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1. IDS will be helping families relocating to Tampa, who have become “school-less”. We have already welcomed one family, from an independent school that closed. We are in contact with a number of others who are involved in the process.
2. At the Annual IDS Board of Trustees Retreat, to be held this weekend, Trustees will determine how the policy on student admissions can be adjusted temporarily to best serve the plight of other independent school students.
3. All IDS fundraisers through March will take 10% of the proceeds and build a special fund for Hurricane donations. Last year our school fundraisers totaled \$200,000. If we all work together, everything we do, from popsicles to the Big Event, from lunches to the Golf Tournament, and from snow cones to selling gift wrap, can all combine to help us raise \$20,000 for this fund. That would be very impressive for a school this size!!! **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN** both for others and our own school!!!
4. You can also help by donating items to those in need due to Hurricane Katrina. Parent, Janee Murphy, will be in front of the Bell Tower Friday only, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., to collect items (new or slightly worn clothes, children’s books, and small toys). These items will be taken to the St. Pete Times Forum collection center. Donations are also being accepted at the McDonald’s Box Office at the St. Pete Times Forum, 401 Channelside Dr., Tampa, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Tampa Bay Lightning and Tampa Bay Storm are sponsoring this collection center.
5. You can begin to help now by supporting:

Fine Arts Sno Cone Sales – East Side – September 9 – \$1.00.

**LANEY LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER VOLUNTEER COFFEE
SEPTEMBER 14 at 8:15 a.m.**

The Laney Library/Media Center will be hosting a volunteer coffee on Wednesday, September 14 at 8:15 a.m. Join us to find out more about volunteer opportunities in the media center and at our book fairs. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteer time slots. If you are interested in volunteering, but have other plans for that time, please contact Milene Lima, Library Volunteer Chairperson, at (813) 907-0298 or MileneLima@msn.com.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12

Remember to register your child for a fun Afterschool Activity. The first session begins September 12. Extra brochures are in the front office. **HURRY!** The activities are filling up quickly.

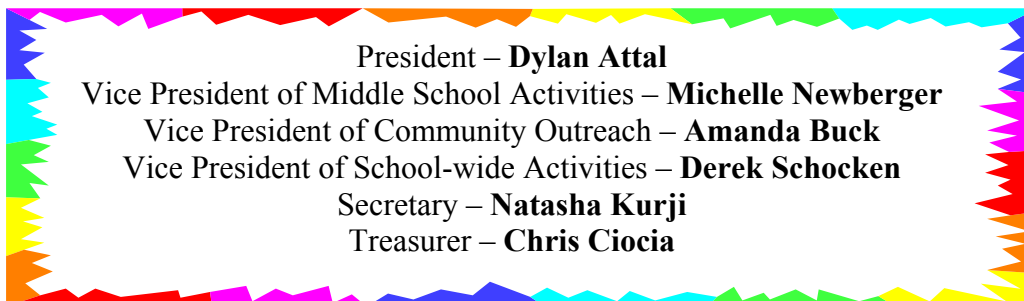
IDS NEWS UPDATE

Middle School Retreat Prepares Students for Life-Skills: The Middle School Retreat held in the Theatre/Training Center on August 31 was a day-long event which set goals, expectations, and awareness of how to build a successful community of learners. Through interaction, team-work, solo reflection time, an inspiring video, and lecture, 177 middle schoolers were guided through concepts that mirrored high-powered business seminars and retreats.

Within the larger group were 15 teams of 11-12 students and a teacher facilitator! Two of the many topics covered on that very special day were the video *Celebrate What's Right with the World*, by Dewitt Jones, internationally acclaimed National Geographic photographer, and the research on the ten virtues of character that people share worldwide, by Tom Lickona, well-known expert on character education and author of *Character Matters!* Follow-up will take place throughout the year. You might be asking, how did the middle schoolers do? The answer, "We think they were amazing!" Their behavior, quality of work, participation and levels of understanding were exemplary. Now the task is to continue to be aligned with our goals and actions.

Middle School Student Council Elections: Linda Boza and Lynne Grigelevich, Student Council Advisors, are proud to announce the 2005–2006 officers. The election took place during the afternoon of the Middle School Retreat.

