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## HEADS' LETTER

## OCTOBER 20, 2011

### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN: ART TO REMEMBER 2011!

In art classes, our IDSers have worked very hard on creating some terrific works of art and have shown great enthusiasm in preparing their work for our Fine Arts Fundraiser called Art to Remember.

It's that time again to get your very own life-time keepsakes from your children's work. Check in your Thursday folder today, where you will find a magnet that has a reproduction of a drawing recently made in art class. You will also find a brochure that shows many beautiful products on which your child's art can be reproduced in brilliant original colors. These items make wonderful keepsakes and gifts for many occasions.

Please take time to review the items so that you may return your order form by Wednesday, October 26. The Fine Arts team will return the order forms to "Art to Remember" where the items are created and returned to school in plenty of time for the holiday break. If you are interested in keeping the enclosed magnet, please check the appropriate box on the order form and enclose an additional \$5.00 with your order. If you are only interested in ordering other items, just enclose and return the magnet in the ordering envelope. **If you are choosing to pass this time, please return the magnet and ordering envelope in the Thursday folder so we can return it to the company.**

The art department appreciates your participation in this project, and as always, we know you will treasure the keepsakes of your child's artwork. If you have any questions about our Art to Remember fundraiser, please contact Mrs. Kerr at 961-3087 ext. 334 or at [dkerr@idsyes.com](mailto:dkerr@idsyes.com). Thank you for your support of the Independent Day School Fine Arts Department!

### **BIG REMINDER: TOMORROW, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY FOR TEACHERS AND A SCHOOL FREE DAY FOR STUDENTS**

Beginning this afternoon and all day on Friday, IDS teachers will either be at State Conferences or working together in in-service aligning and updating our Curriculum Maps, YAAGs (Year At A Glance), and Standards and Benchmarks with our lessons and International Baccalaureate Units which are always evolving and expanding. Every five years, we participate in a reaccreditation process where we review, refine, and reinforce all of our work. It's the perfect time for reflection and deep dialogue about always moving forward and having to continue to raise the bar!!

### **OVERJOYED TO ANNOUNCE AND CONGRATULATE AND THE WINNER IS...**

Last Thursday night, at the Florida Council of English Teachers (FCTE) State Conference in Orlando, our eighth grade English TEACHER Michael Vokoun (15<sup>th</sup> year at IDS) was named **Florida English Teacher of the Year** for the entire state of Florida! WOW! A prestigious committee of peers awarded him the honor for his many contributions as a teacher, a teacher leader, an author and a great contributor to his profession. Our entire English team (Mrs. Jenn Jagdmann, Mrs. Kat Quin, and Ms. Amy Ragg) were all at their state conference with him to celebrate the honor! The text messages were flying back and forth with excitement from our English team members who immediately reported the results with enormous pride in the success of their team member.

Bravo Mr. Vokoun, who returned on Monday to balloons and banners congratulating him by faculty and students. This tribute was organized by his resident teacher, Mr. Doak Mathias, who graduated last year with a degree in English/writing from Florida State University. A bit of trivia would be that during his 8<sup>th</sup> grade year at IDS, Doak was Mr. Vokoun's student in English class. Definitely, very cool!

# HIGHLIGHTS AROUND CAMPUS

**NEWS FROM PRE-K3 FLOWER PATCH:** This week concludes the Flower Patch's INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE unit: *How We Express Ourselves!* Our Pre-K3ers "*Leaped into Literature*" and learned more about one of their favorite things: Books! Fiction, Nonfiction, Authors, Illustrators, Story Elements, and so much more during these engaging weeks of expression and communication. The Flower Patch kids are especially proud to participate in the grand finale of this unit: Becoming the authors and illustrators of their very own books! They will proudly create their *own* story, complete with illustrations. Imaginations are running wild. Creativity is flowing, and divergent thinking is being promoted this week in The Flower Patch!! What joy in Pre-K3! ☺

**TRAVEL NEWS FROM THE PRE-K4 BEACH BUDDIES AND KINDERGARTEN FROGS!** Pre-K4 and Kindergarten marked an end to a successful INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE unit entitled, "*How We Organize Ourselves: Community Helpers*", with our *Community Helpers Commute*. The students traveled to the Master Fire Station in St. Petersburg where they experienced life as a firefighter. Through demonstrations, tours and exploration the students gained extensive knowledge of the IMPORTANT roles that firefighters, EMT's and paramedics play in our community. The students were even given the opportunity to put out "fires" with the fire hose and watched as the firefighters slid down the pole to quicken their response time to an emergency call. From there, they traveled to Panera Bread Company where the students each made the signature bread for October, cherry vanilla bread in the shape of a ribbon to honor Breast Cancer Awareness month. After rolling and shaping the bread, the students delighted in sampling some of their hard-work. They also dined on a delicious lunch made by the many community helpers at Panera. Seeing our community helpers in action helped to solidify our inquiry into the contributions community helpers make in our lives.

