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Corbett Campus**

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HEADS' LETTER

MARCH 17, 2011

NEPAL CONNECTION: THE JOURNEY IN PROGRESS: Last month, Rob Rowan, the owner of Nuance Galleries in South Tampa came to IDS to share how an interest in travelling far and wide transformed into a mission to help others across the globe. Rob, now the founder and executive director of the Global Action Coalition and Hemu Adhikari, treasurer, visited IDS for a Monday Morning Meeting three weeks ago. They shared about the work they are currently doing in Nepal to enable children, in poor and remote villages of that country, to attend school in order to have a more promising future.



Rob's talk inspired IDS students and teachers to want to connect with students half a world away – and to offer assistance. Everyone was asked to bring in \$1.00 or a maximum of \$5.00. Last Sunday, Rob left Tampa on a humanitarian trip to remote villages in Nepal to set up school lunch programs. **Thanks to IDS**, he was armed with a suitcase of school and art supplies, beautiful artwork created by IDS students to share with the students in Nepal – and **\$700**, which he will use to set up a new lunch program in the Barse Valley in Gulmi province.

Please read about Rob's gratitude for the generosity of the IDS community in his ongoing blog about his journey at: <http://www.globalactioncoalition.blogspot.com/>. IDS is now the first official school to be part of the **Global Action Coalition's Sister School Program**.

TWO MORE DAYS: Have you seen the Super Hero Batgirl at dismissal cheering on the Big Event? Well, we know the Middle School Gym, which is totally and impressively transformed into a party atmosphere, is going to be filled with spectacular people having a spectacular time. Thanks a million for **all** of your support. Please read [page 3 for final details to make the evening a Super Hero event.](#)



REGIONAL SPELLING BEE: Third grader Riju Datta Wins Third Place at Regional Spelling Bee!

Riju Datta, the winner of the IDS school-wide Spelling Bee in February, represented IDS impressively, at the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 5th at Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg. Students ranging in ages eight to fourteen, from four surrounding counties, came from public, private, and home schools to vie for the opportunity to earn a place in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Riju made it deep into the competition with a third place finish. Starting preparations for the IDS Spelling Bee last summer, Riju showed the determination to practice, and he earned the results due to his great effort. When asked what happens when he spells a word, Riju explained, *"I see the word in my head, and then I spell it."*



IDS Spelling Bee coordinator Kim Rostick and Multi-Age 3/4 All Star teachers Ann Cashen and Bettyann Pitti were in the audience to support Riju and cheer him on to success. *"As I sat on pins and needles, every time Riju approached the podium, my trepidation soon gave way to heart-filled joy round after round,"* commented Kim Rostick. *"What is most memorable for me is Riju's humility and confidence during a heated competition."* Eighth grade English teacher, Mr. Michael Vokoun was there as one of the four spelling bee judges and reported that *"he knocked my socks off! He was so calm and focused on his task, and he topped many students who were in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades."*
CONGRATULATIONS RIJU!

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE IN THE REGIONAL SPELLING BEE, by Riju Datta:

"My feeling at the spelling bee was thrilling. I didn't feel nervous. Standing up to all those people and spelling a word took a lot of confidence. I am very joyful that I got 3rd place, was the youngest, and stayed in more than half the rounds. There was 25 rounds, and I was in 14. The word I misspelled was "suite". The winning word for this bee was "kookaburra". The runner – up and champion were the same as last year.



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

VOLLEYBALL at IDS SOARS: CONGRATULATIONS FOR COMBINING EFFORT with TALENT. The Tampa Warriors AAU Volleyball Club coached by Don Dewey, is having a tremendous second season. The 14U team continues to finish in the top three at all the open tournaments. The 13U team won the first GOLD medal for the Tampa Warriors organization in Sarasota at the MAV JAM. The 12U team played in March Madness in Sarasota, and won their first medal coming in second. Way to go girls! The 13U & 14U teams will travel to Disney over spring break to play elite teams from all over the United States.

Members of the teams are:

14U: Karli Mezo-C, Jenny Astell-C, Dina Al-Hassani, Katie Bernstine, Kelsey Bridges, Kayla DeEsch, Jordan Fuller, Alexis Karpodinis, Ela Silva, and Camille Taylor.

13U: Kristy Burrell-C, Terese Okulski-C, Sara Chowdhari, Alexis Everett, Yasmine Hamzah, Alana Nelson, Daniela Torres, and Avery Stanechewski.

