders, this is your last chance to do so. Please turn in this order form to the IDS office **tomorrow, Friday, February 6th** so that we can process them and send them home with your child and they can then personalize the cards over the weekend. After personalizing them, please submit them to the office by Tuesday, February 10th, just in time for us to attach the delicious Valentine treats. **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.*



FIELD DAY – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Time: 12:30 – 2:30 PM

We would love to have at least 50 parent volunteers. Please contact your RPC for confirmation. Meet in Corbett Hall at 12:00 PM to choose one of 31 Cooperative Stations. This is a perfect day for building community and self-esteem while sharing the fun with your child.

REFLECTIONS CONCERT “NOURISHMENT FOR THE SOUL”
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd at 3:00 PM

The third of our **REFLECTIONS** Concert series will be held in the IDS Theatre/Training Center on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd**. The program will feature *Sovereign Brass*, an outstanding ensemble of five brass instruments and one percussionist. They will play **“Musical Masterpieces from Bach to Broadway.”** The doors of the theatre will open at 2:30 PM; Tickets are \$5.00. We hope that you can attend the culmination of the series; it will be a delight for the entire family. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Tom McColley at 961-3087, ext 335.



INTERMEDIATE STUDENT COUNCIL
USED BOOK SALE: FEBRUARY 27th

The Intermediate Student Council Fundraising Committee will conduct a **USED BOOK SALE** on Friday, February 27th. The proceeds will fund future Intermediate Student Council projects. Students may bring their gently used books that they wish to recycle to the third grade classrooms. On February 27th, all students and parents will have an opportunity to purchase previously read books for as little as \$.50!



PARENTNET SCHEDULED:
INTERMEDIATE FEBRUARY 10TH; AND MIDDLE SCHOOL: FEBRUARY 24TH

During our January *ParentNet* Meeting for the Primary grades, parents enjoyed participating in a lively and helpful discussion that touched on various subjects, including team sports, phobias and fairness in life issues. If you would like to have a copy of our notes from that meeting along with others, just ask for them at the IDS office where they are on file. Our next *ParentNet* meeting is for the Intermediate School on Tuesday, February 10th at 8:15 AM; please note everyone is welcome to attend.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MARCH 6th



Our 8TH **ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will take place on **Saturday, March 6th**. It will be held in Corbett Hall from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Throughout the breakfast, we will have entertainment featuring performances by our bands, choruses and the drama league; also there will be hands-on art activities that our Visual Art Department is sponsoring. Purchase your tickets using the form that is enclosed. Thank you from the Fine Arts Division!

ABSENCE REMINDER

Thank you to all the parents who call in to **report their children's absences** when ill or on holiday. It remains important for us to know the status of our student's health and well being. When students' homework assignments are requested, please call before 9:00 AM to allow adequate time to collect all work.

CAMP IDS ADDS ADDITIONAL WEEK TO SCHEDULE!

Look for the **CAMP IDS** brochure in today's Thursday folder. This summer we have extended our camp program to 5 weeks. There are some great new camps to join our terrific line up of "old favorites." Be sure to fill in the registration form as soon as possible to give your child a fabulous summer here at CAMP IDS. Contact Barbara Grady or Marie Massara if you have any questions.

THURSDAY FOLDER ENCLOSURES
LOOK FOR THE BIG EVENT TREASURE CHEST INVITATION IN
YOUR THURSDAY FOLDER TO FIND THE MAP TO A GOLDEN EVENING!

- The Big Event Treasure Chest Invitation
- Camp IDS brochure
- Peacock Post Candy Gram Order form
- Reflections Order Form
- Ticket Form for the Breakfast with the Arts: Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, March 6th
- Tennis flyer for Middle School

PFA NEWS By PFA PRESIDENT, Jenny Stiles

- Shiver me timbers! Pirate's treasure is flowing into IDS! Remember to hand in your **AUCTION FORMS and ADVERTISEMENT FORMS** by **TOMORROW, February 6th** to be included in our Program booklet. Thanks, Matey's! Have questions? Call your pirate crew: Julie Salek 382-2525; Nancy Mezo 334-8852; and MariBeth Langston 323-2402.
- Aargh, Landlubbers and Swashbucklers alike! Remember to check your child's backpack for the BIG EVENT Invitation today! Your loot bag contains a treasure chest with your map to fun and excitement on March 13, 2004. **"YO HO HO AND A BOTTLE OF FUN!" INVITATIONS** are in your child's backpack today! Additional invitations will be available in the office.
- The Boosters will be selling the **SMOOTHIE KING DRINKS** on the Eastside campus **tomorrow, February 6th**. Once again the cost will be \$2.50 for the 12-ounce strawberry banana drink for grade 1 – 5 and 50¢ for the small 2-ounce size for for PreK & K! The proceeds benefit our sports teams.

CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED: STUDENTS CAPTURED THE BEST OF THE IDS PIRATE THEME "YO HO HO AND A BOTTLE OF FUN!" FOR THE BIG EVENT MARCH 13th CATALOG COVER!

Ye Buccaneer Faculty and Staff have spoken! Congratulations to this year's **BIG EVENT CATALOG COVER CONTEST** winners. We are happy to announce the successful endeavors of our students:

- First Place - **Caleigh Cogar**, 3rd Grade;
- Second Place - **Cassidy Brown**, Multiage 1;
- Third Place - **Kelsea Fowler**, 5th Grade.

VIEW THEIR WORK on the enclosed insert. Thanks to all of the students who participated! Everyone did a fantastic job.



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