**INTERMEDIATE DIVISION ALL STARS, NAVIGATORS AND GOING PLACES** were totally amazing as they turned a weather challenge into a *Pink Bat* opportunity. Ask them about what does Pink Bat have to do with "turning problems into opportunities" and ask them about the 1000 origami cranes that they hope to make, graph and tally as they work together to make a statement about giving to others and hoping for a peaceful world. It all started with a Japanese story about how one girl's thinking turned into an opportunity to influence many.

**NEWS FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION: PE Teachers took their classes to new heights with a School-Wide Shuttle Run Championship!** In addition to the IDS Mile Run Championship that is held annually each spring, every student in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade had the opportunity to qualify for our school-wide shuttle run championship. A speed and agility event in nature, the shuttle run is one of five areas of fitness assessment done through our amazing physical education classes (the others are the mile run, line push-ups, sit-ups and the vertical leap). During intramurals we held grade level championships to determine a winner and an alternate. The following were our qualifiers that proudly represented each grade level:

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:** Adam Lewis and Quinn Ausburn

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:** Tyler Lawrence, Connor Goering  
and Logan Williams

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:** Jayson Gruden and Anthony Nelson

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:** Micah Abraham and Kenny Beckford

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:** Avery Stanechewski and Alana Nelson

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:** Morgan Graff, Hannah Starnes  
and Maggie Murphy

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:** Serena Jonas and Krissy Lloyd

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:** Sydney Stuckmann and Ella Choi

During snack time on Wednesday, the above qualifiers competed in a semifinal and final to determine an IDS Boys & Girls Champion. Congratulations to: **IDS Girls Champion** – Avery Stanechewski (8<sup>th</sup>) ...**IDS Girls Runner-Up** – Morgan Graff (7<sup>th</sup>)...**IDS Boys Champion** – Tyler Lawrence (7<sup>th</sup>)...**IDS Boys Runner-Up** – Micah Abraham (5<sup>th</sup>)

**FALL SPORTS UPDATE:** As we head into late October we enter tournament time for the Florida West Coast League (FWCL) and our IDS Warriors Fall sports teams. *The IDS Volleyball Teams* all had great seasons this year. The Volleyball Purple Team will enter the FWCL Tournament as the #2 seed and will take on a tough team that they have already beaten twice. It looks promising for our Warriors Volleyball Team to enter the finals again. The *IDS Soccer Teams* also finished off great seasons this week as both the Green Team and the Silver Team improved tremendously this year. The **Soccer Purple Team** enters the FWCL tournament as the #1 seed and looks to defend their championship from last year. The team starts their tournament at home on Tuesday and hopes to be playing again Wednesday at home for the FWCL championship. **GO IDS WARRIORS!**

## PFA NEWS: WE DID IT!

**WOW!!! THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE TARGET RED CARDS OR TARGET CHECK CARDS** and who have **registered with Target as an IDS supporter**. IDS received a check for \$835 thanks to your support! If you would like to join us in an easy fundraising effort, simply apply for either a Red Card or a check card with Target and then register your card online to be a part of their Take Charge of Education program as an IDS supporter. They will donate a portion of EVERY purchase that you make back to IDS. You also benefit because holders of those cards receive 5% off ALL purchases at Target at all times. It's a win-win fundraiser for us all! Questions? Contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at [vminick@hotmail.com](mailto:vminick@hotmail.com) or (813) 629-1630.

**MARKET DAY** - November orders can now be placed online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) for pick-up on November 3. Orders can be placed online until October 25 at 11:00 p.m. After that time, any orders placed will automatically be held for delivery in December. This month's offerings include many delicious holiday appetizers, entrees, and desserts! Questions? Contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at [vminick@hotmail.com](mailto:vminick@hotmail.com) or (813) 629-1630.

**FEEDING AMERICA – LET'S REALLY HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON FEEDING AMERICA! TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Join the PFA in sharing a special treat with those in need for this holiday season! We are pleased to partner with Feeding America in an effort to provide pies (and cakes) to those who benefit from their programs. How can you help? Simply fill out the form included in today's Thursday folder, and return it with payment to the office. We would love to be able to present Feeding America with **at least one pie from each of our families** on November 3. As a bonus, IDS will receive up to 45% of your purchase price back from Market Day, so we will benefit along with Feeding America! Please return your order form to **IDS by 3:00 p.m. on October 25** with a check made payable to IDS. Once the order period ends, the pies will disappear from the ordering options, so any late orders will have to be returned.