Congratulations to our "TERRIFIC TEAM" of student leaders:



IDS Teachers Study During Summer Vacation: Part of the perks, about being an IDS teacher, is the opportunity to continuously learn through workshops and seminars throughout the year. That is in addition to our weekly Tuesday seminars and in-services! This summer, teachers traveled worldwide, as well as throughout the U.S., for study tours and workshops.

Workshops included topics and strategies in Math, Science, Technology, Multiple Intelligences, Cooperative Learning, Music and Movement, as well as leading study tours to Spain and Italy. Approximately 25 IDS teachers and administrators also went for training in one or more of the International Baccalaureate Courses for candidate schools. This brings a total of 32 teachers who have been through the IB training for MYP (Middle School Years) and PYP (Primary School Years). The IB training focuses on inquiry, international awareness in a global society, and a learner profile that sets positive goals and expectations for learners and character building. All of our training opportunities are integrated into our bigger picture with our huge bag of options within our **M.O.R.E. Approach** to teaching and learning - **Multiple Options for Results in Education**. We are always searching to live the life-long learning mentality while holding on to what works...We could call that **PROGRESS!!!!!!** More on IB and what our summer reading books were all about in next week's Heads' Letter.

PFA NEWS



Congratulations to the Winners of the GOLDEN TICKETS for the Innisbrook Wraps Fundraiser



For information, call Chairpersons, Sandy McCullin (404-7714) or Jenny Stiles (624-3726).

Congratulations to **Avi Baskin** (Grade 3), **Caleigh Cogar** (Grade 5), **Pooja Gandhi** (Grade 6), **Olivia Hamilton** (Grade 4), **Alex Hollander** (Pre-K4), **Michelle Levy** (MA Brilliant Bugs), **Ramsey Murr** (Grade 7), **Jackson Risey** (K), and **Blake von Thaden** (Grade 3), for being the winners of the golden tickets. There is one still to be found!

All students can become members of our “FLASHING GUITAR” club by selling at least six items. Remember, as soon as you sell 6 items, hand in your “FLASHING GUITAR” certificate, but keep selling until Sept. 19. Names will be listed in the Heads’ Letter.

More order forms and catalogs are in the office on both sides of the campus. Deadline for orders is September 19. Forms turned in by September 19 will be processed and shipped to the school for parent pick-up by the end of October–beginning of November.

Important website information: <http://www.innisbrook.com> (school ID# 104937)

- There is a larger selection of items on the website.
- Items will be processed quickly and shipped directly to your door.
- Register your children on the website and have e-mails sent to your family and friends in other states. Items they order will also be shipped directly to them!
- Items in the Helen Grace Gourmet Collection (cookie dough, cheesecakes, etc.) can only be ordered through the catalog and only count towards IDS prizes.
- *School supplies* on the website (although a great deal), do not count toward prizes and the school will receive only 15%.

In addition to *Innisbrook* prizes, the following are IDS prizes:

1. Lunch for you and 10 friends in a Hummer Limo! (Grand Prize)
2. Get “back stage passes” to an awesome D.J. party complete with dancing, games, and malted milkshakes (top participating class).
3. Be in a drawing to win an acoustic guitar! (sell 20 items)
4. Be in a drawing to win an iPod shuffle! (sell 10 items – Middle schoolers only)
5. Be in a drawing to win dinner and a movie for your family. (sell \$250 of items)
6. Be in a drawing to win \$5,000 off next year’s tuition. (see *Innisbrook* packet for more details)!!!

Keep selling, and remember 10% of our profits (up to our goal of \$25,000) and 75% above our goal will go towards the Hurricane Relief Fund. Also, if we reach our goal, Dr. Swarzman will dye her hair green and purple, and if we make \$30,000 she will keep it that way for a week!

PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers



The Florida Morgan Horse Association ranks **Madye Bell** number one in the state in English Pleasure. Additionally, Saddle Horse Report has her ranked number two in the United States! One of her closest competitors is none other than her little sister, **Cassie**, who is following in her footsteps with a third place ranking in the state and seventh in the country.

Congratulations to **Avi Baskin** for being named in Judy Hill’s column in the August 11 edition of *The Tampa Tribune*, as a model for giving. She raised money by performing magic shows in order to support a YMCA effort to raise funds to buy shoes for those in need. Avi’s big heart continues to bring joy to many.

