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**HEADS' LETTER**

**AUGUST 30, 2007**

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007**

**SESSION I BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M. SESSION II BEGINS AT 7:30 P.M.**

**MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS**

**Learn about teacher expectations, receive your syllabus, and also meet other parents in your child's grade!!! There is a specific schedule for all teachers and specials teachers.**

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.**

**REMINDER: SCHOOL HOLIDAY ON MONDAY,**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2007, FOR LABOR DAY**

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

**"BE IN THE KNOW: KEY ODDS AND ENDS"**

**WELCOME BACK PARTY:** Ask any of the 400 people that attended the Welcome Back Party on Friday, August 24, and they will say it was great, full of warmth, smiles, and people enjoying the opportunity to connect. Parents raved about the food that was catered by our very own Chef Garret Jagdmann. PFA Hospitality Co-Chairs, Stacy Leeds and Linda Simonton, were so pleased with the turnout and everyone's enjoyment of the evening. Thanks Stacy and Linda for planning a wonderful and very enjoyable gathering for our Board of Trustees, teachers, parents and once again, our terrific generous sponsors: **ACADEMIC ALLIANCE IN DERMATOLOGY, CREATIVE CUISINE GOURMET BAKERS, SIX TABLES – TAMPA, and ACOUSTIC MUSIC BY MR. ROGER KEPLINGER.**

**HEADMASTER OF THE DAY: MORGAN MILLS** rocked the first 2007 – 2008 Monday Morning Assembly, on August 27, with her leadership, command of her audience, poise, and presence!!! As Headmaster of the Day, she made big promises to the whole school and kept them all! Eighth grader, Morgan Mills brought great joy to her parents and teachers, as they all took pride in how she demonstrated leadership throughout the day. She even inaugurated the very first "Sponge-Math Fest" for the eighth grade, which challenged the mind and refreshed us from the heat on that very hot day. A huge thanks to Danny and Linda Mills for giving their daughter this once in a life-time opportunity!!!

**DONATED AND ENCLOSED: IDS M.O.R.E. DECALS** – a HUGE thanks to Venue Docket and the DeEsch family for donating window decals for each IDS family to show their school spirit proudly! One really good thing came to IDS from that horrible Katrina hurricane and that was the DeEsch family who continuously shows appreciation to IDS in so many ways. Thanks for sharing your love for IDS with all of our IDS community. There are two decals for every family in your Thursday folder. Please call the office at (813) 961-3087 if you would like to have **M.O.R.E.**

## MORE ODDS AND ENDS

**SPEAKING ABOUT M.O.R.E. IN SEPTEMBER:** For the last five years, St. Petersburg College of Education (SPC) interns come to study at IDS before and during their internship to learn about IDS's **M.O.R.E. Approach** to teaching and learning. This training facilitates their success as teachers. The training lasts for five to six days and is run like a boot camp for teachers with an executive flair added. It is part of our IDS mission "to have a positive impact on the greater community". However, this impact has annoyed many IDS parents because as SPC has grown so successfully in numbers, so has the number of attendees taking up parking spaces. So, the college has made some excellent adjustments, which include holding three of the six days after school hours from 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. (September 5, 18, and 19) and one will be on Saturday (September 8) from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



**We ask for your patience and your willingness to put on your "community service hat" for September 6 and 7.** Their sessions will run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. That means that they are asked to wait to come to our campus at or after 8:30 a.m. to allow for arrival, and they leave after our dismissal. If you are a parent that parks to pick up your child and you have a challenge to park as normal, please use the dismissal procedures used for pick-up in Corbett Hall or in the Middle School.

**M.O.R.E. BRINGS SPANISH EDUCATORS TO IDS:** We are so pleased to welcome Carmen Barrantes and Salvador Ruiz from Madrid, Spain to IDS to start off the school year. Their school "**Collegio Virgen de Europa**" will be participating in the M.O.R.E. training in a few months. Carmen and Salvador, our "Spanish explorers", are learning as much as possible to take back with them to their own very wonderful and prestigious private school. They are also a big help to our teachers and enjoy our students. We also welcome back Paloma Sanz from **Colegio Ramon y Cajal**.



**BIG EVENT STREETS AND PARKING SPOTS:** Look around the campus and you can see new street signs and walkways named after the generous donors to IDS who won these fun honors at the 2007 Big Event...CONGRATULATIONS TO: the "Geordie Chastian Drive", the "Ahmad and Alexis Everett Way", and the "Sean and Maggie Murphy Drive"!



Also, please remember that the designated Big Event parking spots are **reserved** for the **2007 Big Event silent auction winners only!!!** Their names are on the spots, and they earned them through the bidding process. The rest of the school is benefiting from their generous win!!! Thanks to all for parking in any other spot (except for handicap spots, of course.)

