

Gery Morey's "IDS Love Story"

Looking toward her 43rd year at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus, teacher Gery Morey shares insights about the school and its surroundings in her book, "IDS Yes! Where It's All About Kids."



A teacher at Independent Day School for 42 years, Gery Morey has published a book of photography and anecdotes about the school on Orange Grove Drive that has been an innovative leader in education for more than four decades.

May 17, 2011 (TAMPA, Fla.) – Marilyn Gatlin, co-founder of Independent Day School-Corbett Campus, recalls the brilliant August day in 1969, when she looked out the window of a second-floor classroom in Temple Terrace to “charming” sight – a pigtailed young woman riding up on her bicycle with an infant in a seat behind her.

The young mother and teacher was Gery Morey. She had pedaled over to the building where IDS had just spent its inaugural year to ask about a job. With an enrollment that almost had doubled since it opened, Gatlin and co-founder Betty Anderson were looking for a math and science teacher. “Gery looked very young, but it turned out that she had experience and good credentials, so we hired her,” said Gatlin.

Forty-two years later, her son is grown, her hair is short, and IDS has been located on Orange Grove Drive in Original Carrollwood for the same length of time. Yet, Morey remains – longer than any other IDS teacher or administrator.

The reasons why are simple. Morey loves teaching science. She loves IDS. And, in keeping with the philosophy on which the school was founded, first and foremost, she loves kids.

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So who could possibly know better than Morey the reason why peacocks live on the property, the endearing story of one brave peahen during a raging afternoon thunderstorm, or the significance of a few blocks of stone on the southeast corner of the campus?

Morey, who has shared her enthusiasm for science with practically every IDS student, relates quaint stories and historical facts about the school in her book, "IDS Yes! Where It's All About Kids."

"I knew so many interesting little things about our campus that no one else knew, and I wanted to share them with others," said Morey. "I thought a picture book would be the best way. I also wanted to donate something lasting to IDS. Most of all, I wanted to share my love of IDS with others."

Through beautiful, original photography, charming anecdotes, and scientific facts about the local biology, Morey's book provides an opportunity for readers to see the campus and surrounding property in a new perspective.

"Ever since its doors opened in 1968, IDS has been a magical place," said Morey. "It was founded on the clear, simple principle that school is a place where kids should come first, and it has remained true to this philosophy throughout its history. I wrote the book to celebrate and honor the wonder of IDS."

To order a copy of Gery Morey's book, "IDS Yes! Where It's All About Kids," send an e-mail to info@idsyes.com with your request. Please include your name, phone number, and the number of books you would like to order.

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.idsyses.com or contact the Admissions Office at 813-961-3087 for a personal tour.

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