



HEADS' LETTER

February 26, 2004

INSIDE TODAY'S HEADS' LETTER - LOTS OF WOWS!

- *MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CULTURE FEATURED WITH TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART!*
- *IDS PRIMARY MULTI-AGE NATIONAL WINNER ANNOUNCED! 1 OUT OF 16,000*
- *IDS STUDENTS SOAR AT SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION!*
- *ART TEACHER'S MEDIA CENTER MEGA DISPLAY!*

COUNTDOWN

- **9 DAYS UNTIL PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT FINE ARTS – TICKET FORM ENCLOSED**
- **17 DAYS UNTIL THE BIG EVENT – A PARENT NIGHT OUT – SEE BACK FOR MORE INFORMATION**

ENTERPRISING OPPORTUNITIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th INTERMEDIATE STUDENT COUNCIL USED BOOK SALE

Teachers will be able to bring their classes to the third grade area, tomorrow, between 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Books will be priced as low as 50¢. Please remember to send some change along with your child tomorrow, if he/she is interested in making a purchase. Thanks for your support in purchasing books and for the many donations.

MONDAY, MARCH 1st

The Eighth Grade Class of 2004 parents will host a School-wide Ice Cream Treat day on Monday, March 1, 2004 during lunch. They are raising money to defray the costs of their Graduation Celebration Party. Please support this worthwhile endeavor! Our ice cream treats will sell for \$1.00 each. Please remember to send in your child's dollar.

SQUARE 1 ART IN FOLDER

Square 1 Art is in! Be sure to check your child's backpack for your order. If you have any questions regarding your order please call Kim Karpodinis, PFA Fine Arts Co-Chair at (813) 991-7925. Thank you for your support, we know that you will enjoy the artwork for years to come!



NOTE:

- ❑ **YEAR BOOK ADS DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004**
- ❑ **PFA COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2004**

IDS MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CULTURES FEATURED AT THE TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART

At the beginning of February, we reported to you that the IDS **SIXTH GRADERS** visited the Tampa Museum of Art to study and sketch artifacts from ancient Greece and Rome. Upon returning, the sixth graders built their own museum. For the past several weeks, all students at IDS had the opportunity to glimpse the mysteries of past cultures by visiting our very own IDS Museum of Ancient Cultures. Each sixth grade student replicated a structure or art form from an ancient culture including a Greek agora, Egyptian boat, and Chinese vase. The projects required **research** and **note taking** as well as **fine motor skills**. Students even created placards so visitors could go on a self-guided tour.

In addition to visitors from other grades, the most noted guests were **over a hundred educators** and a film crew from the City of Tampa. The Tampa Museum of Art administrators were so impressed with the IDS approach to studying history at their museum that they requested to film more activities at IDS. In addition to filming the IDS museum and social studies class activities, they videotaped a sixth grade art class creating clay pottery in the style of the ancient Greeks. Our students and their work will be included in an upcoming video exhibit at the Tampa Museum of Art.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE PRIMARY MULTI-AGE CLASS WHO SUBMITTED DRAWINGS FOR A SCHOLASTIC COVER CONTEST COMPETITION. ONE OF OUR BRILLIANT BUGS WON... CONGRATS CAROLINE MILLER!

Dear Caroline:

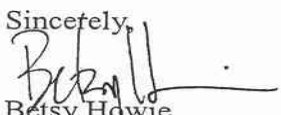
Congratulations! You are the Grand Prize Winner of Lucky Book Club's "Jack and Annie's Next Trip" Create-a-Cover Contest!

You amazed the judges with your wonderfully colorful and active cover of "Afternoon in the Eiffel Tower." The artistic and creative abilities you displayed with the creation of your *Magic Tree House* book concept and cover really made your entry stand out. The judges selected your cover from more than 16,000 fabulous entries! We hope this news will inspire you to continue developing your creative and artistic talents.

As the Grand Prize Winner, you will be receiving two *Magic Tree House* libraries, one for your classroom and one for you to take home. In addition to that, we will be framing your winning entry and having it autographed by *Magic Tree House* author, Mary Pope Osborne!

Your libraries will be shipped out next week. However, it will take several more weeks for your framed cover to arrive. If you have any questions, please call me at our toll-free number (888)307-1555, ext. 4625.

On behalf of Lucky Book Clubs, congratulations on winning!

