



## HEADS' LETTER

May 20, 2004

**BE SURE TO PACK A LUNCH FOR SCHOOL NEXT WEEK...  
TOMORROW, MAY 21 IS THE LAST DAY OF THE LUNCH PROGRAM.**

Bravo to Valerie Crouse and Beatriz Stach for a very successful lunch program this year...  
Read page 2 for all lunch chairs.

**TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT...THE IDS-CC FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS: A VOICE AND A VISION:  
REACHING HEARTS THROUGH THE ARTS**

**6:00 - 6:55 P.M.** IDS Student Art Exhibit in the Theatre/Training Center

**6:30 P.M.** *All students report to classrooms*

**7:00 - 8:15 P.M.** Performance in Corbett Hall; doors open only at **6:30 P.M.**

Please read last week's *Heads Letter* for parking hints (found on <http://www.idsy.es.com>).

We're counting on seeing everyone there for a night to celebrate the arts with your children and school.

♦ **PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHILD'S IDS POLO SHIRT for tonight!!!**

Thanks for your support.

## A GREAT WEEK: SOMETHING TO SHARE

These last couple of weeks, a number of visitors have come to visit our campus. They include teachers from other schools, new families, and those out in the world in both public and private schools; all looking to learn more about us. They all repeatedly noted with amazement that everyone here looks so happy. There are smiles everywhere including students, teachers and parents. We get so accustomed to expect this that we often take the joy of learning for granted. It comes from all the hard work of a team effort between parents, teachers and children as we work to provide both **joy** and **challenge** to learning, **stimulating** lessons that are also **productive**, and a **nurturing** environment that sets **high expectations** and **high standards**.

Did you know that IDS ranks in the top 10% of the nation in test scores for the SAT Test? And did you know that IDS exceeds the mean of the schools in the top 10% of both private and public schools? That is amazing since the ability tests given demonstrate the wide range of academic potential of our students according to scores from the 2003 testing. 55% of our students exceed their ability on the SAT test and less than 1% (4 students) needed to meet their expectations. That is a remarkable feat. Congratulation to all!

## OOOPS! – WE ARE SO SORRY. TIME TO CLARIFY

1. We contacted Fontaine Apparel Co., Inc. to order our IDS **required** polo shirts because they ship directly to your home.
2. By using Fontaine Apparel Co., Inc., we are able to eliminate the need to store inventory for over 500 students, 80 staff and over 1,000 parents.
3. They agreed to handle merchandise for us by offering clothing that enhances the look of our **required** polo shirt. The khaki and black accessories and green fleece with our logo are all great options. **But they are only options.**
4. As we do with many things, we are piloting this program; so please order your shirts tomorrow or call Fontaine Apparel Co., Inc. at (800) 237-1603, to make other arrangements.
5. Please read the **REVISED** order form enclosed.

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THANK YOUs!

Dear IDS Parents:

A great big “**IDS YES!**” to all of you who have made a gift/pledge to this year’s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign. Our fantastic parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and board have raised over \$225,000!

We also appreciate the companies that matched parent gifts. And the big winners are our kids. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Anyone still wanting to honor our 35 year impressive history and this year’s Annual Giving Campaign can contact Pam Barfield (Director of Advancement). On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we say **BRAVO** to all.

Kim Rogers  
Annual Giving Chairperson  
IDS Board of Trustee

## YOUNG WRITER’S CAMP

Once again this summer, IDS will host the Young Writers Camp. The dates are July 5<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Thursday. The camp, created from the USF sponsored Tampa Bay Area Writers Project, will help give students more confidence and experience in writing. A parent of a student enrolled in last year’s camp writes;

*“My daughter thoroughly enjoyed the program. She learned to relax more and let her thoughts flow freely. Her fears turned into very creative expressions, and as a result, her writing not only improved, but I must admit, it was pretty good. Here’s the success; she was accepted into the I.B. program and her timed essay was flawless.*”