12U: Molly Ayala-C, Maggie Kratzer-C, Marissa Bridges, Emma Bernstine, Alicia Grand, Krissy Lloyd, Shivani Saini, Olivia Wilson, and Alex Wood.



CSA (Community School of the Arts) PERFORMS ANOTHER HIT!

Congratulations to the casts of the musical *Into the Woods*. Their four performances, this past weekend, dazzled the audiences with their talent in this fun, fast-paced, creative production. The theatre in the round was expertly directed by Seth Travaglino and co-directed by Kim Rostick. CAMP IDS will offer another musical theatre option with Camp Rock.



NOON DISMISSAL FRIDAY, March 25, 2011 for Teacher In-service: Extended Day will

be provided on Friday, March 25, 2011, 12:00 until 6:00 p.m. Activities will be based in the Extended Day Room and an afternoon snack and juice will be provided. The cost for the afternoon will be \$15.00, regardless of the length of stay (except for those on the Yearly-Extended Day plan). **NOTE: PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND A LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD IF HE/SHE WILL BE STAYING FOR EXTENDED DAY on Friday, March 25.** Parents interested in this special Extended Day session on Friday, March 25, 2011, need to REGISTER by phone at (813) 961-3087, or in person in the office by Thursday, March 24, 2011.



SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR THE GIFTED COMES TO INDEPENDENT DAY

SCHOOL: CORBETT CAMPUS: July 18 - August 5, 2011. This program will be held on the westside of the campus at the same time as Camp IDS. It is another great option for our students. You can find more information about this Summer Institute by **1.** looking in our CAMP IDS brochure online at <http://www.idsyes.com/camp-ids.html>. **2.** Or by going directly to their website at <http://www.giftedstudy.org/day/independent/index.asp>, **3.** or by calling them at (866) 303-4744.



CAMP IDS! Please remember that CAMP IDS serves the entire Tampa Bay area community. Because we offer so many great options for camp and because our teachers and alums administers the camp, we have become known as an amazing summer experience for kids. So IDS parents, please remember to sign up early to ensure that our IDSers also have their choices for camp. The offerings are many and the experiences always make wonderful and meaningful memories. Check out <http://www.idsyes.com/camp-ids.html>.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers

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

David Friedman (IDS 8th Grade) has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations on a great achievement!



SUPERHERO SPECTACULAR

2 DAYS UNTIL THE IDS-CC BIG EVENT



Saturday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. - 12 Midnight

Middle School Gymnasium

Use the enclosed Big Event Super Order Form to RSVP to the Big Event!

Tickets are \$75/person or RSVP as a Patron for \$100/person.

Remember! If you purchased Patron level/Underwriter tickets you are invited to the **Private Patron Preview Party, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on the night of the Event.**



Look for the Big Event Auction CATALOG in this week's Thursday Folder - Please REMEMBER to bring it with you to the event! The catalog contains descriptions of the items that will be available for Live & Silent Auction. Take a look and plan your bidding!!

ATTENTION PATRONS - Patron valet parking begins at 5:00 p.m. on the West Side (Middle School side). Join us at the Private Patron Preview Party (5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) which includes time to preview items, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Remember that you will have a **RESERVED** seat for the evening, so come in, relax, and have a great time!

ATTENTION ALL GUESTS - Valet parking starts at 6:15 p.m. on the West Side (Middle School side). Delicious Surf and Turf Buffet Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. Live Auction is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., but it may vary based upon the arrival time of guests. You will be able to pre-scan a credit card when you arrive to expedite the checkout process for your auction items. You may also write a check or pay cash at checkout Saturday night or on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

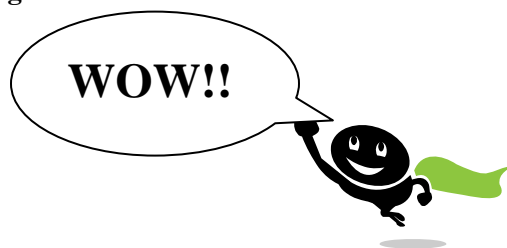
- ❖ We have a limited number of TCO's available. To buy one NOW, use the Super Order Form enclosed in this Thursday folder! This is your chance to win \$5,000 off of tuition for next year. Only 100 tickets will be sold!
- ❖ Our IDSers get to tour the Big Event on Friday during the school day. They are so excited to see all of the decorations and auction items.
- ❖ If you already purchased your tickets and would like to upgrade to the Patron Level, we would be happy to do that for you! Please call Kathy von Thaden, Big Event Co-Chair, at (813) 695 6784.

