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HEADS' LETTER

SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

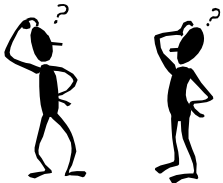
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2011

Students have “*school-free days*” on October 6th and 7th, while teachers meet and update parents on student progress. Be sure to schedule your appointments with your teachers. They will work their hardest to accommodate your times. Many of you have already done that. Some grade levels include the students in a "student-led" conference. Be sure to check-in with your teachers if you have any questions about procedures prior to the conference.

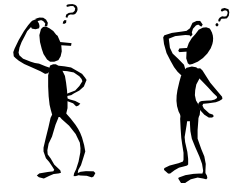
Specials classes also play a huge role in developing the "total child". Teachers in all of our specials will also be available to meet on October 6th and 7th. Please e-mail them directly or call the office to connect with Music, Art, Drama, Dance, Physical Education, Library, Spanish, and Technology. *Explorations and Investigations* in Upper Primary and Intermediate Divisions will be addressed with your core classroom teachers.

During the conference, teachers will share student strengths, areas needing improvement, and ways to always “*raise the bar.*” Because time is limited, we suggest that you identify and prioritize your key questions or information that you want to share in order to feel you have addressed the areas important to you. Some examples may be:

1. Be prepared to share any additional information that you want the teacher to know about your child...
2. Sample Questions may include:



- How effective are my child’s work habits?
- How does he/she use his/her time?
- What are the expectations for homework?
- What can I do at home to help my child succeed at school?



EXTENDED DAY OFFERED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011, FOR EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:00 P.M. TIMES FOR EXTENDED DAY: 12:00 – 6:00 P.M.

In order to accommodate IDS parents and faculty members, we will have Extended Day on Wednesday, October 5, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. due to early dismissal for Faculty In-service followed by the official start of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Reservations need to be made through the office by contacting Dawn Bronson or Celeste Ross using the main IDS number at (813) 961-3087.

Activities will be based in the Extended Day Room and an afternoon snack of fresh fruit, chips and juice will be provided. We also will arrange for quiet time so that students can do their homework. **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.**

IDS-CC ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

"Share the GIFT of an IDS Education." The first Open House for Admissions for the 2012-2013 school year will be Wednesday, October 12 at 8:30 a.m. Please share the gift of an IDS education by inviting your relatives, friends and neighbors to attend our Open House in 14 days. We will gather in the Grand Room on the second floor of the New Building. A postcard is included in your Thursday folder. Please contact Director of Admissions, Dr. Morrow, if you would like more postcards to share or if you know someone that might like to receive a personal phone invitation.

WEEK IN REVIEW: A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

TECHNOLOGY - Mr. Mel shares:

This year's fifth graders have created their own personal Google Docs accounts and are preparing to harness many of the Web 2.0 features. This will allow them to work virtually on their various projects as well as in the classroom, all while their teachers have complete coaching and monitoring access. They look forward to being the first fifth grade class to use Google Docs to create the data charts and graphs for this year's Science Fair Research projects. Bravo to our Digital Natives!



MIDDLE SCHOOL Math Teacher, Mrs. Telma Largent shares:

To help math students remember the order of operations, some of the middle school math teachers used a lesson this week that tapped into individual learning styles. After learning a chant about the order of operations, students recited the sequence, appealing to the verbal-linguistic intelligence. Then the students applied their knowledge by creating their own 'op hop' which is a graphic resembling a hopscotch diagram. They used chalk on the sidewalks outside the middle school to draw and then use their visual as a great review. The process helps everyone remember the order of operations, while also appealing to visual and kinesthetic learners. It's another example of how we at IDS create and integrate inspiring and engaging lessons to reach ALL students by balancing variety and creativity with the basics and beyond.



MIDDLE SCHOOL Social Studies teacher Chris Thomas shares:

On Friday, September 23, IDS Middle School students had the opportunity to listen to two speakers from the **African country of Rwanda**. These two young women were orphaned in the 1994 genocide their country endured. They are on a tour through the United States and also spoke at the University of South Florida. The Akilah Institute for Women helped both of these young women get an education and begin on a journey of forgiveness. The Akilah Institute for Women was started by one of Tampa's own, Elizabeth Dearborn Davis, after graduating from Vanderbilt University (also a graduate of Berkeley Prep High School).



