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HEADS' LETTER

OCTOBER 21, 2010



ANNUAL GIVING PHONATHON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28



One of the responsibilities of our Board Members is to insure a successful *Together for Excellence Annual Giving Campaign* which allows our parents, grandparents and alumni to help fill the budget gap between tuition and expenses by donating **tax deductible dollars**. Board members will gather this coming week to begin the Annual Giving Phonathon which is organized by Trustee Chair for Annual Giving, Ann Shaler, and Development Director, Laure Burrell.

To those who have already given this year, we extend our deep gratitude to you. And to those who are still "getting around to it," we say thanks ahead of time. Please remember that our Board of Trustees are all volunteers and their goal for the school is 100% participation. You can show appreciation to our volunteer trustees by pledging ahead of time by sending in your pledge, writing a check, or going to PayPal directly on our website at <http://www.idsyeyes.com/giving.html>. You also have the option of connecting with one of our Trustees and giving your pledge or charge right then and there during the phonathon. They love those positive calls! They, like you, love IDS and are excited to work on behalf of every IDSer!

At the October PFA meeting, Trustee, Ann Shaler, explained to the many parents present that the dollars raised in the Annual Giving Campaign **go directly** to operations to bridge the gap between actual operation costs and tuition. This campaign literally supports our ability to continue to retain and recruit our outstanding and highly acclaimed faculty and staff. Annual Giving also helps to support our facilities team in their extraordinary efforts to maintain this magnificent environment both inside and outside the classrooms.

Now the fun part!!! For those families who pledge **\$500 or more**, you will receive an exclusive Warriors' Pride Club commemorative magnet! Many of you have already received yours! Thank you!

- **Families who have turned in their pledges by October 29, 2010, will be entered in the drawing for four (4) tickets to the December 20th Lightning vs. Hurricanes game in the Bank of America, center ice, luxury suite. Four (4) families will each win four (4) tickets!!!**
- **PLEASE REMEMBER: EVERY GIFT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS!** While the campaign's financial goal is **\$250,000**, the ultimate goal is **100% participation**. Every donation makes a difference for our school. If you would like to pay your commitment in installments, contact Laurie Burrell at extension 392 to make arrangements.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29: HALLOWEEN COSTUME DAY GUIDELINES TO MAKE IT A GREAT DAY!

There will be school as usual on October 29...except for a part of the day which will be devoted to Halloween fun! Each division celebrates differently according to their ages and teachers' plans. **PLEASE READ and FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FROM YOUR TEACHERS AND RPC'S TO MAKE IT A GREAT DAY.**

HERE ARE THE SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR OCTOBER 29: This is a reminder that when choosing Halloween costumes for school, parents need to be mindful that there are children who react differently to scary costumes and that costumes should be appropriate and respectful. Therefore, please follow **common sense guidelines** that all weapons, very scary masks, etc. are left for your **own personal use outside of school**. Please be prepared for teachers to follow those guidelines and intercede where necessary to respect the Friday dress code as well. The Annual Middle School costume extravaganza is also expected to respect Friday dress code guidelines! Many thanks to one and all for caring to make this day a lot of fun in good taste and in an appropriate manner.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

HURRY:SESSION II for the LUNCH PROGRAM BEGINS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

A GENTLE REMINDER: LUNCH RENEWAL! Make a smooth lunch transition to Session II by signing up by Monday, October 25, 2010. The last day for lunch for Session I is Friday, October 29. The lunches are always delicious and include daily fresh vegetables, fruit, and healthy drinks. Please submit lunch order forms (please see the October 14, 2010, Heads' Letter online) in order to start Monday, November 1, and save money when you order the Full Plan Option. Walk-ups are \$6.00. You literally save \$2.00 a day by ordering ahead of time. Bravo to Chef Garret and his team for the terrific lunches we all enjoy!



IDS PUMPKIN PATCH: Chef Garret's IDS Pumpkin Patch will remain open on the deck next to Corbett Hall until Friday, October 29. Pumpkins of all sizes and shapes arrive daily and are available for purchase; plus, enjoy walking through the Pumpkin Patch on the deck before reaching the Bell Tower!



ART TO REMEMBER KEEPSAKE ITEM OPTIONS ARE IN YOUR THURSDAY

FOLDER!!!!: Order packets for Art to Remember items, for this year's Fine Arts Department Fundraiser, are coming home in today's Thursday Folder! Take time to review the brochure to see the many wonderful products that can be ordered with your child's artwork reproduced on them. They make wonderful holiday gifts and lasting keepsakes. Note that the ordering instructions say to include your child's original artwork. We have all of the student's original artwork in the art room and will include them with your orders as they come in. All you need to do is complete the order form and return it to school by Thursday, October 28 in the envelope provided. If you wish to purchase the preview magnet, you may keep it and include that information on the order sheet. Otherwise, you may return the magnet to school with the order form, or just return the entire packet. Completed products should arrive at school in early December to be passed out before the winter holiday break. The IDS Fine Arts Department would like to thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at Fine Arts Night in December.