**BIG EVENT CANOE TRIP CREATES A FABULOUS DAY:** As the Krig family embarked on our journey to school this year, we were fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to canoe across Lake Lipsey to IDS! Our daughter, Kacy (an IDS Pre-K4 student), truly enjoyed her first ever canoe ride! Thanks to the IDS Big Event Auction, we had an amazing experience. The scenery was breathtaking behind IDS' campus. We saw rabbits, white egrets, sand hill cranes, great blue herons, a glass snake, ducks, and the most beautiful Florida sunrise! What an adventure! Thank you to IDS, the 2007 Big Event Auction, and Jeff and Gina Shannon family!



# PFA NEWS

## BY PFA PRESIDENT, AMY BOTTINI

WOW! We are having a great start to the school year. Everywhere I go around campus I see parents having fun at IDS.

**PFA MEETING KICKED OFF:** Thank you to everyone who attended our first PFA meeting! We enjoyed seeing everyone again and especially enjoyed meeting our new family members.

**INNISBROOK GIFTWRAP SALES SUPPORT IDS** – help us reach our goal! Live School Spirit! Dunk Tank for Dr. Swartzman if we earn \$35,000 net sales!!! Innisbrook is off and running. From Ipods to Bouncy Fun, there are BIG reasons to SELL SELL SELL. Extra special thanks to our Gift Wrap Co-Chairs, Irma Schulz and Brenda Okulski!!

**IDS YARD SALE** – Take time this weekend to gather up all of your items that you would like to move out that would sell to fundraise for IDS! The IDS Yard Sale begins on Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. This is expected to be a big day. Whether selling or shopping, plan on being part of this exciting opportunity.

**IDS KIDS GOLF CLASSIC** – Our first meeting was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Chairperson Angela Kaliban and the golf committee are planning another “hole in one” IDS Kids Golf Classic tournament on Monday, December 3, 2007, at Emerald Greens Golf and Country Club. Our next meeting date will be Monday, September 10, 2007, at 8:15 a.m., so bring along a “foursome” and “chip” in some ideas! Thank you to all of the parents who kicked off the planning with your leadership and enthusiasm.

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEER TEA** – Volunteers are invited to a Library Tea with our wonderful Library Chair, Lori Markman, and our own, Ms. Pitti. Come to the Tea on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in the Laney Library. Cheers!



## PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Nirja Patel (**IDS Sixth Grade**), qualified for the Florida Junior Olympics for swimming this summer. Her many accomplishments included placing 15<sup>th</sup> in the state of Florida, and first and second place at the St. Petersburg West Florida Area 3/5 Championship. Congratulations Nirja!

Brianna Nicker (**IDS Fifth Grade**) and Jacob Nicker (**IDS Third Grade**), placed in the *RacesAreGreat Triathlon* meet at Palm Harbor. They participated in the “Olympian” categories, which consist of a .50 mile run, 3 mile bike, and 100 yard swim. Brianna placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the female 10-10 and Jacob placed sixth in the male 8-8. Congratulations to our IDS Triathletes!

Brandon Pearl (**IDS Alum Class of 2006**), and his teammates won the State Championship for PONY baseball at his age group (14U). To date, they have won three trophies, district, extended district, and state. Their record is 10 wins and 1 loss. Congratulations and good luck Brandon.

## ENCLOSURES

- **IDS YARD SALE FLYER**
- **INNISBROOK GIFT WRAP PACKET**
- **SEPTEMBER 2007 IDS CALENDAR**
- **IDS M.O.R.E. WINDOW DECAL**



# BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, September 6

SESSION I - 6:30 P.M. SESSION II - 7:45 P.M.



**PARENTS:** Back to School Night is your **first** important opportunity to hear from your teachers who have much to share with you. It is also a great way to meet other parents in your child's classroom. Make sure your teachers know you are there! Please introduce yourselves; also watch the time so that the teachers can be ready for each rotation. In order to provide more time with teachers and accommodate "babysitting" needs, we are using the following format:

1. *Please go directly to your classrooms.*
2. *Please note that there will be two sessions for First through Fifth Grades. Pre-K/K and Middle School will have only one session. If you have children in two divisions be sure to start at 6:30 P.M. so that you can attend both sessions. If you have children in three divisions, plan ahead and divide up your time between parents and/or caregivers.*
3. ***Please ARRIVE ON TIME to each session so that the valuable time is honored with the teachers without interruptions.***
4. *Specials will also be available and eager to meet with our parents. They will be in the Grand Room (located on the second floor of the New Building) to speak to parents individually or in small groups from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Please drop in and enjoy a special time to say hello or ask questions about their programs: Fine Arts, P.E./Athletics, and Spanish.*
5. *Technology/Media will meet in the Computer Lab on the eastside.*