Sincerely,

Betsy Howie
Scholastic Book Clubs



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCIENCE FAIR FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The following students were recognized at the University of South Florida Sun Dome last evening. These students represented Independent Day School's outstanding endeavors in science. Sir Isaac Newton said, "If I have seen farther than others, it is because I stood on the shoulder of giants." With that in mind, we are extremely proud of our "little giants". IDS students had every reason to be proud.

SPECIAL AWARDS: Special Awards were presented at the end of all the awards.

BEST OF FAIR – RICHARD LIVERNOIS - Awarded \$100.00

FLORIDA AQUARIUM SPECIAL AWARD – MARI OSTRENKO - Awarded \$100.00 and four year-round passes to the Florida Aquarium

REPRESENTING HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AND IDS AT THE FLORIDA STATE SCIENCE FAIR APRIL 2004 - LAWRENCE GUILFORD

1st PLACE JUNIOR BOTANY

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

3rd Grade - Abigail Friedman – Participation of Merit for "Thicker, Not Quicker Viscosity"

3rd Grade - William Livernois - Superior & a Monetary Award for "Does the Increasing Rating of SPF of Sunblock Affect the Ability to Block Light in a Proportional Manner?"

3rd Grade - Chase Wehrle - Superior & a Monetary Award for "Florida Water for Florida Plants"

4th Grade - Alexander Iannacio – Outstanding for "Will Steam Be Able to Power a Rocket Boat?"

5th Grade - Richard Livernois - Superior & a Monetary Award for "Does the Source of D-Limonene Affect its Ability to Dissolve Expanded Polystyrene?"

5th Grade - Mari Ostrenko - Superior & a Monetary Award for "Does Temperature Affect the Growth of Green Mussels?"

5th Grade – Derek Schocken - Award of Excellence for "Filter Findings: Which Filter Works Best"

6th Grade - Taylor Ragan - Merit Award Junior Physics for "How Does the Amount of Rocket Engine Propellant Affect the Height of a Rocket?"

7th Grade - Becca Conlin - Merit Award in Junior Environmental Science for "How Does the thickness of Ground cover Affect the Temperature of a Forest Fire?"

7th Grade - Lawrence Guilford – 1st PLACE in JUNIOR BOTANY for "The Affect of Electricity on the Height and Productivity of Green Pepper Plants"

SMALL GROUP PROJECTS

3rd Grade – Jacob Wasserman and Nicolas Winston - Participation of Merit for "Grow, Plants Grow!"

5th Grade – Chris and Kyle Henriquez – Participation of Merit for "Which Brand of Light Bulbs Produce More Heat?"

5th Grade – Michelle Nastir and Danielle Pinals – Superior for "Does Temperature Affect the Height of a Bouncy Ball's Bounce?"

MEDIA CENTER MEGA DISPLAYS

The display cases in the library are featuring a magnificent display of "Snowmen" presented by Art Teacher Debbie Kerr. Mrs. Kerr has an extensive collection and this is a special glimpse of a portion of it! We also have a display of pictures of every US President in frames on the top of the display case. Both displays will be on exhibit until Friday, March 5th. Please visit the library and enjoy this visual opportunity.



Yo Ho Ho and A Bottle of Fun



Ahoy, Mateys! Have you turned in your RSVP yet?
Tickets for the fun filled, action packed Big Event are only \$50 now,
and the price goes up to \$60 at the door!

The Auction portion is guaranteed to have something for everyone!

- SKIING, SUNNING OR SHOPPING:

For the travelers, we have a ski trip to Colorado, a shopping trip in New York City and a sunning trip to Indian Shores.

- SPORTS:

For the sports fanatics, we have a box to the Devil Rays vs. NY Yankees game, as well as an unbelievable sports vacation to Saddlebrook including golf, tennis and spa passes! Plenty of autographed priceless sports memorabilia is up for you to put in your personal treasure chest!

- PARTY TIME:

Always a favorite, the Pepin Party Bus is back! Also, book your dinner at the beautiful homes of the Iannacio family or the Lipschutz family!

- ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCES:

You can actually buy your way into the observation room of an open heart surgery! And the ever popular Headmaster of The Day is guaranteed to make your child happy!

- PRICELESS KEEPSAKES:

The class creations this year are shaping up to be just unbelievable! You will definitely want the opportunity to take home these beautiful gifts that your kids helped to create!



See the insert for RSVP and the delicious menu information!
Tickets are just 50\$ now or 60\$ at the door!

Remember to buy your TCOs and Raffle Tickets to send a teacher to Pirate's Paradise! See the insert in today's Thursday Folder!

WHO WILL WALK THE PLANK IN JUST 17 DAYS???