Brianna Araujo, on Sunday August 28, competed in the Horse Show held at Show Case Farms and took home the “Grand Champion Title” for both Walk and Trot in Division A.

Rebecca Hurst’s Countryside Lightning Girls U14 Soccer Team WON the Cincinnati, Ohio Arsenal Cup Challenge Tournament!! They are now ranked 22nd in the Nation, 6th in the Region and 2nd in the State.

This Labor Day weekend, a few IDS 6th graders played in the AAU Sunshine Baseball First Pitch Classic 12 & Under Ice Division. **Vincent Leto**, **Lance McCullers**, and **Conor O’Brien** played for the Tampa Cannons, who won the tournament. **Derek Martin** also plays for the Cannons. They won the Cal Ripken Tournament of Champions in Aberdeen, MD and came in 5th in the Nation in the AAU National Championship 11 & Under, held at Disney Wide World of Sports in Orlando. Congratulations Cannon Players!

EDU-SEMINAR FOR IDS PARENTS

Understanding the Uniqueness of Each Child: A Myth or Reality *Thursday - September 15 at 7:00 PM* *IDS Theatre/Training Center*

How am I the same or different from my children, spouse, friends, and co-workers? Learn how we are wired for challenge and how to build greater understanding. It's fun and interesting - very powerful! Our speaker, Dr. Swarzman, is busy sharing with others. It's now our turn for a seminar that others find extraordinarily helpful and sometimes life changing.

ABOUT OUR HEADMASTER, a native of Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Swarzman received her B.A. degree from Ohio State University. She received her M.A. in Counseling, her M.Ed. in Supervision and Curriculum, and her Doctorate in Teacher Education, all from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Dr. Swarzman has extensive experience as a classroom teacher, having taught in the inner cities of Chicago, Atlanta, and New York.

While at the University of South Florida, she was the director of the Suncoast Area Teacher Training Honors Program (SCATT), the Associate Director of Clinical Education at the University of South Florida College of Education and Associate Director of the David C. Anchin Center for the Advancement of Teaching. During her 15 years with SCATT, the program's reputation for excellence in teacher training soared under her leadership being recognized as one of the most innovative teacher training programs in the country. She has dedicated her career to identifying and recognizing excellence in education, also receiving honors at the USF Commencement as the University of South Florida Outstanding Professor of the Year. She was a recipient of an Award for Excellence in undergraduate teaching and in the same year she was honored by the University of South Florida senior class as one of the six outstanding USF professors.

In 1996, Dr. Swarzman took a leave of absence from the University of South Florida (USF) to lead Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC). Four years later, she officially left USF to remain as Head of School. IDS-CC has been able to create an innovative school of excellence rather than settle for pockets of excellence. Teachers are trained in a *Multiple Options for Results in Education (M.O.R.E.) Approach*. The school now opens its doors for both public and private school teachers to observe best practices in action especially for those attempting to modernize education in the 21st century. Over 3,000 private and public educators have visited IDS-CC over the past few years. In 2002, Dr. Swarzman helped establish the POP (Power of the Practitioner) Program with St. Petersburg College of Education where she facilitates, with the IDS faculty, training of new teachers in Curriculum and Instruction. IDS-CC is a proud recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's **NCLB - Blue Ribbon School Award** and the **Character Education Partnership Promising Practices Citation**. IDS also produced the inspiring book; *It's All About Kids: Every Child Deserves A "Teacher of the Year"*.

For the last five years, she has facilitated and coordinated the Florida Council for Independent Schools *Academy for High Performing Teachers*, which was originally supported by a Ford Foundation Grant. For seven years, through 1999, she organized and delivered the training for the Commissioner's *Florida Teacher of the Year Round Table* in Orlando. Dr. Swarzman has trained over 15,000 teachers and education students in communication and effective teaching skills. She is a frequent and highly respected consultant and lecturer on a wide array of topics and has spoken to diverse groups throughout the United States including school districts, Florida School Board Association, Florida Teacher of the Year Round Table, National Teacher of the Year Program, USF President's Council Development Board, Independent Schools Conference and most recently workshops through the International School Connection for private schools in Spain.