



## HEADS' LETTER

April 22, 2004

**LAST CHANCE: *MUSIC MAN* SIXTH AND FINAL SHOW**  
Tonight 7:00 P.M. Purchase tickets at the door  
**IDS-CC Theatre Training Center**

Another hit...in fact, a big hit! The IDS Middle School **Musical Theatre** elective received standing ovations from their admiring audiences who leave the theatre smiling and humming the great tunes from the *Music Man*. This is so professionally done. You will be amazed. Be sure to bring your children tonight for the last performance at 7:00 P.M. in the IDS-CC Theatre Training Center...**You will be telling everyone you see, "I am so glad I was there, it's a WOW!!!"** Congratulations to our proud parent volunteers and our directors and Teachers Seth "Mr. T" Travaglino (Drama) and Barbara McBride (Music).

**NEW HORIZONS WEEK: MIDDLE SCHOOL ON THE MOVE**

Is it that time already? The middle schoolers are preparing for one of the highlights of each year, as they pack up to experience trips that are a tradition that everyone enjoys for a lifetime. Bravo to all of our middle school teachers and specials teachers who make this happen!!! **\*Sixth Grade** will attend Pathfinders, an outdoor educational program at Cedarkirk. **Seventh Grade** will be decked out in hiking shoes and backpacks as they experience life in the outdoors for six glorious days with the WOLFCREEK experience (a 20-plus year tradition at IDS). **Eighth Grade** heads to Washington D.C. for their culminating trip before their graduation. You may have been to Washington 100 times, but when you see it with IDS teachers, it is another once in a lifetime opportunity. All 55 of our 8th graders will be attending!!!!

All of the trips have assignments connected to our academic standards and benchmarks and help bring meaning connections to learning. We wish them a terrific journey.

**Teachers Raise \$4,000 for Big Event Sleepover**

**Who would ever** pay \$100 to go to a sleepover? Forty very happy children were the big winners from the Big Event Auction sign-up to participate in this popular sleepover. On Friday, April 16, the second Annual Big Event Sleepover was held in Corbett Hall. The children enjoyed an evening full of food, games, dancing, movies, friendship and fun. A highlight was the time spent with their great teachers who made it all happen. BRAVO to TEACHERS with a capital "T", Jean Harrison (Kindergarten), Kim Fowler (First Grade), Jeanne Rivera (Third Grade), Jeff Smith (Physical Education), Heather Robinson (Middle School Science), and Victoria Watson (Drama). All of the Big Event proceeds, including those from the sleepover, have gone directly to the classrooms for the updated laptops on moving carts and new high powered computers in the music room, library and to replace others where needed. All students are living the benefit of the generosity alive and well in the IDS community...Thanks to all...

## IDS 7<sup>th</sup> Grader Lawrence Guilford Achieves Success in the Florida State Science Fair



Out of the whole State of Florida, our very own 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Lawrence Guilford won Fifth Place Honors. His category was botany. He tested the effect of electricity on plant growth and productivity (the mass of the fruit produced). He discovered that when exposed to an electric current from a 12-volt battery for 40 seconds each day, the plants with the electricity grew taller and greener. They also produced more flowers and more fruit. For the test group, Lawrence set up growing boxes that had electrical wires running through the soil. Lawrence plans to continue this research and enter the science fair again next year. Bravo to proud Science teacher, Gery Morey.

## PFA NEWS

### Message from Jenny Stiles, PFA President

The next parent **Co-ed Adult Volleyball** game will be held on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in Corbett Hall. Come on out for some great fun and meet some other parents. For more information, please call Kim Fowler at (813) 966-8564.



### **PARENT PFA LEADERSHIP MAKES IDS SOAR (Reminder reprinted from April 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Parents make all of the difference at IDS. All of the hours of volunteerism and generosity from popsicle sales to golf tournaments, from lunches to ParentNet and on and on contribute to the energy, fun and service mentality that permeates our school. It takes leadership to organize and accomplish all of the tasks that combine to create an impressive parent participation record. Please read the options for leadership enclosed in last week's Thursday folder and pick up the phone to volunteer for a position next year. You will be glad you did. If you want a co-chair, that's a great cooperative model available to everyone. Parents you do make a difference already; you can raise the bar even more by choosing a committee chair position...Thanks for considering it... Call President Jenny Stiles for more information.

## PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSERS

TO OUR IDS FAMILIES: Please continue to share special moments so that everyone can enjoy with you.

First Grader, **Brianna Hollander** has been invited to join the Bob Sierra Y.M.C.A. Gymnastic Pre-Team, providing an opportunity to learn the skills she needs to eventually join the competitive team. Congratulations Brianna!

This past weekend, Third Grader **Jessica Brewer** made her highest team score at the State Gymnastic meet. Jessica received an Elite score of 37.525. She earned 1<sup>st</sup> place on Floor with a 9.425, Bars, 9.3, Vault, 9.3, and her personal highest beam score – 9.5!! She took 2<sup>nd</sup> all around out of all of the level 4 Elite gymnasts. She received a medal in every event. Way to go Jessica! All your long hours have paid off! On to Level 5.



**FIRST GRADE COOL CATS  
INVITE YOU TO HELP THEM SAVE ANIMALS  
APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

The First Grade Cool Cats of IDS-CC would like your help in raising money to benefit the wild cats of “Big Cat Rescue” (formally “Wildlife on Easy Street”). This non-profit sanctuary and rehabilitation center is home to over 200 unwanted, abused, or abandoned animals. Some of the animals receiving help include over 140 bobcats, servals, ocelots, tigers, lynx, snow leopards, lions, and cougars.

In order to do this community service project, we need your help, IDS! Beginning **Monday, April 26 through Friday, April 30**, the IDS-CC Cool Cats will be selling safari items ranging in price from \$.50 to \$2.50. Our Safari Store will be open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. April 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Thank you for helping us to help these “Cool Cats”.

**CAR WASH – SATURDAY, MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

Your cars, covered in pollen and rain stains, can get a first rate bath and at the same time support our IDS-CC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation fundraiser.

- WHERE:** Burger King on North Dale Mabry (in front of Target)
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
- PRICE:** \$5.00
- WHAT:** We need your cars!!!
- WHEN:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>



**ICE CREAM SALE  
Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
\$1.00**



**Organized by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Fundraising Committee**

**IDS BOOK FAIR  
at Barnes & Noble is coming the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Plan ahead and buy SCRIPS  
(PFA SCRIP Order Form Enclosed in Thursday Folder.)**

## IDS Polo Shirts Arrive at Your Home for 2004-2005

We are piloting a new program for IDS polo shirts while adding opportunities to purchase pants, shirts, kulottes, and shorts in black or khaki. In an effort to provide appropriate clothes for special events and trips, we have connected with Fontaine Apparel. They will offer a variety of OPTIONS for clothes to compliment our polo shirts including a great fleece zippered jacket for those cool winter days.

Parents please remember that polo shirts are required. All of the other offerings are presented to provide a service and are strictly OPTIONAL. Measuring day will be on **Friday, May 21**. Buying shirts will now be between you and the company so planning ahead will be important! In order for children to participate in any and all trips and special events, they will need their shirts. We hope this home delivery service will be more efficient and provide you with ready-made options. We're going to give it a try! More information will come in May.

### The Warrior's Pride Chorus presents the musical



### "Once Upon An Island"



May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>

Last year's Fourth and Fifth graders captured our hearts with their performances of "Fiddler on the Roof". Just wait until you see this performance. Buy your tickets now for a family evening of pure enjoyment! Order forms are available in the office.

## COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENT

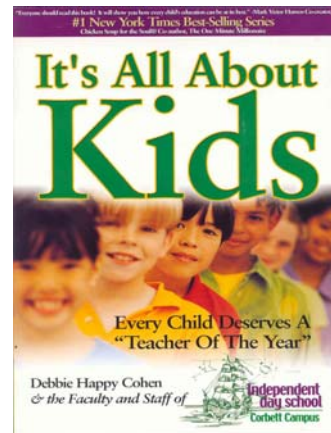
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