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HEADS' LETTER

MAY 17, 2007

REPRINTED REMINDER: TONIGHT: ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT 6:30 p.m.

Where: Corbett Hall

WHO? All fourth through eighth grade student athletes and their parents

Why? This is our Annual opportunity for our coaches to honor all those who have participated in sports during the 2006 - 2007 school year including **Fall Sports:** soccer, volleyball, cross country, **Winter Sports:** boys' basketball, girls' basketball, track, & cheerleading, **Spring Sports:** baseball, softball, and tennis.

THIS WEEKEND IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!!!



The IDS Community School of the Arts presents SEUSSICAL JR. -

a musical treat that will delight all of our audiences. Be sure to get your tickets to reserve a seat at one or more performances by calling the office at (813) 961-3087.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 6:30 p.m. or

SATURDAY, MAY 19, for three shows. 11:00 a.m., 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. or

SUNDAY, MAY 20, for two shows. 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

CHINA TRIP MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

Interested in learning more about the October Summit in China?? Students in grades 5 through grade 8 (and even their parents) are invited to represent Independent Day School at the International School Connections summit and tour. Find out more by attending the **China Trip Meeting on Thursday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Social Studies room on the first floor.** The meeting will be one hour. *(Please note that the location has changed to the Middle School.)* If you are still needing a packet of information, call (813) 961-3087 ext. 379 or email Mrs. Linda Boza at lboza@idsyes.com. The registration has begun!

PARENTS INVITED TO ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

MONDAY, MAY 21, 8:05 A.M.: YEARBOOK ASSEMBLY and other Monday Morning recognitions will be in Corbett Hall! **THURSDAY, MAY 31, 8:00 A.M. EIGHTH GRADE CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY AND MOVING UP CEREMONY.** The Moving Up Ceremony begins immediately following the Candlelight Ceremony! The Moving Up Ceremony is a joyful celebration. It marks a passage from one level to another for each IDSer. As the eighth grade leaves, the seventh grade and all the way through Pre-K3 take their new position for the next year. This tradition at IDS celebrates the present and rings in excitement for a bright future. Parents love being there! Bring your cameras!!!

THE 2007 IDS VISIONS YEARBOOK IS HERE!

It is filled with wonderful snapshots of the memories we have created at IDS throughout the 2006 - 2007 school year. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Yearbook Staff, led by senior editors Alec Gutierrez and Pierce Norris. Your hard work, dedication and creativity made this yearbook an extraordinary gift to your classmates, the parents and the faculty & staff of IDS. A special thank you to Creative Directors India Hays and Madye Bell for their incredible cover design. These talented young ladies took their vision and gave us a beautiful and meaningful cover. Faculty Advisors Ms. Lynne Grigelevich (Ms. G.) and Mrs. Chris Thomas are very proud of the yearbook staff and say, "Thank You!" for making this a great year!

THIRD GRADE Returns from ST. AUGUSTINE

They all raved that the trip was fabulous!! One teacher said, "Each day was amazing and better than the day before!" The teachers said the parents were terrific! Parents said the teachers were so well organized and great! Both parents and teachers were thrilled with how much the students knew from their classroom work and how great the students behaved and interacted! And in addition, they really had an in-depth experience; read on for details:

Historic St. Augustine comes alive for our IDS Third Graders. Over two exciting days, our 55 third graders and 45 parents traveled back through time to experience life during the First Spanish Period. Some of the many sites visited were The Fountain of Youth, The Spanish Quarter Village, The Flagler Church, The Spanish Military Hospital, and of course The Castillo de Marcos. A highlight of the trip was climbing the 219 stairs of the infamous lighthouse. Many prideful moments were shared when our students applied the information learned in class with the tour guides of the trip.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

The Middle School Student Council, under the extraordinary leadership of President Alyssa Blumenthal, has had a banner year. With the support of Vice Presidents Schuyler Arakawa, Michelle Newberger and Caitlin Hollander, Treasurer Mick McColl, Secretary Ashton Hatter, and a cabinet of dedicated sixth, seventh and eighth graders, this council provided the student body with opportunities for community service, fun-filled dances and spirit days, recognition and rewards for maintaining high academic standards, and special treats like Polar Cups and smoothies. Ms. Blumenthal also followed through on her campaign promise, helping the administration acquire a snack machine filled with a variety of healthy snacks for the middle school students. Faculty Advisors Ms. G. & Mrs. Boza is incredibly proud of this council's vision, commitment, leadership and dedication. Bravo to the 2006 – 2007 Middle School Student Council - a job very well done!



INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SPORTS TEAM DAY – FRIDAY, MAY 18



Intermediate Leadership Council is sponsoring Sports Team Day for Friday, May 18th. Get out those jerseys and caps to show your support!!



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

On Saturday, April 28, 8th grader **Ben Peacock** competed against the best track & field athletes on this side of the state at the Flrunners.com Middle School West Regional Championships. Ben stepped up to the challenge and took third place, running a PR (personal record) of 59.87 seconds in the 400 meter event, less than one second behind winner Justin Hall. By placing in the top 4, Ben qualifies for next weekend's state meet in Clermont, FL. Congratulations!!!

Griffin Burns (IDS Kindergarten) raised \$52 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by selling lemonade and other beverages during a community yard sale in his neighborhood on April 28. The money will be given to JDRF as a tribute donation in honor of his friend Max Barrett.

**This letter below was shared at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast by our President.
To Dawn: You have led with vision and facilitated joy in volunteering! We love and
appreciate you and your family for sharing you with us!**

A LETTER FROM PFA PRESIDENT, DAWN SCHOCKEN

Dr. Swarzman, Faculty, Staff, Students and Parents:

I want to thank you most sincerely for giving me the distinct honor of serving as President of the Parent Faculty Association this past year. We have had an opportunity to host record breaking fundraising events, record breaking student/parent gatherings and record breaking volunteer activity hours for our IDS campus. It has been my pleasure to be at the helm of this wonderful ride. I would be remiss if I did not mention the hard work of the scores of volunteers who serve, review, phone, plan and carry forward the mission of our school. The infrastructure of this organization was initiated a mere decade or so ago, and has grown to such boundless dimensions that we now reach heights that were unpredicted by my predecessors.

Whether it is:

- the team of Jenny Stiles and Janee Murphy, who “kicked off” our year with an outstanding Innisbrook Wrap fundraiser;
- the hard-working and very dedicated Room Parent Coordinators, led by my very dear friend, Mrs. Lisa Herscovici, who daily make a difference in the lives of each student on campus;
- the extraordinary move, led by Mrs. Sandy McCullin, to serve hot meals each day to our students, with the scores of parent volunteers who helped take names, and check off meals;
- our wonderful maven of the media volunteers: Mrs. Milene Lima, who helped Mrs. Pitti, with volunteers and manpower to assist in the Library;
- our outstanding Golf Committee, led by Mrs. Angie Kaliban, whose energy and attention to detail led to the most successful Golf Tournament in the history of IDS;
- the dynamic trio of Mrs. Gina Shannon, Mrs. Iza Winston and Mrs. Debbie Nouss, who gave us a weekend of fun, entertainment, food and festivities with our Fall Festival;
- the Drama Team extraordinaire, chaired by Mrs. Cathy Peacock and Mrs. Dawn Dobish, who assured each and every student on this campus a moment in the spotlight working closely with our Drama Team;
- the musical team of Mrs. Shalimar Allen, Mrs. Billie Valloreo and Mrs. Sherri Cherry, who joyfully assisted our students in their creative performances;
- the Booster Chair, Mrs. Courtney Hayes, whose team of volunteers ran an extremely successful faculty/student challenge under her tutelage;
- the effervescent and ready to go chair of chairs, Ms. Julie Salek, who each year for the past several years, has given us a Big Event to remember.

The hundreds of volunteer hours that went into the daily classroom activities, the fundraisers, the fun raisers, the organizers, the mixers, the matchers, each of you contributed to the whole, weaving the tapestry of our beautiful campus with love, promise and enthusiasm and with your help, made IDS a better community, more sustainable and infinitely more enriched.

Thank you for all that you have done this year. Thank you for all that you will do in the future. We have the unique opportunity to work in tandem with our children as they learn, grow, develop and become the adults they will be. This has been a joyful journey for me; I appreciate each and every single one of you more than you can ever know. My heart goes out to you as you face the future and embrace the leadership of our community. I will always carry a piece of IDS in my heart and soul. Be healthy, embrace happiness and stay the course.

Gratefully,
Dawn M. Schocken, PFA President 2006 – 2007
2002 – 2004

Discover Your Creative Genius!