## PRE-K3 through FIFTH GRADE

**SESSION I: Begins promptly at 6:30 P.M. and ends at 7:30 P.M.**

**Pre-K3 and Pre-K4** meets in child's classroom. **(ONE SESSION ONLY.)**

**Kindergarten** meets in the Farish Center Breakout Room. **(ONE SESSION ONLY.)**

**First through Fourth Grade** meets in child's classroom.

**Fifth Grade** will meet in the Laney Library.

**SESSION II: Begins promptly at 7:45 P.M. and ends at 8:45 P.M. (FIRST THROUGH FIFTH ONLY!)**

**First through Fourth Grades** meet in the child's classroom.

**Fifth Grade** will meet in the Laney Library.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**ONE SESSION ONLY: Begins promptly at 7:45 P.M. and ends at 9:30 P.M. in the Middle School Gym.**

Middle School rotations begin promptly in the Middle School Gymnasium. Block out this time for meeting with, and hearing from, all middle school teachers! Please arrive at the beginning time to be placed in a rotation schedule, which the teachers and parents will follow.

**PARKING:** You may park on the eastside, westside, in the IDS parking lot or at the Carrollwood Elementary School parking lot. There will be two IDS buses to shuttle people back and forth to Carrollwood Elementary for overflow parking. One car per household would be so very, very much appreciated.

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

# YARD SALE



**September 15, 2007  
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.**

This committee needs your help! We are currently planning a yard sale/ rummage sale to raise money for the school. This event will be open to the public!

How can you help?

- Donate items! We will begin accepting items on September 4!
- Sign up to help price items on Friday, September 14.
- Sign up to work the day of the yard sale. We need workers for 1 hr. shifts.

Questions? Contact us!

Patty DeEsch (813) 391-3243  
Julie Salek (813) 382-2525  
Angie Kaliban (813) 928-5073

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes! I will donate items to sell! (toys, clothes, furniture, books)
- Yes! I will help set up on Friday!
- Yes! I will sign up to work on Saturday!
- Yes! I have big items that I would donate if there were a truck available to assist with transport.

# September

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>LABOR DAY/            SCHOOL            HOLIDAY</b>	<b>4</b>  Day 5	<b>5</b>  Day 1	<b>6</b> BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6:30 pm  Day 2	<b>7</b>  Day 3	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Day 4	<b>11</b>  Day 5	<b>12</b> Coffee Talk with "Dr. Joyce" 8:05 am  Day 1	<b>13</b>  Day 2	<b>14</b>  Day 3	<b>15</b> PFA Yard Sale 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Day 4	<b>18</b>  Day 5	<b>19</b> Pre-K4 and K MOSI Field Trip 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Day 1	<b>20</b>  Day 2	<b>21</b>  Day 3	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>HEADMASTER OF            THE DAY</b> <b>JACK MCMAHAN</b> MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY CORBETT HALL 8:05 am Day 4	<b>25</b>  Day 5	<b>26</b> <b>NOON            DISMISSAL/            TEACHER            INSERVICE</b>	<b>27</b> <b>PARENT            TEACHER            CONFERENCES            STUDENT            HOLIDAY</b>	<b>28</b> <b>PARENT            TEACHER            CONFERENCES            STUDENT            HOLIDAY</b>	<b>29</b>
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# WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

September 3-7, 2007

Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Pick-Up/Comments
Mon. 9/3		School Holiday				
Tues. 9/4		Athletes' Day Off				
Weds. 9/5	4:00	Red Volleyball	Incarnation	Corbett Hall	5:00	Corbett Hall
	3:00	White/Blue/Green Volleyball	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	MS Gym
	4:00	White Soccer	St. John's Greek	IDS Soccer Field	5:00	Soccer field
	off	Red Soccer	off			
	3:00	Cross Country	Practice	MS Deck	4:30	MS Deck
Thur. 9/6	5:00	Red Volleyball	Trinity	Trinity	6:00	Dean Dining Hall
	4:00	Blue Volleyball	Trinity	Trinity	6:00	Dean Dining Hall
	3:00	White/Green Volleyball	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	Corbett Hall
	3:00	Red & White Soccer	Practice	IDS Soccer Field	4:30	Soccer field
	3:00	Cross Country	Practice	MS Deck	4:30	MS Deck
Fri. 9/7	4:00	Red Volleyball**	St. Pete Christian	St. Pete Christian	7:00	Dean Dining Hall
	3:00	White Volleyball	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	Corbett Hall
	3:00	Blue & Green Volleyball	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	MS Gym
	3:00	Red & White Soccer	Practice	IDS Soccer Field	4:30	Soccer field
	3:00	Cross Country	Practice	MS Deck	4:30	MS Deck

\*\*Bring money for dinner