SPORTS UPDATE

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON UPDATE: On Friday evening, October 15, 2010 the IDS cross country team participated in the Pre-State Invitational in Dade City. Nearly every member of the team ran his/her personal best time of the season! Congratulations to all of our runners for going above and beyond in their final race of the season! A special congratulation goes to **Daniela Nasser**, who finished 4th among girls middle school runners with a time of 13 minutes, 37 seconds for the 2-mile race. Her time was good enough to qualify for the **FIRST EVER Middle School State Cross Country Championship on November 13 in Lakeland**. Way to go Warriors!



IDS WARRIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: The IDS Warrior Varsity (Purple) volleyball team participated in and won the Academy of the Holy Names Volleyball Classic over the weekend. The tournament featured some of the very best middle school teams in the area. **IDS went undefeated!** Members of the Warriors team who devoted their weekend to their successful tournament are: Jenny Astell, Katie Bernstine, Kelsey Bridges, Kristy Burrell, Kayla DeEsch, Alexis Karpodinis, Casey McColl, Karli Mezo, Terese Okulski, Caroline Pomet, Camille Taylor, and Danielle Wilson.

AAU PLAYERS NEEDED: The Tampa Warriors, playing out of IDS are looking for a few interested girls to complete a **12 and under AAU team, beginning play in November**. We are looking for girls age 10, 11, or 12. Contact Coach Dewey if interested at (813) 727-6309.

PFA NEWS

THE THIRD ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT held on Friday, October 15, 2010 was both a **SOLD OUT** crowd and was a huge success filled with delicious food catered by Maggiano's Restaurant plus lots of friends, and many laughs. THANK YOU to all IDS families and friends who were in attendance for a FABULOUS night! A special thanks from the event chair, Vanessa Minick, goes out to the MANY volunteers who helped to make the night run smoothly. The awesome evening was only possible with their efforts! And a SPECIAL THANK YOU also is due for PFA Vice President for Fundraising Vanessa Minick for coordinating this family fun event for the THIRD year in a row! We appreciate you Vanessa along with your volunteers for **ALL you do for IDS-CC PFA!!!**



FUN RUN/FALL FESTIVAL COMING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20:

Please remember to buy your Fall Festival Lunch Tickets and Register for the Fun Run (see the flyer attached to the October 14 Heads' Letter online or call the office for a form)! – All **presale ticket orders for *The Taste of IDS* are due by the end of the day on Friday, November 12.** In advance, the tickets are only \$8.00 per person for a fabulous meal! After November 12, if any tickets are still available, the ticket price will increase to \$10.00, so be sure to get your order in early! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vanessa Minick, Fall Festival Chair, at vminick@hotmail.com or call (813) 629-1630.



IDS PFA on Facebook – Search “IDS PFA” and join us and keep informed with all of our PFA activities!



IDS PARENT BOOK CLUB UPDATE: We look forward to discuss our next book, *The Cigar Maker* by Mark Carlos McGinty. Join us on **Tuesday, October 26 at 1:30 pm** in the conference room of the New Building, on the second floor above the Kindergarten classrooms. New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Vera Murphy Trayner, Book Club Chair, at vpmurphy@comcast.net or (813) 948-4016.



IDS NETWORKING NIGHT IS ALL ABOUT IDS PARENTS NETWORKING WITH OTHER IDS PARENTS ABOUT THEIR WORLDS OF WORK. On Tuesday, October 26th from 6:00 – 8:30 pm IDS families will have the opportunity to promote their own organization, product(s) and/or services at our **Fourth Annual** Parent Networking Night. Please remember that participants must register by Friday, October 22, in order to be included in the directory.



Complete and return the form (please see the October 14 Heads' Letter) to Marcie Mueller at perform@tampabay.rr.com.

We're proud to sponsor this evening for families that are a part of an IDS Community that supports one another in business!

PLAN AHEAD – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 THROUGH SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21 – FOR THE ANNUAL IDS FALL BOOK FAIR

at all Barnes & Noble locations, including <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/>. PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAY by purchasing the gift of BOOKS. Tell everyone you know to mention IDS Book Fair #10292308 to ensure that the IDS Laney Library/media Center will receive 20% of all sales from the book fair during these dates. All purchases, INCLUDING café consumables, count toward the book fair. When using **Barnes & Noble Scrip gift cards** for purchases, the school receives additional funds. Order now to receive your SCRIP cards in time for the Book Fair. Please see the Barnes & Noble SCRIP order form in your Thursday folder.



