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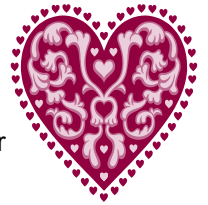
February 12, 2004

STUDENT HOLIDAY FOR PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Enjoy a safe and wonderful weekend.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY AND BREAKFAST FOR *AN IMPORTANT "HEART" OF THE SCHOOL* TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AT 8:05 AM IN CORBETT HALL

The PFA Executive Council, Faculty and Staff invite all volunteers to take time out of your busy schedule to let us show our appreciation for all that you do for IDS. The assembly will be held in Corbett Hall at 8:05 AM with a tribute to the many volunteers that spend endless hours giving their time to our school. The assembly will be followed by breakfast in the pavilion for all parents, grandparents, and special friends that would like to be part of this celebration. Take some time for yourself to be treated like the "stars" that you are.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FORENSICS TEAM

The **FORENSICS TEAM** (an extension of the middle school drama elective) had another competition on Wednesday, February 4th. Many students chose to go above and beyond to participate. "All participants did a wonderful job of preparing and performing," Mr. Vokoun explained. "I am very proud of them!" Both *Duo Interpretation of Drama* teams placed in the competition. The team of **Hana Murr** and **Morgan Hernandez** won the competition earning a **first** place trophy and the team of **Desiree Meyncke** and **Aisha Hatter** earned a **fourth** place trophy. Congratulations to all of the IDS Forensics Team!

18 IDS TEACHERS BOARDED PLANE TO NORTH CAROLINA FOR WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 30...AMAZING!!!

Eighteen IDS teachers volunteered to give their own time to attend a workshop on enhancing the components of literacy, held in Clemens, North Carolina. The program combines research and best practices into a language arts framework called Four Blocks. This program fits perfectly with what we do currently and has the potential for taking us to an even higher level of engagement for our students. Our PreK - 5th grade teachers studied with the developers of the program. Bravo to our teachers for their willingness to fly up Friday, January 30, and returning late Saturday night, January 31. They returned energized and excited about learning for themselves and their students. This is even more amazing because the next week, they were hosts to 213 educators who visited our classrooms on Friday and over 300 on Saturday for the Kagan Cooperative Learning Workshops.

FACULTY-STUDENT SPORTS CHALLENGE
“THE GRUDGE MATCH”
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th 5:30 PM

Once again, the **SPORTS CHALLENGE: BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL** matches will be held in Corbett Hall, providing great family entertainment! On Friday, February 20th at 5:30 PM the teachers vs. varsity teams (who have had an outstanding season this year) will have a rematch. The faculty looks forward to competing with the **Girls Varsity Volleyball** team, and the **Boys Varsity Basketball** team will be striving to add to their great statistics for the year. Our **IDS Warrior Junior Cheerleaders** will be in the spotlight performing during the half time show. Come and show your support for our fine athletes as well as share in the fun and camaraderie.

Beef O’Bradys Restaurant will be providing fast food selections between 5:30 and 7:00 PM. Please fill out the enclosed **ORDER FORM TO CHOOSE YOUR SELECTIONS**. ALL of the proceeds for this event will be given to our Athletic Teams. We look forward to a great turn out.



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*, a versatile ensemble of five brass instruments and one percussionist. They will play **“Musical Masterpieces from Bach to Broadway.”** *Sovereign Brass* also narrates the program and has a wonderful reputation for charming their audiences. 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.



REMINDER: 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¢!

BUY TICKETS EARLY FOR 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 Arts Department is sponsoring. Purchase your tickets using the enclosed form. Thank you from the Fine Arts Division!

SCRIPS UPDATE

Please see the enclosed updated **VENDOR LIST** for your **Scrip** orders. Remember, IDS benefits up to 20% from your purchase of this great fundraiser! Order your Scrips now and help IDS at the same time. If you have any questions call Lauren Mandel at (813) 961-8319



BIG EVENT TCOS: Tuition Credit Opportunity
Would you like to win \$5000 toward next year's tuition?
For \$100 you can have that chance or you can buy two for \$175 or you can share with a friend. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

ENCLOSURES:

1. **BIG EVENT – TCO & Raffle to the Beach**
2. **SCRIPs – New Vendor Form**
3. **Faculty/Students Sports Challenge**
4. **Pancake Breakfast**
5. **Press Release – Report on Multi-Cultural Day**

Next week: Read all about the accolades received from the few hundred teachers visiting and training here at IDS this week.



Yo Ho Ho and A Bottle Of Fun!



Get ready to set sail for an adventure on the High Seas
March 13, 2004

The Big Event invitations were sent home last week.
If you are missing your invitation or response card, see Marie in
the office to get another one. PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 3!

***The Big Event T Shirts have been a big hit with all those who ordered them.
This is a great way to get the kids involved in the Big Event. If you would
like to purchase one, there are extras. The price is \$10 per shirt. Be on the
lookout for a table to be set up next week at pick up or drop off so you can
buy one or call Nancy at 334-8852!***

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- Beautiful goodies for your home

Your Pirate Crew is on the hunt for extra beads for the Big Event. If your house and garage are overflowing with *Gasparilla beads* that you are able to spare, please donate them to the Big Event. Just bring them into the office anytime next week!

See the insert to the Head's Letter for your opportunity to send an IDS member to PIRATE'S PARADISE and to purchase your annual Tuition Credit Opportunity Raffle tickets!