**Ending hunger, nourishing hope.** Feeding America is the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the country, consisting of a network of more than 200 food banks. We will remain a part of this vital food distribution network. Working together with our fellow food banks, we have the ability to leverage food donor relationships and effectively transport food to feed hungry Americans. Across the country one in six people struggles with hunger. Of the 50 million people who are unsure where their next meal will come from, Feeding America Tampa Bay provides food to over 400,000 people in the West Central Florida. More information can be found online at <http://feedingamericatampabay.org/>. Questions? Contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at [vminick@hotmail.com](mailto:vminick@hotmail.com) or (813) 629-1630. **HELP US FILL THE TRUCK!!!**

**IDS-CC DADS' CLUB UPDATE:** The IDS-CC Dads' Club is a service/social organization within the PFA that is open to all fathers or guardians of current and former IDS students. Our mission is to: assist and enhance IDS, promote fellowship among IDS dads, and allow dads/parents to be more involved with their children's education and lives in general. We will make an announcement soon regarding future events/activities and how YOU can be involved!

One of our first events to promote fellowship amongst the IDS Dads, the Dad's Club Basketball League, kicked off on September 8 with our first of three practice and training session. Big thanks to IDS P.E. Coach Romero, also Director of the Marvin Harvey Basketball School of Excellence, for providing the expert coaching and training to the 34 IDS Dads that signed up for the league. After a few weeks of getting back into shape, most of the Dads needed to refresh their dribbling skills, the season kicked off on September 29 with four teams and two games.

The last regular season game is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, and then playoffs start on Thursday, October 27. Thanks to Coach Romero and everyone else who helped make the league a huge success! A special thanks to Richard Torra for making the Dads' Club and the Basketball League a reality! If you have questions about the IDS-CC Dads' Club, please contact Richard Torra, Dads' Club Chair, at 813.476.1309 or [rgtorra@bankersinsurance.com](mailto:rgtorra@bankersinsurance.com).

# GET READY TO STAND UP AND TAKE A BOW!!!

## PFA ROCKS AND WINS FOR WINS FOR IDS-CC! SHOUT OUR *THANK YOU!!!*

Thank you to all of our families who participated in the West Shore Plaza Mall in the *Earning for Learning Contest*. We **actually won!!!** Each week for six weeks a school could win \$2,000 and this week, number 6, one of our receipts was drawn and we won \$2,000. Hold on to your hats because wait until you hear this. Do you know who enrolled us in this program? The answer is Vanessa Minick, our very own PFA volunteer Fundraising Project Manager, and it was her receipt that was pulled in the contest yesterday (Wednesday, October 19, 2011). Can you believe it??? PFA now has \$2,000 more to support the many tangible items that help make our school so special and support the work of our teachers and students!!! WOW! Spread the smiles and the congratulations...and an especially big round of appreciation to Vanessa and her family for always being there for IDS, YES!

## JUST ONE MORE MONTH!

### HOLD THE DATE FOR A FAMILY DAY THAT EVERYONE LOVES!

### IT'S THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL - NOVEMBER 19, 2011

Join us for a great day of FALL FUN for the 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IDS Fall Festival – Saturday, November 19, 2011. We begin the day with a Fun Run (details below) followed by games/activities provided by each grade/class along with the TASTE of IDS with delicious options for lunch! The day has two parts and you will want to be part of both of them or also help us recruit even more restaurants to support the day!!!

- **FUN RUN** - It's time to sign-up to participate in our annual Fun Run! On Saturday, November 19, join us at the Middle School on the Buchanan Sports Field beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the 2-mile run, which will be followed by the 1-mile run at 9:30 a.m., and will finish with the 1/2-mile Peacock Trot at 10:00 a.m. The sign-up form is included in today's folder! Questions? Contact Coach Adam Chumbley at [achumbley@idsyes.com](mailto:achumbley@idsyes.com) or Gina Shannon, PFA Fun Run Chair, at [hlp@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:hlp@tampabay.rr.com).
- **TASTE OF IDS** - Save the date, and plan to enjoy a delicious lunch with us during the Fall Festival. **ALSO**, if you own a restaurant or know someone who would like to introduce the IDS community to a new restaurant or cuisine, we would love to have them join our current line-up of fabulous options! The Taste of IDS will be held on the East Side. Please contact Ann Adamski, Taste of IDS chair, at [aea311@aol.com](mailto:aea311@aol.com) or (516) 445-1179.



## PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

**Allegra Beachy (8<sup>th</sup> grade)**, received a first all-around, 1<sup>st</sup> on beam, floor, vault and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place on bars at the AAU Level 5 Gymnastics Competition, the Gasparilla Classic in Brandon on Sunday, October 8, 2011.

**Sofia Palma (Brilliant Bugs)**, competed in the Gasparilla gymnastics competition at St. Leo College on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Her hard work and dedication earned her first place overall in level 3 competition. Way to go Sofia!



**SEE Thursday Folder Flyer to sign up for the second session of the IDS FIT CLUB BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1 – START YOUR DAY WITH A HEALTHY WORKOUT**  
People in the first session “LOVED IT!”

**Please see  
"All School"  
enclosures also  
found in  
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Run schedule:

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\*All runners will receive a special Run for Fun T-shirt, a medal, snacks, & drinks.  
***Top Finishers will receive a gift card!\****

**Yes! Sign our family up! Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\* **Shirt Sizes** – YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL

\*\* **Group** - P (Primary), Int (Intermediate), MS (Middle School), A (Adult)

Total number of Runners x \$15.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

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Join us for IDS Fit Club!!

- Who:** YOU!!!
- What:** A group fitness class for parents of IDS
- When:** \*Tuesday and Thursday mornings after drop-off (8:15 - 9:00)
- Where:** The Break-Out Room (adjacent to the Parish Center)
- Why:** To meet new people and have fun, all while achieving better fitness!!

\*\*Classes will be led by fellow IDS mom Danielle McClendon. Cost is \$12 per individual session or \$110 for the months of November and December (classes held 11/01, 11/08, 11/10, 11/15, 11/17, 11/22, 11/29, 12/06, 12/08, 12/13 and 12/15). All payments must be made in advance. If you are interested, complete and return the bottom portion of this form along with payment by Friday, October 27.

✂ PLEASE RETURN TO THE IDS OFFICE WITH PAYMENT ✂

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

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## International Kick-Off Celebration 2011

- Did you know that the world is made up of one hundred ninety-four countries filled with people speaking over six thousand languages?
- Did you know that many of these languages and countries are represented here at IDS-CC?



*During the week of United Nations Day, IDS-CC will kick-off our yearly international celebration with a whole school assembly at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.*

The entire school will join together to learn and share about different cultures. Representatives from all divisions will be presenting current classroom activities and projects that highlight international understanding and appreciation. This awareness and understanding will be woven into our curriculum throughout the year both inside and outside the classroom.

We would like to celebrate together the diverse culture here in our own IDS-CC community. In the homes of IDS-CC students, there are many different languages spoken, and we have families from all over the world that have made IDS-CC their home. Could you please help us to identify even more international diversity that exists among us? We would love to hear about your roots in the United States either recently or even back to the Mayflower.

In order to celebrate our unique IDS-CC international diversity, we are asking that you please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire. Completing this sheet with your child also provides a rich opportunity to celebrate your unique heritage together.

Thank you for enriching the lives of our students and for giving us the gift of your time. You will find the questionnaire on the back of this sheet.



**International Kick-Off Celebration 2011  
Community Survey**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify any family members (i.e. parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, or uncles) born outside of the United States and their country of origin?

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Please identify any particular religion that you practice in your home?

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What languages do you speak at home?

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Please share any of the holidays or festivals that your family celebrates?

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10/26/2010

**WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE**  
**October 24th -31st**  
Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 10/24	4:00	Volleyball-Purple Team	St. John's (E)	Corbett Hall	5:00	Season Continues w/ Victory
	3:00	Soccer-Purple Team	Practice	Buchanan Field	5:00	
Tues. 10/25	3:00	Volleyball-Purple Team	Practice	Middle School Gym	5:00	
	4:00	Soccer-Purple Team	St.Mary's	Buchanan Field	5:00	Season Continues w/ Victory
Wed. 10/26	TBA	Volleyball-Purple Team	TBA	TBA	TBA	
	TBA	Soccer-Purple Team	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Thurs. 10/27	3:00	All Soccer Teams	Team Party	Buchanan Field	5:00	Wear uniform/bring change of clothes
	Off	Volleyball Team	Off			
Fri. 10/28	Off	Volleyball Teams	Off			
Mon. 10/31	3:00	Volleyball-All Teams	Team Party	Corbett Hall	4:30	