



HEADS' LETTER

April 29, 2004

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

DID YOU KNOW that our middle school students were participating in New Horizons week, which is a yearly tradition of class trips, that relate to academic and leadership growth opportunities? The Sixth grade is at Pathfinders in Cedarkirk. The Seventh graders are living in the outdoors, rock climbing and mountain climbing in the long awaited tradition of Wolfcreek (in Alabama). The Eighth graders were in Washington, DC. They all return home by Thursday night full of great stories and lifetime memories.

DID YOU KNOW that *Music Man* was performed last week by our first musical theatre group as part of a year long elective? The performers were from the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades.

DID YOU KNOW that our Warriors' Pride Chorus consists of Fourth and Fifth graders? They were the ones who **WOWed** us last year with the musical *Fiddler on The Roof*. The Warriors' Pride Chorus returns with another outstanding musical next week called *Once On This Island*, which is a show for the whole family!!!

DID YOU KNOW that our Annual Art Show will be held in the Theatre/Training Center May 17-21? Every child in the entire school will have a piece of artwork on display!!!

DID YOU KNOW that IDS is a proud recipient of the nationwide 2004 Promising Practices Citation from the National Character Education Partnership? The award will be presented at the National Conference in Houston, Texas in October. Look for more information about this in next week's Heads' Letter.

DID YOU REMEMBER that tuition to reserve your place next year is due by May 15? We have a full house for the 2004-2005 year. Many of you have friends on the wait pool. Please tell them to be patient. People move in and out of town all of the time. If you think that might happen to you, please be sure to take out TRP...We hope everyone will be here to enjoy an IDS education through 8th grade. We love your children.

DID YOU KNOW that IDS is still working to secure the land north of SR 54 on SR 41 for a high school? The property is on a beautiful lake and is only 18 minutes from IDS. We have extended the contract date for purchase for another few months. Anyone knowing someone inside or outside our school who will help us get the funds, please step forward. We have interesting prospects. We are going forward with our quest. Students deserve to soar with an IDS brain-based education especially in high school.

DID YOU KNOW that we appreciate your reading the Heads' Letter each and every week? Thanks. If you want grandparents to keep up with what we are doing, send us their e-mail and we'll add them to the list...

The Warriors' Pride Chorus presents the musical



"Once on This Island"
May 4th and May 6th



This musical is the junior version of the off Broadway 1989-90 season and then Broadway hit in May 1990. The Warriors' Pride Chorus for IDS consisting of Fourth and Fifth Graders is proud to present this delightful musical. The energy is exciting, filled with great musical selections and lots of lively dancing! This is a must see. Last year, the Warriors' Pride Chorus brought *Fiddler on the Roof* to life for an incredible show. Everyone is invited to get into the spirit and share in this wonderful family show! The performances are on **Tuesday, May 4th and Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 P.M. Ticket prices: \$5.00 each.**

REMEMBER: CAR WASH – SATURDAY, MAY 1st

It's time to give your car a first-rate bath and at the same time support our IDS-CC 8th Grade Graduation fundraiser. Everyone's car is welcome!

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 1st



FIRST GRADE COOL CATS INVITE YOU TO HELP THEM SAVE ANIMALS LAST DAY OF SALE – FRIDAY, APRIL 30th

The First Grade Cool Cats of IDS-CC would like your help in raising money to benefit the wild cats of "Big Cat Rescue", (formerly "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 make this community service project a success, they still need your help. Tomorrow, April 30th is the last day the IDS-CC Cool Cats will be selling safari items ranging in price from \$.50 to \$2.50. Our Safari Store is open Friday (tomorrow) from 7:45 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Thank you for helping these caring "Cool Cats".

The Brilliant Bugs (Primary Multiage) are selling...

Squirmy Wormy



Dirt Delights

**For Community
Service**

Dirt Delights?? Yes, Dirt Delights are those delicious treats made up of chocolate or vanilla pudding, crushed OREO cookies and Gummy Worms! The Brilliant Bugs are selling Dirt Delights to learn the value of service to the community and to apply what they have learned about money in the classroom to a "real life" experience! The dollars raised will be donated to a charity that comes from their own research. They are busy writing paragraphs to support their various choices for donating options.

They will be taking orders for these YUMMY snacks until MAY 13th to be delivered on May 20th – 21st. The cost is \$1.00 each and all orders must be prepaid. Please fill out the enclosed order form completely to get your hands on a delicious SQUIRMY WORMY DIRT DELIGHT!



ICE CREAM SALE
Monday, May 3rd
\$1.00



Organized by the 8th Grade Graduation Fundraising Committee

PFA NEWS

Message from Jenny Stiles, PFA President

Please attend the last **Parent Faculty Meeting** of the year!

ALL IDS PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2004
(Please note date change.)

Time: 8:15 A.M.

Place: Library

Items on the Agenda:

- Teacher Appreciation Activities
- Summary of all fundraising activities for the year
- Leadership Volunteer Opportunities discussed for next year
- High School updates and potential Early Childhood Expansion

Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!



**IDS BOOK FAIR at Barnes & Noble
begins the week of May 9th
Plan ahead and buy SCRIP.**

**IDS receives up to 20% of each order.
(PFA SCRIP Order Form Enclosed in Thursday Folder.)**

**ENCLOSURE: Summer Work Materials
See enclosed flyer.**

PARENT ALERT: LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is overflowing with your precious belongings. **Please** come search through the bin located at the Bell Tower before Friday, April 30th. We will be donating any items left over next week. Be sure to put names on all items so that we can easily return items to your children.



PARENTS HONOR THEIR TEACHER

As we near Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2nd – 8th, it is fun to read a recent letter to Mrs. Harrison from the Prado family. Their thoughts below represent a tribute to all of our teachers and families, and how close we work together. Appreciation goes both ways.

Friday, Juliana brought her Manatees book home. She read for us and we were impressed with her reading, her book decoration, and the logic of the story. She was all excited to present to us, she acted as an author, and we loved it! We were very happy to see her project!

On Saturday, while Daddy was packing for a long trip, she made a book about her family. Same concept: cover page; story page by page, the end. There were meaningful sentences. She did another one about her fish, very good too.

Yesterday, she received a birthday party invitation, and she was able to read the entire invitation by herself. This was another good surprise for us.

Just to share with you that we are very happy with her growth, her eagerness to learn more and her enthusiasm about the new. We know that is because of the IDS methodology and most important the way the methodology is applied. Applying this methodology relies on the teacher and on the level of work of each teacher. This is what makes the difference. We really appreciate your commitment and excellent work with our daughter. We just want to say THANK YOU!

-Mr. and Mrs. Prado

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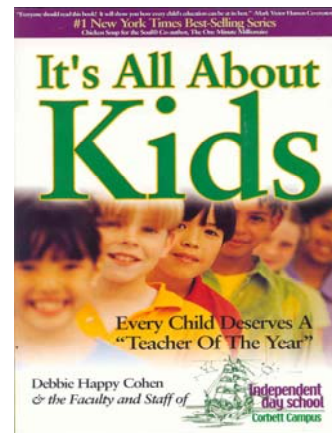
Suzanne Willette is an IDS parent!
Bravo Suzanne!

The Acting Studio
122 Flagship Dr.
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