Auction HIGHLIGHTS!

****NEW THIS YEAR**** - Parking Spots will be in the **Live Auction** this year!

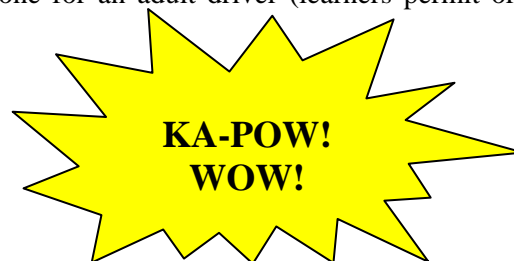
The Silent Auction has MANY unbelievable items - there is something for EVERYONE and EVERY BUDGET!

- One of a kind Class Creations and Class Baskets
- Artwork, jewelry (including Tiffany jewelry), purses
- AMAZING experiences for your children and their teachers
- Sports memorabilia
- Autographed GLEE poster & Much, Much MORE!!



Live Auction Items

- ★ TWO Parking Spots (ONE East Side and ONE West Side)
- ★ Student Headmasters of the Day! ONE Primary, ONE Intermediate, ONE Middle School
- ★ ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Parent Headmaster of the Day
- ★ St. Maarten Tuesday through Sunday 7/19-7/24 (5 nights) donated by the Mandel Family
- ★ BMW Driving School - Two available - one for a teen driver and one for an adult driver (learners permit or drivers license required) donated by the Rogers Family
- ★ Hot Air Balloon Adventure
- ★ Kennedy Space Center Pass and Astronaut Training Experience
- ★ Napa Valley Wine Country Experience
- ★ 2011 ESPY Awards in Los Angeles
- ★ NASCAR Car Racing Adventure
- ★ Pinehurst Resort - Golf, Dining, and Spa Package
- ★ Movie Night at Home donated by the Johnson Family



**INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL: CORBETT CAMPUS
MUSICAL THEATRE
PRESENTS**



March 22, 23, and 24

Music by Richard Rodgers

Book by Oscar Hammerstein II

Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs

Original Dances by Agnes de Mille

The play *Oklahoma!* takes place in 1906 and is set in the robust world of the Oklahoma Indian territory of the American West. It was a time rich with strong pioneering early Americans, and tackles culture and class issues between the farmers and the cowmen in the rugged landscape of a brand new state. The families and characters search to find love, land, and romance while constructing the American Dream. With Rodgers and Hammerstein's timeless music, *Oklahoma!* celebrates the vigor of the early American spirit with beautiful melodies, dance and boot-stomping energy. Filled with now classic tunes such as; "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," and "People will Say We're in Love," this production will thrill audiences young and old.

Oklahoma! by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, was the first collaboration between these two legends of American musical theatre. Originally produced in 1943, it is now considered the birth of the modern American musical. For the first time, the music and dance moved the story forward, and is known as the first truly modern musical. Opening on Broadway in 1943, *Oklahoma!* was instantly a critical and popular success. It won a Pulitzer Prize and it ran for 2,212 performances.

The IDS-CC Musical Theatre Elective is proud to announce
that "*Oklahoma!*" will be presented:

Time: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Place: Farish Center at Independent Day School: Corbett Campus.

Date: March 22, 23, and 24

Tickets: \$5.00 general admission and are available at the door.

For more information call (813) 961-3087.



SPRING BREAK ALREADY!!!

March 28 through April 1.

SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 2011.



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

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	SPRING BREAK					1	2
3	4 School Resumes  Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 PFA Meeting 8:15 am PFA Sponsors Spring Fundraiser Day 5	8 Brilliant Bugs Performance Middle School Dance 7:00 – 10:00 pm Day 1	9	
10	11 SAT Testing Week  Day 2	12 SAT Testing Week  Day 3	13 SAT Testing Week  PFA Sponsors Networking Night 6:00 – 8:00 pm Day 4	14 SAT Testing Week  Day 5	15 SAT Testing Week  Pre-K and K MOSI Field Trip 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Day 1	16	
17	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Cool Cats Sleepover at the  Day 4	21 Pre-K and K Kite Flying at Lake Park 8:30 – 11:15 am NOON DISMISSAL/ Extended Day Available Teacher In-Service Day *	22 School Holiday 	23	
24	25 Day 5	26 Warriors Pride Chorus Presents AristoCats (Green Cast) 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Day 1 	27 Day 2	28 Warriors Pride Chorus Presents AristoCats (Purple Cast) 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Day 3 	29 Day 4	30 	

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IDS Coffeehouse Brews Connections to Poetry

Middle School tradition enables students to connect on an advanced level to poetry, while providing the opportunity to use skills of poise and presence to perform on stage.



