

**IDS YES!!!**

**independent  
day school  
Corbett Campus**

<http://www.idsy.es.com>

**HEADS' LETTER**

**MARCH 15, 2007**

**CONGRATULATIONS: MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVES  
OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE  
DESIGNATION.**

As of March 6, 2007, IDS received designation as an IBO MYP school which translates into the International Baccalaureate Organization's Middle Years Program. Our official designation letter arrived this week. Last October, our Middle School had their MYP visitation, and the official designation came at this time from the Director General of IBO in Geneva Switzerland.

As always, we are so very proud of our Middle School teachers for all of the hard work it took to get to that point. Last year we received designation first as a candidate school. Therefore, in less than two years, this has been accomplished due to a major investment in time and dollars, giving every teacher the opportunity to experience MYP training. The result of this investment has been an addition of even more inquiry processes to their work, even more integration of learning across subjects called Areas of Interaction, and even a larger connection to understanding their subjects and content areas through the lens of an international perspective. **All IDSers will continue to reap the benefits of this great effort to always offer MORE to what we do!!!** For more information on IBO, please Google International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program.

**NEWS TO REVIEW: FILLED WITH PROUD MOMENTS**

**PYP VISIT** brings more kudos to our dedicated and talented teachers!!! On Monday and Tuesday, the International Baccalaureate Program for Primary Years (Grades Pre-K3 through fifth grade) came to observe our implementation of the IBO PYP standards. Our teachers and students are to be congratulated for all of the hard work in demonstrating the exquisite and elegant teaching that goes on in an IDS classroom. The PFA Council and members in attendance at the Council meeting and the Board of Trustees are to be appreciated for the candid support of our faculty and students. It is great to have visitors and observers, for they always cause us to live in a school that focuses on **1. precision and finesse in our teaching and learning, 2. sustainability of what works and innovation that keeps us on the cutting edge, and 3. most important, always focusing on providing the best education possible for "our kids first"!** Thank you to all of our teachers for their extraordinary work. Special thanks to Linda Wenzel (Director of Studies and PYP Coordinator) for the endless hours she gave to all, with her guidance and wisdom to reach this milestone and special thanks also to Kim Fowler (Assistant PYP Coordinator) for also helping to prepare for this visit. We will receive the recommendations and commendations from the visiting team sometime this summer.

**POETRY COFFEE HOUSE:** It was a great week for our eighth graders. They were all overjoyed with their acceptances to multiple high schools with lots of decisions to make about which high school will be their best choice. This was a great prelude to preparing for College and a tribute to all of their hard work. Meanwhile, they were preparing for the **Annual Poetry Coffee House** last Thursday evening (March 8). If only we could have televised them world-wide!!! Every one of these 58 eighth graders was poised, joyful, and they each demonstrated how much they had learned in presentation, creativity and in many cases teamwork. They are ready for the big world, and we are so proud of them.

**EIGHTH GRADE DRAMA PRODUCTION** earned many kudos. Once again, the entire eighth grade performed with greatness to bring laughter and meaning to their work. From parent Mark Pinals,

*“I’ve come to expect very high level performance at the Musical Theatre shows, based on past experience, and especially since these shows only involve students who choose to participate in the elective. Generally, I expect shows that include all the students who are rotating through a required drama class to lack the same level of enthusiasm and skill. Recently, I was reminded that at IDS, I should know better than to ever lower my expectations.*

*The Eighth Grade Drama Performance on February 27 was simply excellent. The show was captivating. The kids were all fully involved in their performance. It was easy to see in their faces that they were having a great time. Their joy was infectious. The choice of material was perfectly appropriate. Such a high quality performance, while still including the entire, very diverse eighth grade class is a true feat of great directing. Kudos' to Seth, Victoria, and to all the students for their terrific performance.*

*Thanks for providing such a nurturing environment.”*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST WAS A MORNING TO REMEMBER!** Huge kudos to our Fine Arts Department for a stellar morning filled with joy, friendship, and the arts in a relaxed and appreciative environment! It was a WOW!!! Thanks to all of our parents who were able to join us for this event and all of our parent volunteers who made breakfast for four hours, served with smiles and helped to set-up and clean-up. A huge standing ovation goes to our Music Team, Mr. Michael LeBlanc, Mrs. Barbara McBride, and Mr. Tom McColley, to our Drama Team, Mr. Seth Travaglino and Mrs. Victoria Watson; to our Art Team, Mrs. Debbie Kerr and Ms. Amber Johnston; and to our Musical Theatre Team, Mr. Seth Travaglino, Mrs. Barbara McBride and Ms. Barbara Soule. WOW!!! They take talented students and add energy and joy to performance and the visual arts!!! The IDS Community School of the Arts also had a huge presence with a talented band, great instrumental soloists and piano pieces that were so impressive. Bravo and thanks to all for a grand morning!

**PI DAY AND MATH FEST!** Yesterday, March 14, Math, Math and more Math was celebrated on both the east and west sides of the street. On the Eastside of the street, the Bigs paired up with the littles for one activity after another to experience Math in multiple ways. However, for this event the Bigs were Third and Fifth graders. Why? Well, Fourth Grade is in Tallahassee for their units on government and Middle School was involved in their own Math Fest called Pi Day, where they celebrate multiple ways to understand the concept of 3.14 which falls perfectly on March 14 each and every year!!! Kudos to all teachers and students for combining numbers and fun and bringing joy, humor and friendship to learning!!! (More details after break.)