Music and Dance Lessons for The Entire Tampa Community
Summer Schedule
June 11 – July 17, 2007

Music: Private and Pair Lessons

piano, guitar, woodwinds, brass, percussion and strings
Group Lessons – piano, guitar, woodwinds and brass

Dance: Private and Pair Lessons

Summer workshops in ballet, jazz and hip-hop

Community School of the Arts at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus
12015 Orange Grove Drive - Tampa, FL 33618
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(813) 961-3087 x 354

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

SPRING FINE ARTS NIGHT

PROGRAM NOTES 2007

The 8th grade class will be performing original pieces in the style of the performing group STOMP. These performances are scattered throughout this evening's concert.

8th Grade Prelude

Primary

By the Light of The Silvery Moon.....Gus Edwards
Drip, Drip, Drop.....Frank Churchill and Larry Morey

Primary Dance

I Won't Grow Up.....from Disney's *Peter Pan*

8th Grade Interlude

Beginning Band

Minuet.....arr. John O' Reilly
Orpheus in the Underworld (Can-Can).....arr. John O' Reilly

Advanced Band

Eagle Mountain Overture.....Robert Sheldon

8th Grade Interlude

Spirit of IDS Chorus

Bedtime in Summer.....Larry Alan Smith
Song Of Peace.....Teresa Jennings

Intermediate Division

O Music.....arr. Patrick M. Liebergen
The Crawdad Song.....arr. Cristi Cary Miller

Warriors' Pride Chorus

The Preamble.....from *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.*
Interplanet Janet.....from *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.*

8th Grade Interlude

MS Musical Theater

You Can't Stop the Beat.....from *Hairspray*
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.....from *Mary Poppins*

Whole School

Show Me the Way to Go Home.....Irving King

Contemporary Art:

“Open Minds through Open Hearts”

Since we are seven years into a new century, we decided to do a theme that was entirely new for visual arts. Initially we had many good reasons for choosing this theme, among them, facilitating our connection to our International Baccalaureate program and the themes in the academic classroom. As in our turn of the century theme six years ago, looking back on what we accomplished this year gave us many insights into other ways that this theme seemed to be the perfect one for this school year.

The beginning of the 21st century has seen our world grow much “smaller.” Technology has brought us all face to face with one another, so much so that things like distance, language, culture, economics, and religion have become approachable barriers instead of impassable obstacles. In truth, while technology has focused a brighter light on our differences in these areas, it has also facilitated our willingness to approach one another with more tolerance and understanding.

This is where a study of contemporary art was the perfect theme of study for this year. Historically, the visual arts have always been a stepping stone of communication and understanding between cultures. Studying the art of many historic periods and ethnic societies often highlights the commonalities we all have. Looking at the images, ideas, and accomplishments of artists who are currently making an impact in the art world is like looking into a mirror that reflects how quickly our world is changing. We studied artists whose ideas made a difference and moved art in new directions like Keith Haring and Andy Warhol, who brought art to the masses and tried to change the elitist image that art had acquired. We looked at artists who used their art to improve their economies, such as the San Blas tribe of Panama. We discussed the importance of recycling and using art to focus on the environment.

We have even connected art and technology after studying contemporary artists in art class. Students created their own originals in the computer lab, inspired by the artist of their choice. Our students have done an outstanding job of creating their interpretation of what is contemporary and we are proud of their accomplishments. If you take the time to view each piece, you will see that our students demonstrate the great promise for the contemporary arts of the future.

Sincerely,
Debbie Kerr and Amber Johnston
Art Teachers

Special Thanks...

Thank you to all parents and staff who have generously given their time and energy to make Fine Arts Night a **SUCCESS!!!**

We extend our sincere gratitude to the following:

- ❖ **Lynn and James McAvoy and Linden Galleries for their generous donation of mat board**
- ❖ **Drama Co-Chairs: Cathy Peacock and Dawn Dobish**
- ❖ **Warriors' Pride Chorus Co-Chairs: Billie Valloreo and Sherri Cherry**
- ❖ **Renee Holden for matting all of our art displays in the art show**
- ❖ **A special thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the art show set-up**
- ❖ **Our IDS Facilities for setting our stage and seats**
- ❖ **The IDS Faculty for the time and flexibility during rehearsals**
- ❖ **The IDS Administration and office for supporting our events**

IDS-CC Fine Arts Department

Art

**Debbie Kerr
Amber Johnston
Lisa Kelly**

Dance

Lisa Kelly

Drama

**Seth Travaglino
Victoria Watson
Barbara Soule**

Music

**Michael LeBlanc
Barbara McBride
Tom McColley**