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HEADS' LETTER

FEBRUARY 10, 2011

EDU-TOUR and TALK: Many thanks to all of the IDS parents who joined us for the EDU-TOUR and TALK on Tuesday. We had a great time touring the entire school from Pre-K 3 through 8th grade. Enthusiastic and attentive parents were amazed and delighted to get a **behind the scenes tour** in each and every classroom as they witnessed students highly engaged in learning with teachers who clearly are passionate about their work with their IDSers. We saw so much variety and so many interesting lessons. Some of our IDS parents even remarked that they wish that they could go back to school. One parent e-mailed afterwards saying,

**EDU-TOUR
AND TALK
WITH DR.
JOYCE**


"I want to thank you for the very impressive EDU-TOUR and TALK and also to extend my gratitude for the passion and hard work the staff has for our kids and IDS. I am so proud to be an IDS parent!"

We had so much fun that we are going to do it again on **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 22**; everyone is invited for another **EDU-TOUR and TALK**. We will once again meet for a quick breakfast and overview in the Grand Room at 8:10 before beginning the Tour. If you have appointments or work, you can slip out as needed. Hope to see you there!



HEADS-UP FOR FRIDAY and MONDAY:



- 1. FRIDAY DRESS-CODE:** Friday is **IDS Pride Day** and all students are asked to wear an *IDS Polo shirt or *favorite IDS t-shirt or *follow the Monday through Thursday dress-code.
- 2. MONDAY DRESS-CODE:** We have had a special request from the *All-Stars* and it is granted! All students can wear hearts or something that celebrates Valentine's Day and a heart-filled energy for celebrating "living above the line," or follow the Monday through Thursday dress-code. 
- 3. FRIDAY and Monday** are both academic days and all students are asked to be prompt as usual. Parents, we will have a lot of educators visiting on Friday. It would be great if you could do drop-off by going through the drop-off line rather than parking. Dismissal is as usual. We appreciate your assistance so that all of us at IDS can both teach our students and make a difference for others.

DOODLE 4 GOOGLE 2011 COMPETITION: It's that time again for IDS-CC students to submit an entry for this year's Doodle 4 Google contest. Last year, we could only submit a limited number of entries. This year's rules say we can submit all of the entries from our school. The school will register with Google on behalf of IDS students. Information can be found by googling *Doodle 4 Google* and going to the *Info for Parents* link. The theme for this year is "**What I'd like to do someday...**" Each student may enter only one time. For more information about this, please call our teachers or directly e-mail: Mrs. Kerr, dkerr@idsyes.com, Mrs. Bossard, sbossard@idsyes.com or Mr. Melnick, mmelnick@idsyes.com. They are eager and ready to assist all who are interested. Deadline for submission to IDS is **Friday, March 11**. Submissions may be brought to the art or computer teachers. **All IDS entries will be submitted together.**



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS: ODDS and ENDS...

MIDDLE SCHOOL FORENSICS TEAM: The FORENSICS TEAM (an extension of the middle school drama elective) had its third meet of the year on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 and the students again performed very well. At this competition, drama/forensics students competed against eight other schools. "I am so pleased with how the students' hard work and dedication to improve shows up on the score sheets meet after meet," said **Mr. Vokoun**.

Bravo to the Forensics Team and the following students for taking on the difficult challenge that Forensics Meets offer: Dina Al Hassani, Kevin Banks, Allegra Beachy, Jaclyn Cohen, David Friedman, Jordan Fuller, Sam Goetz, Falisha Kurji, Maggie Kratzer, Ryan McGee, Lumiere Rostick, Kaylie Schrader, Haley Schumann, Jonah Watson, and Morgan Zwirn. Congratulations Forensics Team!

Special recognition goes to:

* **Eighth grader David Friedman** continued his winning ways by earning his third **first place trophy** in as many meets. He earned it in Oral Interpretation of Drama for his interpretation of the Black Knight scene from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

* **Eighth grader Jordan Fuller** continued to wow the judges and earned a **third place** finish in Impromptu. Jordan has a very organized way of preparing for writing and speaking, so those skills helped her succeed in this difficult category! This was Jordan's third trophy in as many meets!

* **Eighth grader Ryan McGee** and **seventh grader Sam Goetz** earned **third place** in Duo Interpretation of Drama for their interpretation of Monty Python's Dead Parrot Sketch. It was a very difficult meet to crack the top five, and Ryan and Sam did a great job!