Middle School students prepared for the presentation by watching a video made by the Akilah Institute for Women in Rwanda and reading their biographies about how they survived their horrific experience during the period of genocide. In preparation for the presentation, our IDSers also learned more about the history of Rwanda in Social Studies classes. Each student was asked to submit questions to their social studies teachers and a few were able to ask their questions during the assembly in the Farish Center on Friday. After the assembly, students returned to their second period classes where they took time for quiet and written reflections. Their reflections were priceless and showed great compassion and understanding. For example:

Sarah Smith, *"The fact that the people of Rwanda found hope out of a horrible thing amazes me. I hope one day I could be like them and have a positive attitude towards others and what I do...I think we can keep this from happening by learning about it (like today), showing people dignity and respect and we can keep being open minded."*

Zach Brodsky, *"I took many things out of their stories they shared. For example how if you try hard enough to get something you are striving for, many good things will happen."*

Kristy Burrell *"Even though they have been through much more suffering than I, we still have things in common, like we listen to the same kind of music."*

For more information about the Akilah Institute for Women you can visit their website at <http://www.akilahinstitute.org/>. A big thank you goes to IDS parent Colette Hannah for arranging for this opportunity for our IDSers.

**17TH ANNUAL IDS-CC KIDS' GOLF CLASSIC
SOCIAL RECEPTION & GOLF TOURNAMENT
THREE DAYS UNTIL THE GOLF SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
FROM 6:00 UNTIL 9:00 P.M. AT AVILA**

We are looking forward to seeing everybody for the Sunday Social at Avila! It is going to be pure fun to enjoy a night out with IDS parents both for golfers and those who want to just be with the IDS community. **Final Opportunity to Participate, Sponsor, Volunteer! There is still room at the reception, on the course, and in our volunteer group – we'd LOVE to have you! Dress is dressy casual.**



A Fun Night Out! - Social Reception/ Avila, Sunday, October 2nd, 6:00 to 9:00 PM - Open to all families, guests and friends of IDS – regardless of whether they are participating in the golf tournament. Enjoy a scrumptious dinner, entertainment, bar and an outstanding silent auction! The reception is free for golfers, and \$40 per person for families, guests and friends of IDS. Confirm a table of 8 or 10 and enjoy priority reserved seating with other parents from your class. What a great way to meet other parents and kick off the 2011-2012 school year in style!



Here is just a sample of some of the auction items that will be available during the Golf Social Reception – ***MANY more will also be available:***

- ★ NFL Mini-Camp Experience with Atlanta Falcons NFL star and IDS parent Mike Peterson
- ★ Exclusive round of golf for four at Avila Golf & Country Club plus Chef's Table Dinner
- ★ Torra Photography Portrait Package
- ★ Premium Callaway Transitions SOLFX sun wear for two and two weekly badges to the Transitions Championship PGA event at Innisbrook
- ★ Three nights at your favorite Hyatt Regency property
- ★ Delicious and decadent fondue experience at The Melting Pot
- ★ A round of golf for four at Emerald Greens Golf Resort & Country Club, Hunter's Green Country Club and more!
- ★ Conductor for One Song at the IDS Winter Fine Arts Night on Thursday, December 8, 2011!
- ★ King or Queen of the IDS Car Pickup Line – you get to go to the front of the car line every day!
- ★ "Edu-Dine" with Dr. Swarzman and three friends – you pick the topics, Dr. Swarzman will pick up the lunch tab!

FOUR DAYS UNTIL THE IDS KIDS GOLF CLASSIC

A Fun Afternoon on the Golf Course! - Golf Tournament/Avila, Monday, October 3rd, 12:30 P.M. Shotgun Start – There are still sponsorship opportunities and limited spaces available to play in our tournament, so please sign up today by clicking on the link: <http://www.idsyas.com/golf-tournament-sponsors.html>. Enjoy a round of golf with your friends/family at the beautiful and exclusive Avila Golf & Country Club and support IDS-CC! Prices are \$175 for individuals or \$650 for a foursome - which includes lunch, golf, prizes and our fantastic pre-event reception and dinner. Whether you are an experienced golfer or novice, please join us for a fun filled "day on the course" (you will be matched based upon your handicap and preferences).



For questions or more information, please contact our Golf Event Co-Chairs Heather Ceresoli at 813-748-4649 or Richard Torra at 813-476-1309.



