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HEADS' LETTER

APRIL 28, 2011

WITH APPRECIATION:

The public policy of NAIS (The National Association of Independent Schools) regarding "Teacher Quality" is as follows:

"The quality of the American Educational System rests most fundamentally on teacher commitment, competence, and collaboration. For this reason teachers who perform both individually and collectively at a high level are the essential ingredients in all outstanding schools."

Independent Day School: Corbett Campus embraces the NAIS message to the "nth degree" insuring that our teachers remain highly skilled, highly motivated, and highly involved with continuous learning. Yesterday at a workshop outside of IDS, a participant said that "the word on the street is that if you want to teach at IDS, you have to want to learn!" We believe that message is the same one we work to model for our students. That mindset requires time and dedication to a great purpose.

One of many examples is our quest for "Gifted Education for all Learners." Last Friday, at our afternoon in-service, Dr. Elizabeth Shaunessy, head of Gifted Education at USF and the Chair of her department, Dr. Daphne Thomas awarded each of our faculty members a framed certificate honoring their masters' level work during the five semesters of the USF and IDS collaborative partnership to become endorsed as a gifted education school. It was a new model that we completed in December, and one that gives us great pride. You can read more about it at <http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/>.

So, we want all of our parents to know that we are both humbled and appreciative of all of the effort, kindness and surprises that await us each day during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Your tokens of appreciation honor our efforts to continuously stay on the cutting edge of education and to continuously make meaningful connections to each and every one of our very precious students. To us, they are treasures. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

**ONE LAST CHANCE: TONIGHT YOU CAN STILL SEE THE
WARRIORS' PRIDE CHORUS
PRESENTING THE MUSICAL:
ARISTOCATS KIDS**



Aristocats Kids is a totally fun show with great music and family-style content. It's Disney magic, played live on stage in the Farish Center. The fourth and final show will be performed at 7:00 pm tonight, April 28 and is worth seeing again for those who would like to give their children a second showing. Parents will love it. The fourth and fifth grade Warriors' Pride Chorus members give us every reason to smile throughout the show. Bring your friends. Students are all complimentary. Adults are asked to give a \$5.00 donation to honor the Arts.

ATHLETICS AWARD NIGHT FEATURES



USF Head Volleyball Coach Claire Lessinger! MAY 16, 2011 - 6:30 PM – MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM



The IDS Athletic team is proud to announce Claire Lessinger as our keynote speaker for the 2011 IDS Athletic Awards Celebration! We welcome the former standout University of Florida volleyball player, and current University of South Florida Head Volleyball Coach, to speak to our IDS Warrior student-athletes about her inspirational story of hard work and perseverance. A native of the Tampa Bay area, Lessinger played volleyball for the Gators from 1993-1997 and helped lead her team to five consecutive SEC titles and three trips to the Final Four. She was also with the team when the program received its first-ever recognition as the nation's No. 1 team.

We begin promptly at **6:30 pm on Monday, May 16** in the Middle School Gym to listen to one of the best volleyball coaches in the nation speak to our IDS athletes. We will have hors d'œuvres before the event and dessert afterwards, as well as team recognition and celebration of the 2010-2011 Athletic Year. We will see you there, Go Warriors!

SPECIFICS: ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT



WHEN: Monday, May 16th at 6:30 pm

WHERE: Middle School Gym

WHO: ALL fourth through eighth grade **STUDENTS** who participated in sports at IDS during the 2010-2011 school year and their **PARENTS**.

DRESS: Appropriate school attire in order to be recognized. All athletes will be called up on stage. **Suggested attire is an IDS collared shirt and long dress pants or skirts that are appropriate school dress code length.**

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HONOR THE IDS DRESS CODE.

WHAT: This is our annual Athletic Awards Night. The evening will take place in the Middle School Gym and begin with hors d'œuvres provided by our **PFA Boosters!** During the program, each athlete's participation in each sport is recognized and all coaches, teammates, families, and friends are celebrated for their participation in sports. The program ends with a dessert celebration.

FALL: Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country

WINTER: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Wrestling, Track & Field

SPRING: Baseball, Softball, Tennis



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Reed Forehand (8th Grade) was selected as a page for the Florida House of Representatives and fulfilled his week of duty last week up in Tallahassee. Reed was chosen because of an essay he submitted about Why He Loves Florida. He had a wonderful time in Tallahassee. In addition to serving two days interacting and assisting Florida Representatives during legislative sessions in the House Chambers, pages were given tours of the Capitol buildings, Governor's Mansion, Florida History Museum, Florida Archives, and Florida Supreme Court. Other activities included a mock legislative session, observations of the education and state affairs committee meetings, and a Florida history scavenger hunt. Congratulations Reed.