Mrs. Watson was ecstatic with the scores of how well the entire team performed. "I am so pleased with their work ethic. This team takes direction well, and they apply what they have learned in competition. We are so proud!"

DRAMA PRODUCTIONS DELIGHTED AUDIENCES IN THE FARISH CENTER:

PETER PAN delighted parents and students alike last week with two performances of the classic tale. Everyone shined on stage from the Tinkerbell to Nanas the family bloodhound and from the Captain Hooks to their ferocious crocodiles. Congratulations to Drama Directors Todd Le Blanc and Lisa Ferlita who made sure the scenery and costumes and multi-media highlighted the production. All of the students from the Navigators (third graders), the Going Places (fourth graders) and the All Stars (Multi-Age third and fourth) were showcased and demonstrated the confidence it takes to perform successfully in front of an audience.

COOL CATS' DRAMA PERFORMANCE: The Cool Cat's performed "*The Cool Cats Travel the USA*" on stage in the Farish Center on Wednesday morning. They masterfully taught the audience, of both children and parents alike, information about key symbols that represent the values and principles of the USA, its people, and government that related to their International Baccalaureate Unit. This was part of their culmination project. So, in addition to being entertaining, humorous, and serious, we connected with what they were studying and learned a lot. The scenery and costumes were priceless and the students lived up to the high expectations set by their teachers Ms. B., Mrs. Fowler, Mr. Richter and drama teacher Todd LeBlanc and Music Teacher Michael LeBlanc. This production was truly another example of positive teaming in order to insure that all students shine.



100th DAY! Just imagine seeing Pre-K3, Pre-K4, and Kindergarteners sitting in the Monday Morning Assembly with all eyes on them adoringly because they suddenly transformed into becoming 100 years old in their dress and accessories. Their teachers also dressed in character for 100's Day, and we got a real peek into their future. ☺ It was tough to determine who was having the most fun - the teachers or the students? The whole school smiled, laughed and gave great encouragement to our little-old-folks and one hundred year-old teachers.



PFA NEWS

VALENTINE FLOWER SALE MONDAY FEBRUARY 14 – The eighth grade class will be selling carnations on both campuses from 7:30 till 8:15 am. This is a great opportunity to tell someone how amazing they are! Carnations will be available in pink, white and red. The cost is \$1.00 per flower or 5 flowers for \$3.00. All proceeds will go to the eighth grade class gift.



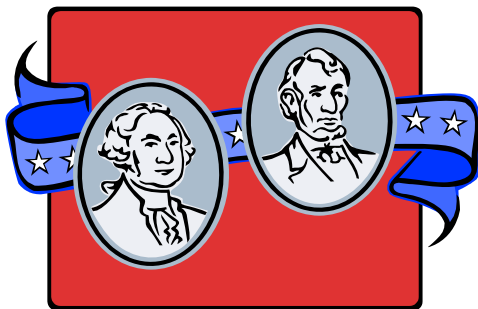
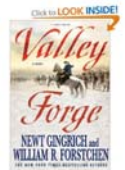
GREAT NEWS: The Boxtops check we received for the first HALF of this school year (\$632) was almost as much as the TOTAL we earned last school year (\$650)!! Let's keep that momentum going and collect as much "free" money as we can!



Our next submission deadline is approaching - please send all Boxtops to the East or West side offices by Tuesday, February 22. Remember to cut the entire Boxtop; the expiration date should be visible. We'll continue to collect Boxtops through Spring and Summer, so keep them coming all year long!

Remember to be on the lookout for Boxtops where you work, around your house (or the grandparent's houses), and even in the classroom! Participating products are added frequently, for an updated list or product coupons check: www.btfe.com/products or www.btfe.com/coupons. **Questions? Contact** PFA Chair Lauren Mocsari - richreen@verizon.net. GREAT JOB LAUREN!!!

NEXT IDS PARENT BOOK CLUB MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 1:30 PM - We will meet to discuss Valley Forge, by Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen, on Tuesday, February 15 at 1:30 pm in the second floor conference room, across from the Grand Room. Our next book will be selected at our meeting. All are welcome to attend! Questions can be directed to Vera Murphy Trayner, Book Club Chair at (813) 948-4016 or vpmurphy@comcast.net.



