

HEADS' LETTER

April 1, 2004

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Middle School Poetry Coffee House: On Thursday, March 18th, before Spring Break, the Poetry Coffee House held in the IDS Theatre was a smash hit. The audience laughed, cried, smiled and looked on with admiration while snapping their fingers in appreciation for each students' performance. The 6th grade performed during an afternoon matinee, and the 7th and 8th grades held their evening performance, making two and one-half hours feel like only 10 minutes. Poetry ranged from Shakespeare to Shel Silverstein, from the classics to contemporary selections, and from humor to serious messages. The variety, creativity, and poise in presentation were a joy to behold. Congratulations to the English Department, Mrs. Ragg-Smith, Ms. Grigelevich, and Mr. Vokoun for helping our students soar. Bravo IDSers... YOU DESERVE TO BE PROUD!!!

The Third Grade Drama Performance delighted the audience during three performances yesterday in their play called *Nick Tickle Fairytale Detective*. Pre-K thru 5th grade and proud parents enjoyed the audience participation as these talented third graders invited them to help solve the fairytale mystery. It was soooooo funny and each of the third graders amazed the audience with how well they pulled off a one hour play and remembered soooooo many lines. Congratulations to Drama TEACHER Mr. Travaglino for a superb production and to Third grade Teachers Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Sobel, and Mrs. Rivera. Special thanks to third grade parents who were so very helpful with scenery, props, supervision and support.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are already in the Spring of things, busy studying insects, and learning to be good observers of the world. They are seeing first hand mealy worms transform into beetles and caterpillars into butterflies, while hunting for ladybugs and anything that creeps and crawls. A field trip to the USF Botanical Gardens will lead into their "spring peek" into the plant world. Reading, writing and thinking skills will combine with the real world to bring learning to life. Congrats to the eight member Early Primary Team for making everyday, for our little ones, a perfect start for their future...

S.A.T. National Testing Begins

Question: Parents, do you want to know how you can prepare your child for testing?

Answer: That's easy! Simply get them to school **1) on time** **2)** with a smile, **3)** a hug, **4)** an "I LOVE YOU", **5)** a good breakfast (if they choose to rebel over food just pack a bigger healthy snack), and **6)** lots of sleep. Remember to have them go to bed early or at a very respectable "sleep time".

Note Key Testing Points:

- The testing time frame takes place from 8:15 – 10:30 A.M.
- Make-up times create a hardship for students as well as the school.
- Late students (8:05 A.M.) must report to the office in order to be admitted during testing.
- Late students may need to make up a test. Please be early or prompt.

Please, work together with us and follow the advice above for T.L.C. (tender loving care).

**TOP BANANA
CHOCOLATE FACTORY
SERVES THE GREATER COMMUNITY**



It's that time of year again! The Top Bananas will run their chocolate factory from *now* to the end of May. Deliveries will be made to each child's classroom. All proceeds will go to ***THE SPRING OF TAMPA BAY***, a home for battered women and their families. If you would like to consider placing an order with us, please fill out the enclosed order form, attach your money, and return it in your child's Thursday Folder.

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SnoCone Sale, Friday, April 2nd
\$1.00**



**BIG EVENT Memorabilia T-Shirts Are FUN
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**INTRODUCING...
SPRING INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
APRIL 6th THROUGH MAY 11th (See flyer inside.)**



**"THE MUSIC MAN"
Coming to a Theatre right here at IDS.
April 20, 21 and 22
Presented by the talented
Middle School Musical Theatre Elective
(See form inside to order tickets.)**



Message from Jenny Stiles, PFA President

PFA OFFERS IDS COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Many parents continue to express an interest in connecting with other IDS parents outside the classroom setting in a social situation. Parents' interests and schedules vary, so as you can see from the following activities, we will work to have them occur at a variety of times during the day and night.

Option I. In response to the Adult Sports Survey Form that was sent home several months ago, we will have our first **Adult Co-Ed Volleyball game in Corbett Hall on Tuesday, April 13th, 2004 at 7 P.M.** This is open to all parents interested in playing and/or cheering us on!!! Please call Kim Fowler at 968-8564 with any questions. If you are available that night, please come!

Option II. Looking for some adult conversation and a play date for your preschooler? Come on over to the Northdale playground on **Tuesday, April 6th at 9:00 A.M. for our first IDS playgroup.** Please bring your own juice and snacks. For more information, call Jen Selewach at 969-0837.

Option III. Are you interested in exercising with other parents? Every morning and afternoon a group of parents meet at 8 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Anyone who would like to join is welcome to meet in front of the eastside office. Currently, there is a walking group and a running group. For more information, please call Dawn Schocken at 417-0075.

PFA POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR

We are currently in the process of recruiting and selecting volunteers to join the leadership of the school for next year. If you are interested (or would just like more information) in chairing or being involved in any of the following committees, please call Jenny Stiles at 265-3514.

- Boosters
- Big Event
- Fine Arts or Chorus
- Golf Tournament
- Sally Foster
- School Pictures
- Book Fairs
- Lunch Program
- Room Parent Coordinator

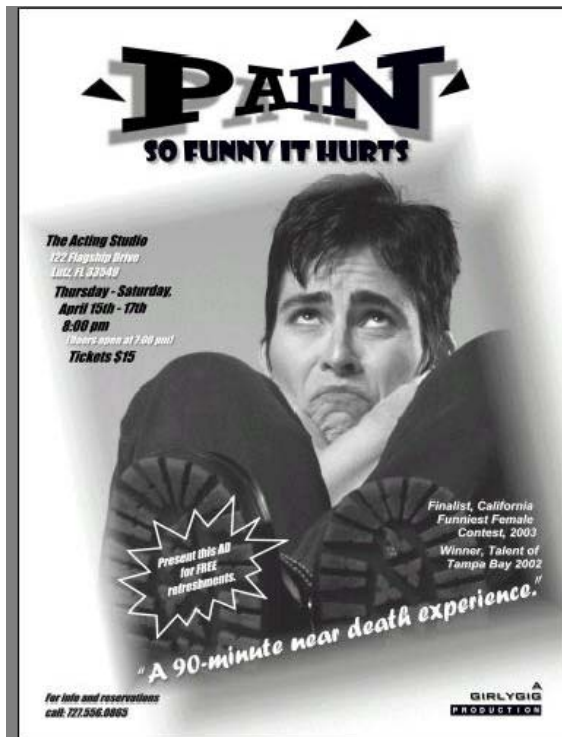
Many of these committees are led by two or three chairs, so if you are interested in working with a friend as a team, that would be great. We hope to have all positions filled by May so that plans can be made for next year! Thanks for your consideration in volunteering in the PFA!! We do very important work for our terrific children.

2004 – 2005 Academic Year Key Dates to Note on your Calendar

The full calendar will be distributed the first week in May. Below are major holiday times and beginning and ending of school dates.

Wednesday, August 18	First Day of School... (HOORAY!)
Wednesday, August 18	Noon dismissal for Pre-K and K
Friday, December 17	Noon Dismissal for Winter Break
Tuesday, January 4	Classes Resume
Monday, March 21	Spring Break Begins
Tuesday, March 29	Classes Resume
Friday, May 27	Last Day of School and Eighth Grade Graduation

COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENT



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The Acting Studio, 122 Flagship Drive, Lutz, FL 33549 (727) 556-0865

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