PFA NEWS

IDS TEACHERS AND STAFF ROCK! Our students and parents thoroughly enjoyed making our teachers and staff feel special during Teacher Appreciation Week. It is our way of showing how truly thankful and appreciative we are for all of the hard work, dedication, patience and kindness our IDS Teachers and Staff show to our children and parents each day. Thank you for planning the week's activities to our wonderful RPCs, and our planning committee; Vanessa Minick, Kerry Lather, Maria Barron, Jodie Luster, Kim Overstreet, Melissa Montalvo, Erika Freifeld, Marcie Mueller, Kate Nucci, Agnes Baretta, Jayne Gilbert, Lisa Herscovici and Vera Murphy Trayner. On behalf of PFA President Heather Lee; *“Thank you Vera for your leadership this week!”*



PARENTS WE WANT YOU! TAKE THE LEAD!! Enclosed in this Thursday's folder is a questionnaire that will allow you to let the PFA Executive Team know what volunteer opportunities you would be interested in for the 2011-2012 school year! Please complete this form and return it by TOMORROW Friday, April 29. Would you like to be an RPC? Would you like to volunteer to help with the Gift Wrap fundraiser? Would you like to join the Golf and/or Big Event planning committees? Voice your thoughts on this handy form! If you have any questions, please contact our PFA President, Heather Lee at heatherlee12@verizon.net or (813) 966-9022. Thank you for helping make IDS THE BEST!!



SAVE THE DATE!! – YOU ARE INVITED – ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY & BREAKFAST – MONDAY, MAY 23 AT 8:05 A.M. – ALL IDS Volunteers are invited to attend!!



EIGHTH GRADE FLOWER SALE MAKES IT EASY!

Friday, April 29 - Coordinating with Teacher Appreciation Week's Flower Day for our Teachers, the IDS 8th Grade will be selling flowers on both sides of the campus on Friday, April 29 from 7:30 to 8:15 am. If your child would like to purchase flowers for his/her teachers that morning, all you need to do is make sure they bring their money to the **EAST SIDE** Flower Sale which will be located between the office and Corbett Hall. On the Middle School **WEST SIDE**, the Flower Sale will be located at the flag pole in front of the Middle School. The 8th grade students will be selling multi-colored carnations for \$1.00 each or five for \$3.00 and all proceeds from the sale will go directly towards the 8th Grade Graduation activities.



ART SHOW PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The IDS Art Teachers, Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Bossard, will be assembling the Art Show for Fine Arts Week. **On Thursday, May 5, we need parent volunteers** during the school day to help with this project. If you are interested in helping between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm (lunch break midday), please e-mail Mrs. Kerr at dkerr@idsyes.com. We certainly appreciate anyone who is willing to help. It is going to be the most creative and awesome showcase for our IDS art students' artwork in connection with our art timeline curriculum for this school year.



BON VOYAGE! Middle School heads out for adventures during New Horizons Week as they take school on the road! Next week will be a quiet week on the west side as Middle School students and teachers pack-up for a week of off-site learning experiences. All students will have follow-up projects that reflect upon the experience and demonstrate understanding of lessons learned.



SIXTH GRADE is off to Pathfinders for four days of taking IDS curriculum to the outdoors for an amazing experience. This is the tenth year at Pathfinders for our sixth graders.

SEVENTH GRADE is off to Wolfcreek for a junior-type outward bound experience. Our IDS seventh graders have been part of the Wolfcreek experience for over 20 years.

EIGHTH GRADE is off to Washington DC, Jamestown and Williamsburg, VA, where they see and experience first hand the history that they are studying. Civics is alive and thriving at IDS.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD! MORE GREAT DAYS COMING...

- ❖ **MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011: ATHLETICS AWARD NIGHT** for all athletes. Please see page 2 for details.