CALENDAR REMINDER FOR PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND:

Friday, February 18 through

Monday, February 21, Presidents' Weekend

School resumes on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Enjoy a wonderful weekend and stay healthy during the extended weekend. Our parent pediatrician reminds us to be sure to get a lot of rest and keep washing those hands. Have a terrific weekend celebrating our historic role models.

A HUGE REMINDER:

SESSION III LUNCH PROGRAM: BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011: You can easily provide a great and nutritious lunch and make a smooth lunch transition for our children if you turn in your lunch form for session III, by **Tuesday, February 22, 2011**. The current session ends on February 26. You can order ahead and save money everyday by using the lunch forms in the office or on our website <http://www.idsyas.com/lunch-program.html>.

THE DAILY NEWS REPORTS RECORD NUMBER OF SUPERHEROES EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE BIG EVENT SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011



This just in: Superhero Spectacular Invitations are being mailed this week! Be sure to use your super speed to fill out the RSVP card and turn it in quickly! There are only FIVE weeks until the BIG EVENT! It will be a night to remember!



*The Donations are Still Rolling In!
Have YOU donated yet? We are counting on donations from EVERY family!*

There are some amazing things in every price range!

- Three day beach trips!
- Dinners out!
- Autographed GLEE posters!
- Jewelry and purses!
- Autographed Bucs, Lightning, and Rays memorabilia!
- Skating and Bowling Parties for your next Birthday!
- Park passes to Disney World, Sea World and Busch Gardens!
- Headmaster of the Day!
- Fun times with your teachers!
- **KEEP THOSE DONATIONS COMING! WE STILL NEED MANY MORE ITEMS! WE NEED ITEMS OF EVERY SIZE!**

Ask everyone YOU support as a consumer: You'd be surprised at how generous they will be for your children's school!



Buy an Ad in the Big Event Catalog

Purchase an Ad for your business or for your family to show your support of IDS-CC. The Big Event Catalog is distributed to EVERY IDS family and to all who attend the Big Event. Your Advertisement/Family Support will be seen by many! See the insert in this week's Heads' Letter.

Send A Teacher Packing!

Send your favorite IDS staff member on a fantastic getaway! Go to idsyes.com and see the form attached to last week's Heads' Letter! Who on campus do YOU know that deserves a chance to recharge their super powers? Buy them a ticket, and if they win, they will spend a full weekend in a beautiful beach condo donated generously by the Trayner Family. They will love it and it will mean even more because it came from YOUR FAMILY!



TCO: Try Your LUCK!

Visit idsyes.com to get another form to buy your TCO raffle ticket. This is your opportunity to save \$5,000 on next year's tuition!!! LIMITED amounts of tickets sold. You could have the LUCKY ticket!



BABYSITTING AVAILABLE AT IDS FOR THE BIG EVENT:

We are offering babysitting onsite for a *limited* amount of children of IDS families. Please take advantage of the \$15/ child babysitting! More information coming soon!

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



**Advertise YOUR Business
in the ID\$ Big Event Catalog!**



Live and Silent Auction March 19, 2011
Catalog Size 5 1/2" X 8 1/2"

- Inside Front Cover \$300
- ~~Inside Back Cover \$300 (already sold!)~~
- Full Page \$125
- Half Page \$ 75
- Quarter Page \$50
- Business Card \$25



Please attach the following with your order: Black and white art work (this can be a business card or blank letterhead with names, slogan, or greeting as you wish it to appear). Camera ready art work is appreciated. Covers are based on availability. In the event that a requested cover is already sold, a full page ad will be substituted at the full page price.

Deadline for copy is Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Business Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Date: _____

Please make check payable to: Independent Day School
12015 Orange Grove Drive, Tampa, FL 33618
Phone: (813) 961-3087 Fax: (813) 963-0846

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Questions? Call Julie Salek at (813) 382-2525 or jcsalek@hotmail.com

Launching Lifelong Learning

Thematic unit of study enables early primary students at Independent Day School to connect natural fascination with space to academics.



Early primary students at Independent Day School culminated their month-long study of space by donning astronaut attire and parading across the campus to the middle school field where they witnessed a model rocket launch.

Feb. 8, 2011 (TAMPA, Fla.) – “Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are.”

A child’s fascination with space starts as early as nursery rhymes.

And, as the early primary teachers at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus see it, a topic that is as naturally motivating for children as space can launch limitless connections – the building blocks of learning – to math, science, language arts, music, drama, and more.