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL USES HALF DAY TO GIVE SERVICE AND CARE TO OTHERS: COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY!**

Grades sixth, seventh, and eighth team up in their Advisory groups three times a year to choose places where they can give service to others and also learn from their experiences. When they return, they always participate in a reflection experience that involves both writing and sharing the highlights and lessons learned. It is a very powerful approach and adds more to having an impact on our brain development when purposeful reflections are added to any experience. The sites chosen for the winter term were:

- **Achieve Tampa Bay,**
- **Alpha House,**
- **Head Start School at MOSI,**
- **Hillsborough County Readiness Program – Mt. Calvary School,**
- **Horses for the Handicapped,**
- **Life’s Treasures Thrift Store to benefit LifePath Hospice and Palliative Care,**
- **Metropolitan Ministries,**
- **Tampa General Pediatric Ward,**
- **Tampa Jewish Family Services Center, and**
- **Westshore Senior Center**

**SUPPORT THE EIGHTH GRADE ENTREPRENEURIAL EFFORTS!!! THEY WILL BE SELLING ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATIONS BEFORE SCHOOL IN FRONT OF CORBETT HALL (EAST SIDE) AND THE DEAN DINING HALL (WEST SIDE) ON FRIDAY, MARCH 16. EACH FLOWER COSTS \$1.00. PROCEEDS GO TO THEIR CLASS GIFT.**

**REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR DOW JONES STATISTICS PROJECT TICKETS BY FRIDAY, MARCH 16 AND SUPPORT THE EIGHTH GRADE**

Your participation will insure that our eighth graders have a big sample to learn more about statistics and business while raising funds for their class gift. Your help is appreciated...

**SPRING BREAK BEGINS ON MONDAY, MARCH 19.** Have a terrific, joyful, restful? and safe time!!!

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27!!!** Parents: please, please and please again make the last 10 weeks of the school year with on time arrivals!!!! It is so helpful for the children to arrive on time or even early so that they have time to settle in and feel ready for each and every class!!! Thanks for that help!!!

**SESSION 4 OF AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES BEGINS THE TUESDAY AFTER SPRING BREAK.** Be sure to have signed up for your activity! Call Marie at (813) 961-3087 to do so or e-mail her at [mmassara@idsyes.com](mailto:mmassara@idsyes.com) and/or [bsoule@idsyes.com](mailto:bsoule@idsyes.com)

**PLEASE FIND ME:**

I am a Tampa Bay Buccaneers Alstott jersey and I was a gift to an IDSer who left me on the field and wants me back so badly...If you can find me, please turn me into the office ASAP. I really want to make this young man smile when he sees me returned to him. Thanks.

I am a set of keys. I am very valuable to the school and the person who needs to find me. The person who finds me will receive \$100 in cash. You will be a real hero!!! I am somewhere in the school. Thanks for helping me get to the office as fast as possible.



**PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers**



**TO OUR IDS FAMILIES, PLEASE SHARE SPECIAL MOMENTS SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY WITH YOU.**

On March 1st, at an IDS and Berkeley baseball game, seventh grader **Vincent Leto** succeeded in doing a rare move in baseball and the first time ever at IDS. He hit for the CYCLE! He hit a single, a double, triple and home run. IDS had a 17 to 0 victory and Vincent had a personal best! Bravo to all and good wishes for a great season. Also congratulations to Coach Dewey and Coach Starkey for putting together two teams for baseball for this season.

**Cassidy Brown**, fourth grade, competed along with her Cheer Tampa Tigers at Disney World on February 25. They won the National Championship. They then went to compete on March 3 at the Gasparilla Open in St. Pete where they won first place and received the highest team score of the day against teams of all ages! Congratulations to Cassidy and her Cheer Tampa Tiger Team!!!

## COMMUNITY ADS

Sign up for  
Camp IDS at  
<http://www.idsyeyes.com>

Soccer  
Photography  
Newspaper  
Ceramics  
Flag Football  
Computer  
Drama  
Web Design  
Piano  
Karate  
Cheerleading  
Band

**independent  
day school**  
Corbett Campus

an 11 year tradition for students of all ages

# CAMP IDS

## 2007


*(The camp with M.O.R.E.)*

**Where everyone  
has a great time!**

12015 Orange Grove Drive  
Tampa, FL 33618

Discover Your Creative Genius!

**community school for the arts**



**music • drama • dance**

**Group & Private Music Lessons • Dance Classes  
Musical Theater Program**

Contact: Tom McColley, Director  
Community School for the Arts • Independent Day School - Corbett Campus  
12015 Orange Grove Dr. • Tampa, Florida 33618  
Email: [tmccolley@idsyeyes.com](mailto:tmccolley@idsyeyes.com) • Phone: 813-961-3087 Ext. 354

**Visit us at : [www.idsyeyes.com](http://www.idsyeyes.com)**

Sign up at  
<http://www.idsyeyes.com>

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

# WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

March 26-30, 2007

Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 3/26	off	Athletes' Day off	off			
Tues. 3/27	4:15	Softball	Nativity	Softball field	6:00	MS Gym
Weds.	4:00	Red Baseball	St. John's (E)	St. John's (E)	6:30	MS Gym
3/28	3:00	White Baseball	Practice	Baseball field	5:00	MS Gym
	4:00	Softball	Incarnation	Softball field	6:00	MS Gym
	4:00	Tennis	St. John's (E)	MP Tennis	6:30	MS Gym
Thur.	4:00	Red & White Baseball	Academy at Lakes	Baseball field	6:30	MS Gym
3/29	4:00	Softball	Hillel	Hillel	6:00	MS Gym
	3:15	Tennis	Clinic	MP Tennis	5:00	MS Gym
Fri.	3:30	White Baseball	Tampa Prep	Baseball field	6:00	MS Gym
3/30	off	Red baseball	off			
	3:00	Softball	Practice	Softball field	5:00	MS Gym
	3:45	Tennis	CDS	MP Tennis	6:30	MS Gym