- ❖ **THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, May 12 and May 13 SPRING FINE ARTS performances are both daytime performances with your choice of an afternoon or morning performance.** FINE ARTS WEEK includes both performances in Corbett Hall and the Annual Art Show in the Farish Center. In both instances, all students perform and all students are represented in the art exhibit. Parents please plan to leave enough time to attend one of the performances and include time to tour the art exhibit. Both will bring a huge dose of joy and pride in your child and all IDS talent. The performance dates and times are:
 - ★ **Thursday, May 12, performance from 1:00 – 2:30 pm OR**
 - ★ **Friday, May 13, performance from 9:00 – 10:30 am.**

- ❖ **SUNDAY, MAY 22 through Sunday, May 29: IDS SPRING BOOK FAIR AT BARNES and NOBLE.**

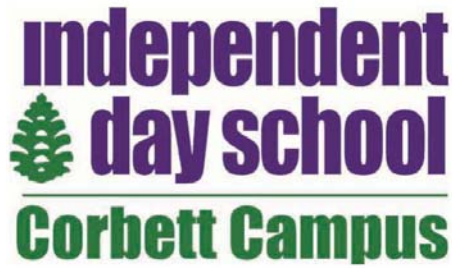
- ❖ **MONDAY, MAY 23: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY AND BREAKFAST.** We are hoping for a great turn out so that we can let our volunteers know just how much we appreciate them.

- ❖ **THURSDAY, June 2, 2011 - CANDLELIGHT AND “MOVING-UP” CEREMONY at 8:00 a.m. in Corbett Hall.**

- ❖ **FRIDAY, JUNE 3 is a full day from 8:00-3:00 p.m.** We are making every moment count with our IDSers to have a productive, smooth and wonderful end to the 2010-2011 school year. Each class is planning something special as well as honoring traditions. Early primary will have their New Beginnings Celebration in the Farish Center on that day as well.

- ❖ **Be sure to check in with the CSA (Community School of the Arts) for all of their recital dates for both dance and music lessons.** All performances are held in either the Farish Center or the Grand Room.

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



ONE PER FAMILY

Parent Volunteers Take the Lead!

Express your interest today to serve as a volunteer in the 2011 - 2012 Parent Faculty Association. IDS-CC appreciates your volunteer support for the programs listed below!

Fundraising Events	Parent / Family Events
Gift Wrap Sales	Fall Festival (food, games, fun run)
Golf Event	Book Club
Yard Sales	Winter Holiday Boutique
Book Fairs	Family Events (Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Bfast)
Boosters Club (Sports Challenge, Concessions)	
Big Event	Classroom / Campus
Cash for Class - Back to School Event	Media Center / Library
	Special Events (Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation)
	Room Parent Coordinator (RPC)

**Room Parent Coordinators

Two to three volunteers are needed per grade level to assist faculty, communicate with parents, and prepare Thursday folders. This role requires a weekly time commitment. RPCs are asked to serve a one-year term and then rotate into another volunteer role, or a different RPC role for a sibling. This allows many parents an opportunity to serve.

2011 - 2012 Volunteers - Action Needed!

Name _____ Email _____

Thank you for offering to volunteer! Please list your top 1-5 areas of volunteer interest.








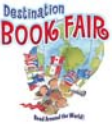
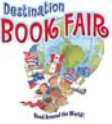

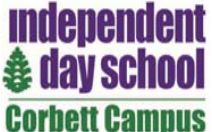
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Note: If interested in RPC, please state your child's name and grade. _____

Please direct questions to Heather Lee at heatherlee12@verizon.net or Marcie Mueller at perform@tampabay.rr.com