Hanna Rinner (left) performed the Shel Silverstein favorite, “The Giving Tree.” Lumiere Rostick and Jacob LaVoy supported her performance portraying the tree and the boy who grows into an old man.

March 16, 2011 (TAMPA, Fla.) – The hallow patter of bongos resonating throughout the dimly lit Farish Center begins to soften. The aroma of coffee wafts through the air. Clad in a black turtleneck, beret and dark glasses, English teacher Michael Vokoun, in his “coolest cat” voice, coaches the audience to snap their fingers to show appreciation for the students as they complete their performances on stage.

“Instead of claps, snaps. Got it, daddy-o?”

So begins the 12th annual [Independent Day School-Corbett Campus](#) Poetry Coffeehouse.

Middle school students at IDS have numerous opportunities to develop their public speaking abilities: in the classroom, as part of academic lessons, during electives and clubs in musical theatre, forensics, and thespians, in addition to after school with the [IDS Community School of the Arts](#).

There’s also the popular middle school coffeehouse, which unites all seventh and eighth graders and brings them on stage for a single evening of live performance.

According to seventh and eighth grade English teachers Vokoun and Jenn Jagdmann, the emphasis on *performance* is what makes the IDS version of a coffeehouse special, as well as a favorite among the school’s many traditions.

“While recitation of poetry is great for experience, to actually *perform* poetry is taking the poem to a whole different level,” said Vokoun. “Performance requires a deeper knowledge of the poem and its meaning in order to allow for individual interpretation.”

“To act out a poem, its deeper meaning must resonate within your very soul,” said Jagdmann. “Students make more meaningful connections to poetry.”

The process of connecting on an advanced level to a particular poem began with students reading and discussing a variety of forms of poetry in class. Students then selected three poems that they wanted to explore more in depth, and one of those poems became the piece they performed at the coffeehouse.

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Some students performed their poems in pairs and some in small groups. Slater Rice (left) and Brianna Hollander (center right) performed solo. Many students, including Reed Forehand and Dina Al-Hassani, supported their classmates' performances, in addition to performing their own pieces.

Performing solo, in pairs and in small groups, students added costumes, props, music and even dance to their presentations. Selections covered a wide variety of both poets and subjects -from classics by authors such as Robert Frost and Edgar Allen Poe to whimsical pieces by Shel Silverstein and Ogden Nash. Themes ran the gamut, as well, with students lending their individual interpretation to poems about war, love, sports, nature, dance, death, and even a disco cow.



*(l) Garrett Anderson, Calvin Windisch, Tylor Kittredge, and Alex Rivera perform "Ode to War" by Mark R. Slaughter.
(r) Jaclyn Cohen and Falisha Kurji selected Katy Perry's "Firework."*

While the poetry coffeehouse is foremost an academic endeavor to foster deeper connections to poetry, it is also a lesson in risk taking, empathy, and cooperation – key IB learner profile characteristics.

“It was gratifying to see how students were willing to go out on a limb, outside their own personalities, and become the person the poem asked them to be,” said Vokoun.

“It was also impressive to see the support they provided each other by participating in each other’s performances as secondary characters,” said Jagdmann. “That cooperation enabled the audience to enjoy the piece even more.”

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IDS Families Open Their Homes – And Their Hearts – To Spanish Students From Madrid

International study program between Independent Day School-Corbett Campus and Colegios Ramón y Cajal in Madrid, Spain builds meaningful, personal connections.



Ten students in grades fifth through eighth and two teachers from Colegios Ramón y Cajal in Madrid, Spain participated in the most recent international study program at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus. Each Spanish student was placed with a volunteer IDS host family for the three-week stay. During the day, they attended classes and after-school activities with their IDS student “buddies.”

March 15, 2011 (TAMPA, Fla.) – It happens every time. The thank yous and the goodbyes always bring some tears.