That’s the reason why the PreK3, PreK4 and kindergarten teachers structure the curriculum for the school’s youngest learners around themes of study.

“Thematic units pull everything together,” said PreK3 teacher Lauren Bronson. “They spark interest and curiosity, so that we can integrate all of the academics.”

According to kindergarten teacher Ande Felder, the thematic unit about space helps children understand their place in the world. “This unit takes them from their place here in the classroom, to the school, the city, the state, the world and the universe.”

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Launching Lifelong Learning

The story is continued here.



Following the rocket launch, students continued their space mission simulation by participating in a variety of developmental centers.

That journey began the day students returned from winter break to classrooms that had been transformed to create an environment that would stimulate their natural curiosity. Colorful planets hung from the ceilings, and related displays and books in all of the classrooms prompted an abundance of meaningful questions to jump start investigation.

Throughout the unit, students used a variety of methods and materials to explore the characteristics of each planet, the phases of the moon, the sun, stars and constellations.

“In addition to reading about these inquiry topics, utilizing our classroom SmartBoard, Safari Montage and various space websites, the students saw video and real photographs of each planet,” said kindergarten teacher Marla Vildostegui. “They watched the Apollo 11 astronauts walk on the moon and experienced the anticipation and celebration as a rover made a successful landing on Mars.”

Kindergarten students kept a space journal, reflecting each day on a different planet, and prekindergarten students practiced writing skills by creating books about the planets. Mathematical concepts were integrated into the curriculum with astronauts jumping along number lines as students solved problems. And using rulers, they measured various-sized planets and space shuttles, comparing and contrasting the data.

To culminate the unit, students donned astronaut attire they had created and paraded across the campus to the middle school field. There, middle school teachers John Scott and Tom Bronson launched two rockets into the cloudless sky.

Following the launch, the students continued their space mission simulation participating in a variety of developmental centers designed to provide hands-on activities to help reinforce key concepts. For example, they strapped carwash sponges to their feet like space boots to navigate craters on the moon – a heavily pillowed-and-sheet-covered floor. And they performed simple tasks using gloves and tongs to experience how it is for astronauts to move in space.

“Space Day is a way for us to provide the students with a meaningful, hands-on experience and allow for real-life connections to their learning,” said Vildostegui. “Making these connections will allow them to better retain the information they have gained and apply it in the future.”

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Summer Institute for the Gifted Comes to Independent Day School-Corbett Campus

IDS to host leading national program for gifted learners. Open House scheduled for Saturday, March 5 at 1 pm.

Feb. 8, 2011 (TAMPA, Fla.) – Independent Day School-Corbett Campus will host the Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG), one of the nation’s leading gifted summer programs, beginning in the summer of 2011.

The program at Independent Day School will run from July 18 through Aug. 5 and will be open to academically gifted and talented students ages 6 to 14. Students participating in the program choose three courses, selecting from nearly 30 academic, art and recreational classes that meet daily.

“Because it combines academics, social, cultural and recreational opportunities, SIG offers an excellent, well-rounded summer program for gifted students,” said Kate Vieillard, SIG academic program director.

“We are proud to host our program at this innovative independent school in Tampa and anticipate it being one of our most popular.”

Independent Day School was founded by two of the state’s first teachers trained in gifted education. Forty two years later, the school maintains its focus on gifted education with all IDS teachers and administrators having earned gifted education endorsement.

The Independent Day School program begins daily at 8:30 am and concludes at 4 pm with extended drop-off and pick-up times available. Interested families can attend an Open House on March 5 at Independent Day School.

Brochures, scholarship information and materials about the new programs at Independent Day School are available by calling SIG at (866) 303-4744 ext. 5159, or by e-mail at sig.info@giftedstudy.org.

Visit SIG on the web at www.giftedstudy.org or IDS at www.giftedstudy.org/day/independent/index.asp.

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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE
Feb. 14 - Feb. 18, 2011
Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 2/14	3:00	Track & Field Team	Practice	Soccer Field	5:00	
Tues. 2/15	4:00	Girls Track & Field Team	Meet	Berkeley Prep	7:00	
Weds. 2/16	3:00	Track & Field Team	Practice	Soccer Field	5:00	
Thur. 2/17	4:00	Boys Track & Field Team	Meet	Berkeley Prep	7:00	
Fri. 2/18	3:00	Track & Field Team	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	

Baseball, Softball, & Tennis seasons will begin on Monday, February 28th.....mark your calenders

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.