



## **Independent Day School-Corbett Campus Celebrates 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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Since it was founded 35 years ago, Independent Day School - Corbett Campus has earned a reputation as a model school designed to offer all types of learners a first-class education. So it was only natural that a daylong celebration on October 11 in honor of the school's milestone anniversary should offer 'something for everyone.'

The day began with students and parents who participated in an early morning 5K race pumping and puffing their way through the quiet, Carrollwood streets. The Fun Run also included a 1-mile walk/run for "athletes" of all ages, and a ½ -mile trot for the youngest runners in pre-kindergarten through second grade.

Later in the morning, students, alumni, and their families participated in the annual IDS-CC Fall Festival, which included a wide variety of games, crafts, entertainment and food coordinated by the IDS-CC Parent Faculty Association, and dozens of parent and student volunteers. Guests received tours of the IDS-CC campus, and alumni had the opportunity to renew friendships and reminisce while enjoying a special exhibit of IDS memorabilia.

The celebration concluded with an anniversary program honoring the people who contributed to the success of IDS-CC during its 35-year history. Special guests included Marilyn Gatlin and Betty Anderson, IDS founders who envisioned a school that made gifted education available to all students; Dr. Dorothy Sisk, their mentor at USF and international expert on gifted education; Jim Bradley, second IDS headmaster who provided leadership during key years of growth and development; Bette Maniscalco, 25-year member of the IDS-CC Board of Trustees and Alumni Committee Chair; and Caryl Mathis, first IDS financial officer.

Also recognized during the program were Harry Gundaker, IDS master craftsman from 1983 to 1998; and Jim and Lois Yost, IDS next-door neighbors and supporters for 35 years. IDS-CC Associate Headmaster Pam Ripple, a school administrator for 25 years, and Gery Morey, middle school science teacher since 1969, shared their IDS memories, as well.

"Many things have changed at IDS over the years," said current IDS-CC Headmaster Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman. "Attractive, welcoming classrooms equipped with state-of-the-art technology have replaced the original rustic structures. Our student body has grown to more than 530 students. Our curriculum is keyed to national and state standards. But always, the fundamental principles of student-centered, hands-on, active learning have prevailed."

*Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited, independent school located in northwest Hillsborough County. It serves 500 plus students in grades Pre-K through 8. At IDS-CC, all children experience learning in a nurturing and highly academic environment focused on excellence and developing a positive self-concept. IDS-CC has become recognized as an exemplary school with over 900 visitors observing and learning from and with IDS-CC teachers.*

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