

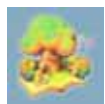
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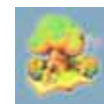
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**HEADS' LETTER**

**MAY 24, 2007**



**IDS MAKES HISTORIC PURCHASE:  
THE ROAD TO THE "100 ACRE WOODS"!**



**Thirty-nine years ago**, the founders of Independent Day School, Marilyn Gatlin and Betty Anderson, took a huge risk when they went into negotiation to purchase the current east side Orange Grove Drive site to begin their dream school. Over the years, the handful of students grew to over 500 students to become the Pre-K through eighth grade school that we know today.

**Thirteen years ago**, the IDS Board of Trustees made an historic move to purchase the vacant land across from the school, on Orange Grove Drive, which had been zoned for townhouses. The 1994 decision was driven by a vision of the future, along with much debate and many negotiations. On January 18, 2001, this vision was transformed into the IDS Middle School, when students, faculty and staff moved into their new home. This soon grew from two classes per grade to today's full house of three classes per grade and topped-out with over 178 students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades!

**In December 2004**, another historic purchase was made thanks to the generosity and donations of the Stanton, Donovan and Corbett families. The Board of Trustees voted to purchase 70 acres on beautiful Lake Ellis (one mile north of US 41 and State Road 54 on Lake Patience Drive) to someday house an IDS/community high school. Because of a new road that is scheduled to be built and pass the IDS property, the future high school space was beginning to feel cramped with all that is desired to turn this into a **world class** high school.

**On April 10, 2007**, the Board of Trustees made the next historic vote that will mark their term as an extraordinary move to insure the future with enough land to create an enviable high school that every student deserves! The Board authorized two board members to negotiate the purchase of the 30 additional acres along Lake Ellis and adjacent to the IDS high school property.

**On May 18, 2007**, Independent Day School - Corbett Campus closed on the property using the remainder of our bond funds, (required to build the new middle school and eastside enhancements.) The purchase price of over \$2,000,000 provides an additional 30 acres for a grand total of **100 acres**. The site is approximately 18 minutes from IDS and at the center of an area that will be open to people coming from the north, south, east, and west of the Tampa Bay area. Board members Jeff Shannon and Stuart Sierra, along with Fowler White Bogs Banker are the real heroes who spent **endless volunteer** hours over the last six weeks to make this happen. Future IDSers will look back on the December 2004 and May 18, 2007 purchases in the same way that we admire and appreciate our visionaries from the 1960s!

**Where do you fit in?** The next set of heroes will emerge now that we have the ideal property and a big vision. We will be looking to repay this last investment by tapping into the greater community from those who will be willing to join with us in creating a state of the art high school which models the best in education.

We also need a team of parents who have a passion for making this happen who want to plan and dream with us through both ideas and action. If you would like to help pioneer this effort in any way, please e-mail [jswarzman@idsyes.com](mailto:jswarzman@idsyes.com) and just say **"IDS-YES"!!!!**

## RPC's MAKE IT HAPPEN! Volunteer for 2007 - 2008

Hats off to RPC Chair Lisa Herscovici and all of the 2006 - 2007 RPCs for an outstanding year of support and leadership for their classrooms! You modeled the best in service and giving for our IDSers, and you are all certainly "gifts" to our teachers.

**For the 2007 - 2008** academic year, we are beginning to identify the leadership for each class. Please call Lisa Herscovici at (813) 924-6839 or e-mail her at [lhers56@aol.com](mailto:lhers56@aol.com) to volunteer your time to be there for your child's class. We welcome your time and support!

### TAKE NOTE: *NEW AND IMPROVED*



- 1. LUNCH PROGRAM.** WOW!!! SLA has been great! Many thanks to Jenny Stiles, Sandy McCullin, and Shannon Spagnuolo for helping us transition to providing a new lunch program for this past year. Students are learning to eat healthier little by little! PFA volunteers have been able to manage the program and allow the company to do the preparation and service.



**CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR:** Although we have enjoyed SLA as a very responsive company, we have a new opportunity upon which we are going to embark. We have invited a chef to be on campus and lead our lunch program. Garrett Jagdmann, spouse of seventh grade English teacher Jenn Jagdmann, has agreed to join us and already has new ideas and plans for us. He will be with us full-time to provide catering and lunch service and begins on June 4 to have the summer to make all of the preparations. We are very, very excited!!!



- 2. SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2007 - 2008.** In your end of the year mailing, which will arrive on or about June 20, a new form will come to you identifying the school supplies for the coming year. We have analyzed the process from last year and have changed the challenges so that we are more efficient, timely, and accurate with all orders. We think you will be very, very pleased with the changes. The earlier you order, the more likely you will be to have your child receive the items at the start of the year. The day to day materials and books are supplied by IDS.