MORE PFA REMINDERS!!!

FINAL DAY FOR SALLY FOSTER AND ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES - Be sure to get your orders into the IDS office or to place your online orders before midnight on Friday, September 30! 40% of your sales comes back to help our children. If you prefer to support the Sally Foster sale, please be sure to return the Entertainment Book that was sent home with your child. If you would like to keep that book to take advantage of the great offers within, simply send a check for \$25 to the IDS office. Every student who makes a sale earns at least one prize! Prizes can be collected in front of Corbett Hall on Friday, September 30, or you can receive them via your Thursday folder in the upcoming weeks. Every sale helps, and we greatly appreciate your support! Questions? Feel free to contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT IS ALMOST HERE!!!! - Friday, September 30 - Thanks to all who ordered dinner tickets! **This event is SOLDOUT!** Your **pre-ordered tickets** will be available for pick-up at the door when you arrive at the event. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. in the Dean Dining Hall at Middle School! Students are welcome to bring sleeping bags, blankets, or pillows if they would like to lounge on the floor during the movie, which will begin at approximately 6:40 p.m. Questions or special needs? Please contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME BOO-TIQUE - Tuesday, October 4th & Wednesday, October 5th - We are in need of your gently used costumes in order to have a nice selection at our Halloween Costume Boo-tique on October 4 (8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.) and October 5 (8:00 – 9:00 a.m.) on the second floor of the main office. Please be sure to put all items that belong together in one bag, and label the bag with the following information: 1) **Type of costume** (princess, fireman, ghost, etc) 2) **Category** (women, men, girls, boys, infant, toddler, or pet) 3) **Size of item(s)**. These donations will be accepted through Friday, September 30. If you would like to help set-up the Boo-tique on Monday, October 3, or if you are able to help staff the event on the 4th or the 5th, please contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

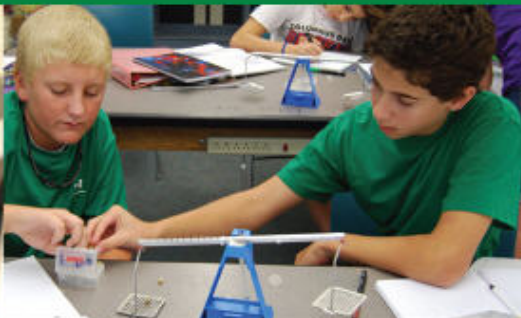
EARNING FOR LEARNING - Remember to support IDS by turning in any receipts that you have from shopping, dining, or movie watching at WestShore Plaza! You can turn them into the IDS office or to the concierge desk in front of Macy's. As long as the receipts are turned in by Sunday of the week that they were issued, IDS receives entries into the weekly drawing to win \$2,000! If you shop elsewhere, you can also mail-in an entry for us or donate school supplies for local children in exchange for entries. Details on ways to earn extra entries can be found on the Earning for Learning flyer attached online to last week's Heads' Letter! Questions? Feel free to contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

MARKET DAY - You may continue to place your orders online at <http://www.marketday.com/> for our Friday, October 14 delivery. You can make your order between now and October 6 and turn in your payment at any time before October 14. Remember to use your coupon from last week's Thursday Folder (attached to the Market Day order form) to save \$5 off of a purchase of \$25 or more! Questions? Feel free to contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

IDS PARENT BOOK CLUB UPDATE: We are off to an amazing year. It was great to gather once again to discuss our summer book selections! The Laney Library is a perfect place for our meetings. Our next book will be *Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever*, by Bill O'Reilly. This book is hot off the press and has risen to be the number one best seller on Amazon.com this week. This is a historical book that reads like a murder thriller. Please join us on Friday, October 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Laney Library for our discussion. Questions can be directed to Vera Murphy Trayner, Book Club Chair, at (813) 948-4016 or vpmurphy@comcast.net.

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

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**ADMISSIONS
OPEN HOUSE**

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 12, 2011

8:30 AM

or Contact the Admissions Office
for a Personal Tour (813) 961-3087

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Come tour our beautiful, lakeside, cypress-covered campus. Learn about our educational philosophy and the research-based strategies that have contributed to our reputation as a model of best teaching practices.