Return form to East Side Office by April 29, 2011

May/June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Horizons Week For Middle School	2 New Horizons Week  Day 5	3 New Horizons Week  Day 1	4 New Horizons Week  Day 2	5 New Horizons Week  Day 3	6 New Horizons Week  Day 4	7
8	9 ART SHOW Opens in the Farish Center  Day 5	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Fine Arts Day Performance Corbett Hall 1:00 pm Day 3	13 Fine Arts Day Performance Corbett Hall 9:00 am Arts Show Concludes Day 4	14
15	16 HEADMASTER OF THE DAY REED BERLET Athletics Awards Night Middle School Gym 6:30 pm Day 5	17 Pre-K3 Florida Aquarium Field Trip 8:45 am – 12:45 pm 5 th Grade Busch Gardens Sleepover 5:00 pm Mighty Monkeys Sleepover at the Florida Aquarium 7:00 pm Day 1	18 8 th Grade Egg Drop at Raymond James Stadium 8:00 – 10:30 am NOON DISMISSAL/ Teacher In-Service Day *	19 Pre-K and K Transportation Trip 8:15 am – 2:30 pm Brilliant Bugs Sleepover at the Florida Aquarium 7:00 pm Day 2	20 Middle School Drama/Forensics Performance 8:15 am Cool Cats Big Cat Rescue Field Trip 9:00 – 11:30 am Mighty Monkeys Performance Farish Center 1:30 pm Day 3	21 CSA and After School Dance Recital 11:00 am and 2:00 pm 
22 IDS Spring Book Fair Week Begins 	23 Young Authors: International Perspectives Volunteer Appreciation Assembly & Breakfast 8:05 am Day 4	24 PFA Book Club 1:30 pm CSA Art Show & Piano Recital Farish Center 6:00 pm Day 5	25 Upper Primary Ft. DeSoto Park 8:30 am – 2:15 pm Primary Night @ the Book Fair Warriors Pride Chorus Performs @ Book Fair 6:00 pm Day 1	26 3 rd , 3/4 Multi-age, and 4 th Grade Sleepover at MOSI 5:00 pm CSA Art Show & Piano Recital Farish Center 6:00 pm Day 2	27 CSA Art Show & Piano Recital Farish Center 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm Day 3	28
29 IDS Spring Book Fair Week Concludes 	30 Memorial Day School Holiday 	31 Day 4	JUNE 1 Day 5	JUNE 2 Candlelight and Moving Up Ceremony Corbett Hall 8:05 am Day 1	JUNE 3 8:00 – 3:00 FULL DAY Pre-K & K New Beginnings Ceremony Farish Center LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 8 th Grade Graduation 6:30 pm Corbett Hall Day 2	

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IDS Students Experience Government in Action

Participating in mock legislative sessions in the Florida House of Representatives and a simulated trial at the Supreme Court brings learning to life for IDS-CC students.



Third and fourth grade students from Independent Day School-Corbett Campus participate in a mock session of Congress during their study trip to Tallahassee.

April 26, 2011 (TAMPA, Fla.) – Earlier this spring, sitting in the tall leather chairs usually reserved for the state’s elected officials in the actual chamber where Florida history is made, third and fourth graders from Independent Day School-Corbett Campus conducted their own “special session” of the Florida Legislature.

To culminate their study of how a bill becomes law and an International Baccalaureate (IB) unit called, “How We Organize Ourselves,” IDS students traveled to Tallahassee to experience for themselves the inner workings of state government and to engage in hands-on applications of their social studies curriculum.

Gov. Rick Scott greeted students, teachers and parent chaperones upon their arrival at the state Capitol. Next, accompanied by State Representative District 60 Shawn Harrison, they visited the House chamber. Sitting at dark wooden desks of House representatives, they listened as classmate Derek Sokol introduced a bill to the floor regarding homework. They discussed the bill and then voted, pushing buttons to activate red or green lights on the chamber wall.

To an outsider, it was a mock session of Congress. For the students, it was a real example of learning in action – a lesson that transformed the legislative process into an experience they could feel and touch.

Students began the second day of the three-day trip by visiting the Governor’s Mansion and meeting First Lady Ann Scott. They toured the Senate chamber in the new Capitol, and conducted a second Congressional simulation at the old Capitol concerning a school voucher bill.

“Students were amazed at being in the halls of law-making bodies and seeing history and present day happenings that affect their lives and their futures,” said fourth grade teacher Kim Rostick.

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IDS Students Experience Government in Action

The story is continued here.



Governor Rick Scott greeted students upon their arrival at the state Capitol.

In addition to government in action, the trip incorporated early Florida history and native Florida wildlife with visits to the Mission San Luis, the Goodwood Museum and Gardens, the Museum of Florida History, Wakulla Springs State Park, and the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science.

“The highlight of the trip for us was visiting the Florida Supreme Court,” said Ann Cashen, who team teaches the third/fourth grade multi-age class with Bettyann Pitti and Judy Sobel. With students filling the roles – and chairs – of the seven justices and attorneys on each side, they argued a real court case involving mandatory school uniforms.

“Going to the Supreme Court was a blast,” said third grader Christian Bulnes, who filled the role of a justice. Maya Harrell, who played a lawyer, agrees. “I had to write everything down that I wanted to say. Now, I know for sure I want to be a lawyer when I grow up.”

“As we taught this unit, we used a variety of interactive and technology-based, instructional strategies to bring the lessons to life,” said third grade teacher Tracey Price, citing videos, note-taking guides, role playing, and Internet research activities on classroom laptops as examples.