It was the traditional pizza-party farewell – time for the group of students from Colegios Ramón y Cajal in Madrid, Spain, who had been attending classes at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus for three weeks to say goodbye to their host families and their student buddies.

Independent Day School and Colegios Ramón y Cajal have been working together for years. It started when Paloma Sanz, whose grandfather founded the family-owned school in Madrid, visited IDS to learn about teaching strategies and the [IDS M.O.R.E.](#) principles for increasing student achievement and success.

Since then, several groups of Spanish teachers have visited IDS, and IDS Headmaster Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman has trained teachers at the school in Madrid. In addition, four groups of Madrid students have come to IDS, and a second group of IDS students and teachers will travel to Spain at the end of the month.

So, it is only natural that IDS and Colegios Ramón y Cajal consider themselves ‘sister schools.’

And as a result, students like American Seth Cashen and Spaniard David San Miguel consider themselves ‘global brothers.’

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While most international programs are designed for high school or college-age students, the students participating in the IDS study program are in grades five through eight. It is coordinated by the school's Spanish Department: 7th/8th grade teacher Cathy Clark, 1st-6th grade teacher Odette Figueruelo, and K-6th grade teacher Sonia Morgan.

IDS is an International Baccalaureate school and emphasizes the development of future citizens who are internationally minded and the study of world languages at all grade levels beginning in PreK3. The international study program brings those language and culture lessons to life for all students, who benefit from the opportunity to interact with their visiting Spanish counterparts.

For the students whose families serve as volunteer hosts, the benefits are even more abundant.

At school, Spanish and American students practiced English and Spanish with each other. They studied math, social studies and science together. They played matball in P.E. and sat side-by-side in schoolwide assemblies.

At home, they shared bits and pieces of their cultures. They marveled at the similarities – the love of soccer, video games, music, and staying up past bedtimes. And they appreciated the differences. “They learned that there’s no word in Spanish for ‘stuff’, and s’mores are an American-only treat,” said middle school Spanish teacher Cathy Clark.

Throughout their time together, something more than knowledge and cultural insights were exchanged. The visiting students become part of their host families.

“Both American and Spanish students and families developed lasting, global connections,” said Spanish teacher Sonia Morgan.

“What they enjoyed most were the simplest things that create unity within any family, in any country – evening meals, laughter and time together, said Spanish teacher Odette Figueruelo “It was exactly what we as teachers had hoped would happen.”

Seventh grader Corey Shamley and his family hosted Iñaki Martinez Godinez. “It was very exciting to have him with us,” said Corey’s mother, Debbie Shamley. “Iñaki brought us together even more as a family, and we had even more fun than normal because he was here.

The Cashen family has hosted David San Miguel two times. “David is really part of our family,” said Seth’s mother Ann. “Seth’s ‘brother’ is going back to Spain, and we are really going to miss him.”

It won’t be long, however, until the boys are reunited. Later this month, Seth will accompany the group of teachers and students travelling to Spain.

“Now you will have a family in Spain,” David told Seth during their goodbye, “as I have a family in America.”

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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE
Mar. 21 - Mar. 25, 2011
Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 3/21	3:00	Baseball-PurpleTeam	Practice	Baseball Field	4:00	
	4:00	Baseball-Green Team	Practice	Baseball Field	5:00	Study Hall 3:00-4:00
	4:00	Tennis Team	CDS	MP Tennis	6:00	
	4:00	Softball	Trinity	Softball Field	6:00	Pictures 3:00-4:00
Tues. 3/22	Off	Athlete's Day Off	Off			
Weds. 3/23	3:45	Baseball-Purple Team	CDS	Baseball Field	5:45	
	Off	Baseball-Green Team	Off			
	4:00	Tennis Team	Nativity	MP Tennis	6:00	
	3:00	Softball	Practice	Softball Field	5:00	
Thur. 3/24	3:30	Baseball-Purple Team	Tampa Prep	Baseball Field	5:30	
	Off	Baseball-Green Team	Off			
	Off	Softball	Off			
	3:00	Tennis Team	Practice	MP Tennis	5:00	
Fri. 3/25	Off	School day ends @ 12:00	Off			

Directions:

MP TENNIS CENTER (formerly JUDY ALVAREZ CLUB): South on Dale Mabry / Right on Humphrey after Busch Overpass / LEFT on Hubert / Courts are ½ block down Hubert on left side.