### STAND UP AND SHOUT: HONOR TALENT AND DEDICATION

1. We have been blessed with many wonderful events that have celebrated the talents of our students and faculty! Bravo to one of the most enjoyable Spring Fine Arts Nights to date. We hope you are enjoying the art that is coming home and the effort and creativity that led to those great masterpieces!
2. Athletic Awards Night was an impressive event with eloquent speeches by our coaches for each of the ten sports which recognized a great year for athletics and individual and team achievements.
3. The Multi-Age Brilliant Bugs proved again that they are great planet protectors in their original presentation of "The Great Kapok Tree". Their beautiful scenery, great acting and message for caring for the planet and environment was so very special. Bravo to the Brilliant Bugs and teachers Jen Jones, Sammi Borosh, and Teresa Waterman along with support from Mr. Travaglino and Mr. LeBlanc.
4. SEUSSICAL the musical was simply amazing...just ask any of us who saw all three casts perform! Bravo to the Community School of the Arts for a "Broadwayesque" production. Bravo to Director Mr. Travaglino and assistant directors Ms. Lisa Kelly, Mrs. Jeanne Rivera, and IDS alumni Michael Giacondo.

## YEARBOOK



Congratulations to the 2007 eighth grade senior editors Alec Gutierrez and Pierce Norris along with yearbook advisor Ms. Lynne Grigelevich and assistant yearbook advisor Mrs. Chris Thomas for a beautiful memory book, a great assembly, and a model example of working together to produce an excellent product!

### **PARENTS INVITED TO THE ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY MAY 31, 2007 – THURSDAY MORNING – 8:05 a.m.**

Please make sure that all students arrive to school on time to prepare for our final school ceremonies for the 2006 – 2007 school year in Corbett Hall.

- Eighth grade Candlelight Ceremony begins at 8:05 a.m.
- Moving up Ceremony begins immediately following the Candlelight Ceremony!
- **Graduation begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2007.**



### **EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2007**



Due to early dismissal for graduation, we will provide Extended Day on Friday, June 1, 2007, 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Activities will be based in the Extended Day Room and an afternoon snack and juice will be provided. The cost for the afternoon will be \$15.00, regardless of the length of stay (*except for those on the Yearly-Extended Day plan*). **NOTE: PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND A LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD IF HE/SHE WILL BE STAYING FOR EXTENDED DAY.**

Parents interested in taking advantage of this special extended day session on Friday, June 1, 2007, **MUST REGISTER** with Ms. Marie either by phone at (813) 961-3087 or in person in the office by **Tuesday, May 29, 2007.**

### **LOST AND FIND ME!**



Please stop by the lost and found locations at the Bell Tower (for Pre-K3 through fifth grade) and outside of Middle School office by Wednesday, May 30, 2007 to see if you have misplaced any items. Any items leftover will be sent to a shelter for those in need.

# COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENT

Over 60 Full & Half Day Programs

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thru  
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For more information,  
please call David at (813) 842-3817 or  
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Space is limited.

If you are interested in running an advertisement in the *Heads' Letter*, please contact: Celeste Ross at (813) 961-3087.  
¼ page \$100, ½ page \$175, full back page \$250. Advertisements run only when space is available.

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

ONE PER STUDENT



**EXCITING**  
**BARNES & NOBLE**  
**OFFER ON THIS**  
**PAGE!!!**



The Barnes & Noble has offered to extend to the IDS Community a special offer for the entire month of May!

Any purchases done in the month of May will be credited to IDS and a certain percent will be given to IDS if we meet our goals. Please take this tear-off sheet with you to Barnes & Noble and they will credit IDS.



# BARNES & NOBLE

BOOKSELLERS

**VOUCHER**  
**BENEFITING:**

**INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL**  
**CORBETT CAMPUS**

**MAY 2007**  
**9:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

**AT THE FOLLOWING**  
**BARNES & NOBLE LOCATION:**

**Barnes & Noble - 11802 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. - (813) 962-6446**

**Present this voucher at the designated register at the time of purchase. A percent of the net sale will be donated to INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL.**

**The following transactions are not included in Fundraiser totals:**

- The purchase of Gift Cards.**
- The purchase of memberships.**
- The purchase of café consumables.**

**For Office Use Only:**

**STORE #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Register #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Transaction #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Directions:**

**Travel north on Dale Mabry to Northdale Blvd. Turn left on Northdale Blvd. and travel approximately 2.1 miles to Newkirk Drive. Turn left on Newkirk Drive and travel .5 mile to Hatton Road. Turn right on Hatton Road to Ashton Green Drive. We are located in the fourth house on the right at 16613 Ashton Green Drive.**