Fourth grade students in Rostick and Allison Lester’s class viewed videos of the opening of the 2011 Legislative session, as well as a news conference with the House speaker, Senate president and governor. Students in the third/fourth grade multi-age class created state reports in the forms of books, posters, and PowerPoint presentations. And all classes engaged in classroom simulations to model how a bill becomes law.

“When you get to see and experience things for yourself, it brings learning to a totally new level,” said third grade teacher Kelly Garrison. “Students walk in and they see this room with huge desks and chairs. They see that real people sit here and do this every day and realize, ‘This could be *me*. I could do this one day.’ That’s a powerful connection.”

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited, nonsectarian private school located on Orange Grove Drive in northwest Hillsborough County with over 500 students from PreK3 through 8th grade. At IDS, all children experience the International Baccalaureate Programme in a highly academic and nurturing environment focused on excellence and excitement in learning. IDS-CC has become recognized as an exemplary school with over 6,500 visitors observing and learning from IDS-CC teachers. For more information, visit www.idsyas.com or contact the Admissions Office at 813-961-3087 for a personal tour.

Contact: Dr. Jennifer Morrow, Director of Admissions Independent Day School-Corbett Campus
Telephone: (813) 961-3087 jmorrow@idsyas.com



ALL STUDENTS
FOR 4th – 8th
GRADES

ATTENTION ALL IDS-CC ATHLETES: MAY 16

THE ANNUAL IDS-CC ATHLETIC AWARDS EVENING IS MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011 AT 6:30 PM!!! We are so privileged to have University of South Florida Head Volleyball Coach Claire Lessinger as our key note speaker for the 2010-2011 IDS Athletic Awards Celebration! Lessinger, a 1997 University of Florida graduate, will speak to our student-athletes about her inspirational story of hard work and perseverance. This is a terrific time for all of our athletes from 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to come and be honored for their participation in the Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports Seasons.

Our teams experienced rigorous training, phenomenal development, huge growth and great fun all year long. Now it's time to celebrate their fantastic seasons with their IDS coaches, teammates, families and friends!

Please plan to join us on Monday, May 16 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Gym. The evening will begin in the Dean Dining Hall with appetizers and desserts provided by athletes' parents. We will honor the participation of all athletes in each sport.

Please let us know below if you would support the evening with an appetizer or a dessert to share. ☺

As coaches, this is one of our favorite moments of the year because we get to tell you all of the awesome things your IDS athlete accomplished! We're looking forward to seeing you!!!

Sincerely,
Coach Robert Heller and Coach Adam Chumbley
Athletic Director Asst. Athletic Director

✂ ✂ ✂ PLEASE CUT AND RETURN TO THE IDS OFFICE ✂ ✂ ✂

_____ **YES!** We will be attending the Athletic Awards Evening.

Total number of attendees: _____ (including athlete and any family members)

_____ I will bring an appetizer to share.

_____ I will bring a dessert to share.

_____ I will be elsewhere on Monday, May 10, 2010

NAME

DATE

A Night At The Trop

A Night Off For Our Wonderful, Hard Working Parents!



VS.

7:10pm

Friday, May 13th



Join Your Coaches & Teachers In Raising Funds For IDS Athletics!

Your child's lineup for the evening:

Inning	Position	Time	Event
1	M.S. Gym	2:55- 3:00	Teachers escort students to M.S. Gym
2	M.S. Gym	3:15- 4:15	Matball Game
3	Dean Dining Hall	4:15- 5:00	Pizza and Drinks
4	Bus	5:00- 6:00	Bus Ride to Tropicana Field (St.Pete)
5	Tropicana Field	6:00- 7:10	Autograph Seeking (bring memorabilia)
6	Tropicana Field	6:00- 7:10	Watching Batting Practice
7	Tropicana Field	7:10- 10:00	Tampa Bay Rays vs. Cleveland Indians
8	Bus	10:15- 11:00	Bus ride back to IDS
9	M.S. Gym	11:00pm	Approximate pick-up time at M.S. Gym

Eligibility: 4th Grade and Up - Limited to First 50 Students

Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 11th!

A Night At The Trop - Entry Form

\$60 Per Student

Student: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Credit Card / Check # / Check Enclosed : _____

**Please make checks payable to Independent Day School and
 turn in to either the East or West side office**