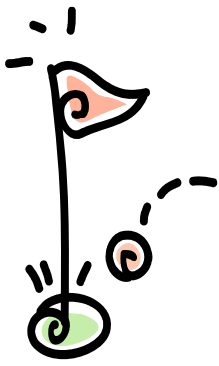
A light breakfast will be served. We hope to see you on campus.

Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman
Headmaster

Dr. Jennifer Morrow
Director of Admissions

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 IDS-CC Kids Classic Golf Social at Avila 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. 	3 IDS Kids Classic Golf Tournament at Avila  Day 2	4 PFA Sponsors Halloween Costume Sale Main Office 2 nd Floor 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  Day 3	5 PFA Sponsors Halloween Costume Sale Main Office 2 nd Floor 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. NOON DISMISSAL Teacher In-service Day *	6 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES/ STUDENTS DAY OFF 	7 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES/ STUDENTS DAY OFF 	8
9	10	11	12 ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Pre-K4 & K Fire Station/Bakery 10:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Day 1	13 PFA Meeting 8:05 am IDS Spelling Bee Kickoff Grades 1 st – 5 th & 6 th – 8 th  Day 2	14 EDU-TALK with “Dr. Joyce” 8:15 a.m. Day 3	15
16	17 Upper Primary (1 st , 1/2B, 1/2C, & 2 nd Gr.) Mahaffey Theatre 9:20 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Day 4	18 SCHOOL PICTURES for Pre-K – 2 nd Grade 3 rd , 3/4, & 4 th Gr. Mahaffey Theatre 9:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Day 5	19 SCHOOL PICTURES for 3 rd – 5 th Grade  Day 1	20 SCHOOL PICTURES for 6 th – 8 th Grade NOON DISMISSAL Teacher In-service Day *	21 PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY/ Students Day Off 	22
23	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26 Middle School hosts International Day Day 4	27 Pre-K4 & K “Fun on the Farm” 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. at IDS Day 5	28 7 th Grade Rainbow River Trip 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Day 1	29
30	31 Happy Halloween Day 2					



Help IDS Score Another...HOLE IN ONE!

The 17th Annual IDS Kids Classic Golf Tournament Checklist

Reserve your spot at the FUN Reception & Silent Auction the night before the Golf Tournament!

This event is for ALL Parents & Friends of IDS...even if you are elsewhere during the golf outing. Please come join us for dinner, live music, and an evening to remember. Our reception on Sunday, October 2nd will feature a silent auction with unique items you will have to see to believe!

Register for Golf!

Come as a foursome, or come individually....and we'll team you up! Send in your registration form marked as an individual player with payment, and we will team you with other individual golfers. Novice and pro golfers alike are sure to enjoy the day on Monday, October 3rd.

Volunteer to support the day's festivities!

Sign up for a two-hour shift, or more, and be a part of the fun!

BE A PART OF THE FUN! See you October 2nd (Reception) & October 3rd (Tournament) at AVILA!

Please return the form to the IDS-CC office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Yes, sign me up NOW!

- Golf Individual \$175- (Includes Reception) Golf Foursome - \$650 - (Includes Reception)
- Tickets to the Reception \$40/person
- Volunteer at Reception &/or Tournament

Total Enclosed/to Charge: _____

I have attached my check, or please bill my credit card: _____ EXP _____ CVC _____

For more information on the event or Sponsorship opportunities, please contact Heather Ceresoli at 813.748.4649 or heatherc@twcareers.com or Richard Torra at 813.476.1309 or RGTORRA@BankersInsurance.com.

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

October 3-7, 2011

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location of game	Pick-Up	Pick-up/Comments
Mon. 10/3	3:00	Volleyball-Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Volleyball-Green Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Volleyball-Silver Team	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	
	4:00	Soccer-Green Team	Trinity	Buchanan Field	5:00	
	Off	Soccer-Purple Team	Off			
	3:00	Soccer-Silver Team	Practice	Buchanan Field	4:00	
	4:00	Cross Country Team	FWCL Meet	CDS	5:30	8th Grade Deck
Tues. 10/4	Off	Athletes Day Off	Off			
Wed. 10/5	11:45	All Applicable Athletes	Picture Make-up	MS Gym	12:15	Need Full Uniform
	11:45	Soccer-Purple Team	Team Picture	MS Gym	12:00	Need a team re-take
Thur. 10/6	Off	All Athletes	Off			Parent-Teacher Conf.
Fri. 10/7	Off	All Athletes	Off			Parent-Teacher Conf.