For more information on how to enroll, please contact Elvira Randall at (863) 815-9132 or email at [onlyschwa@aol.com](mailto:onlyschwa@aol.com) This opportunity is for students 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## LUNCH CHAIRS

PFA lunch Chairs are **AMAZING!** You kept us well fed, organized and did it all with devotion. The whole school sends you a huge **IDS SMILE!**

**Valerie Crouse AND Beatriz Stach**

|                |                  |               |                      |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Shalimar Allen | Pam Attal        | Carol Berlet  | Sherri Cherry        |
| Connie Couey   | Michelle DeCapua | Susan Einhorn | Jennifer Gamache     |
| Beverly Harris | Lisa Herscovici  | JoAnn Lau     | Reva Lerner          |
| Milene Lima    | Gail McDermott   | Jim Moore     | Brenda Okulski       |
| Dawn Schocken  | Janet Stewart    | Pam Vernick   | Crystal Whitescarver |

## **SURVEY: PLEASE COMPLETE**

Enclosed in your Thursday folder is a questionnaire asking for your “feed forward.” We’re always trying to raise the bar! Please complete and drop-off by Friday, June 4, 2004, so we can analyze and act! We appreciate you!

## **SUPPORT IDS FINE ARTS: DINE OUT AT HOPS RESTAURANT**

If you go to Hops Restaurant (14303 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.) any time Monday through Friday, the weeks of May 17 and May 24, IDS receives 10% of the proceeds! Please bring the required enclosed coupon. (Extra coupons are available in the office.) Thanks for supporting IDS. Bon appetit!

## **PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers**

**(To our IDS families, please share special moments so that everyone can enjoy with you.)**

Last Saturday night, Third Grader, **Abigail Friedman**, performed at Disney’s Magic Music Days. Abigail is part of Showkidz, a performing arts group based in New Tampa. WOW! What a great experience!

Congratulations to Sixth Grader **Will Chorvat** for contributing to the success of his soccer team, the Titans, who won every game this season. Immediately following their regular season, the Titans won the Gasparilla Cup with five straight victories. Will’s soccer team was then honored with an invitation to the Game Day of Champions at Raymond James Stadium. Bravo to Will and the Titans!

**Victoria Alden**, IDS graduate, class of 2003 was selected as Hillsborough High School’s Outstanding Student of 2003 - 2004 for Ninth Grade I.B. English. Congratulations Victoria!

**Brian Ehrlich**, IDS graduate and son of Second Grade teacher Mrs. Fran Ehrlich, will be entering a two-year program in order to complete a Master’s degree program in Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Congratulations on being selected into the Harvard program!


The **IDS office** proudly presented SCRIP to Home Depot for \$3,800 to the Livernois family. When they needed a new air conditioner, they immediately thought about buying SCRIP and benefiting IDS!!! **VERY, VERY COOL!!!**

# OVERVIEW CALENDAR FOR 2004 – 2005 ENCLOSED IN THURSDAY FOLDER

We're excited about the next year and will miss you over the summer!

## COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENT

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## CAMP IDS<sup>at</sup>

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## Corbett Campus

Five One Week Sessions

- June 21 - July 23 - 8:30am - 3:00pm
- Extended Care Available
- Mornings 7:30am - 8:30am
- Afternoons 3pm - 6pm
- Pre-K through 8th grade

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|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Adventure Camp | Cheerleading   | Flag Football   | Photography      |
| Archery        | Computer       | Lacrosse        | Recreation Camps |
| Band           | Cooking        | Modal Rocketry  | Sewing           |
| Basketball     | Crafts & Music | Musical Theatre | Soccer           |
| Broadcasting   | Drama          | Newspaper       | Sports Games     |
|                |                |                 | Volleyball       |

**Wilderness Extreme Camp**

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Ensure your child has a fun-filled summer by enrolling him or her in Camp IDS. Camps are filling quickly. If you need a registration form, see Ms. Marie in the office or download the forms from our website at <http://www.idsy.es.com>  
**Camp IDS is a WOW!**



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