



HEADS' LETTER

March 18, 2004

**OUR VOLUNTEERS DID IT AGAIN...THE V FOR AN IDS
VOLUNTEER STANDS FOR VICTORY AND A VERY, VERY, VERY
GREAT JOB!!!**

YES! YES! YES! The big event accomplished its big goals by producing the perfect opportunity for *Fun, Friendships, and Fundraising*. The decorations were amazing and the grub and grog were great.

The organization to pull off this event, for way over 300 people, was an incredible accomplishment with the coordination of live and silent auctions, dancing, entertainment, and people enjoying one another. Generosity, generosity and more generosity flowed throughout the night from all who attended. The donations from RPC gift baskets to condominiums were in abundance. The class creations were enticing and provided great memorabilia for which a lot of us competed. Everything was great!

We raised over \$70,000 to support the new technology laptop smart carts that are being enjoyed by both students and teachers. **WOW!!!** We counted on you, and you did it again! Thanks IDS for your support!!!

There were so many volunteers who helped with organization, decorations and donations. We thank you all so very much. Your children earn the payoff from this great team effort. Special thanks to those who accepted the leadership to make sure each task met the goal. Please honor the following event chairs and co-chairs:

EVENT COMMITTEE

	EVENT CHAIRS JULIE BROWN-SALEK MARI BETH LANGSTON NANCY MEZO	
AUCTION PAMELA WALKER		REGISTRATION LISA HERSCOVICI
CATALOG & PROJECTION PAUL & JENNY STILES		CHECKOUT DAWN SCHOCKEN DEWEY WONG JR.
TCOs & RAFFLES KATE BLANKENSHIP		SIGNAGE KIM COGAR KATHY VON THADEN
RPC CHAIR SANDIA WASSERMAN		THANK YOU'S JEN SELEWACH
PFA PRESIDENT JENNY STILES		VP VOLUNTEERS MARCIE MUELLER

SPRING VACATION is here and school closes for students and teachers from March 22-26, 2004.
WE RESUME ON MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES BEGIN MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004.
Send in your registration form by tomorrow, Friday, March 19, 2004.
Blank forms are available at the front desk.
THIS IS THE FOURTH AND FINAL SESSION FOR THIS YEAR.

AROUND THE CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

First Grade Cool Cats are now studying ancient Egypt and are filled with ancient facts to link up to modern day happenings. They can even tell you all about a sarcophagus.

Upper Primary is busy connecting with the past: **Primary Multi-age Brilliant Bugs** teamed up with their middle school **6th grade** mentors to learn how to present live biographies. This past Monday and Tuesday was their day for a Junior People Fair. Thanks to 6th grade for your coaching.

Second Grade Top Bananas are busy as roving historians gathering information and reporting on people, historical symbols and events. They are presenting to other classes as well as to their own.

Third Grade is busy writing mysteries, tackling math while at the same time learning thespian skills as they prepare for their upcoming play on Thursday, March 31, 2004.

Fourth Grade culminates their study of government in Tallahassee this week. Their trip includes two nights and three days for our teachers, students and parent chaperones. They have a very full schedule filled with memorable opportunities.

Fifth Grade spent the beginning of this week at Enterprise Village bringing the theories of economics to life as they ran a city and businesses. They loved it...

Middle School will shine on Thursday afternoon and evening as they recite poetry with charm, costume and poise in a revival of the old coffee houses. The Poetry Coffeehouse begins for the sixth graders at 1:30 P.M. Seventh and eighth graders perform at 7:00 P.M. in the IDS Theatre/Training Center. Clicking fingers will replace applause as the old days are brought back during this annual event.

PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSER

Andreas Hatoum participated in The Florida Swimming Junior Olympic Championship this past weekend as a member of the Carrollwood Village Swim Team. He also received a silver and a bronze medal and was selected to participate in the Florida Swimming Dual Meet Team where he will compete against the best swimmers from the Florida Gold Coast in Ft. Pierce on March 27 & 28. Good luck Andreas!

To our IDS families, please share special moments so that everyone can enjoy with you.