PROUD MOMENT SOARS – To our IDS families, please share special moments so that everyone can enjoy with you. Please send your three to four line blurb to Ms. Celeste Ross at cross@idsyes.com.



MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL: UPDATE

Over the past three years, IDS-CC Middle School has created a global partnership with two middle schools across the world. The first school is Second Foreign Languages School of Nanshan, China and the second, Vasa Real Middle School in Stockholm, Sweden. These valuable opportunities allow our students a unique experience to connect with students around the world and share in different perspectives. A highlight of this partnership was the IDS trip to Sweden this past September. Due to the close relationship we have forged with Vasa Real in Stockholm, our students were able to experience both an International Youth Leadership Conference and an authentic cultural learning experience while in Sweden! Opportunities like this arise directly from our classroom connections. This year we would like to open these types of opportunities up to the entire middle school!



We will be video conferencing with these schools monthly. Due to the three different time zones involved in these meetings, all of our videoconferences begin at 7:30 am. Each videoconference will be focused on a global topic. Some topics from the past include energy conservation, recycling, and water use. We have also strayed from environmental issues to discuss topics like themes in literature and to share various cultural customs.



We are looking for dedicated and energetic students to join our program! We would like to have a core group of students that are able to commit to attending our conferences throughout the year. This will allow the students' connections with their peers from around the world to become much more meaningful. Imagine sharing ideas and discussing important topics with the same video pen pal for an entire year! Our first video conference will be next **Tuesday, October 26 at 7:30 am.** This meeting will serve as a preliminary meet and greet for MIDDLE SCHOOL students and a technology check for the teachers.

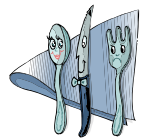


Please help support our growing international connections by encouraging your child to join the IDS Global Explorers. Please e-mail Jenn Jagdmann at jjagdmann@idsyes.com if your child is able to commit to our program!



MANNERS & ETIQUETTE ALIVE AND WELL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY LEADS THE WAY!

Mrs. Petty and Mr. Richter along with nine IDS'ers attended a formal meal at the Six Tables Restaurant in South Tampa, owned by Richard and Amy Bottini. This event was a culminating activity for our students to shine and show off their new found dining skills that they learned over the last five weeks during their Afternoon Activity Session.



The students enjoyed using their etiquette skill while enjoying a meal that included lobster bisque, lavender soda bread with honey butter, chicken breast with a blood orange sauce, cheese and fig intermezzo followed by a guava tart with fresh whipped cream and ginger sauce. Our drink was sparkling apples juice in a champagne goblet. Our hosts were amazing in their efforts to go above and beyond for our IDSers! The food was out of this world and the students were the ultimate models of exemplary manners and etiquette!



Be sure to sign up for the next session by contacting Lauren Bronson, After School Activities Coordinator, at lbronson@idsyes.com.



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

ALL STUDENTS



Barnes & Noble Scrip Order Form

(IDS receives 10% on Scrip orders.)

Gift Certificates:	<u>Qty. Requested</u>
\$25.00	_____
\$10.00	_____

Total Order Amount: \$_____

Student Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Teacher: _____

____ Pick up at IDS office

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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

October 25-29, 2010

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 10/25	4:00	*Volleyball-Purple Team	TBA	Corbett Hall	5:00	*Either Monday or Tuesday
	4:00	*Soccer-Purple Team	TBA	Buchanan Field	5:00	*Either Monday or Tuesday
Tues. 10/26	4:00	*Volleyball-Purple Team	TBA	Corbett Hall	5:00	*Either Monday or Tuesday
	4:00	*Soccer-Purple Team	TBA	Buchanan Field	5:00	*Either Monday or Tuesday
Wed. 10/27	3:00	Volleyball-Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	Pending 1st round victory
	TBA	Volleyball - Green Team	Team Party	TBA	TBA	Confirm online over weekend
	3:00	Soccer-Purple Team	Practice	Buchanan Field	5:00	Pending 1st round victory
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	Conditioning
Thurs. 10/28	4:00	Volleyball-Purple Team	TBA	Corbett Hall	5:00	Pending 1st round victory
	4:00	Soccer-Purple Team	TBA	Buchanan Field	5:00	Pending 1st round victory
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	MS Gym	6:00	3:00-4:30 Study Hall
Fri. 10/29	3:00	Volleyball - ALL TEAMS	Team Party	Corbett Hall	4:30	Parents welcome!
	4:30	Volleyball - Purple Team	Team Dinner	Chili's	6:00	Parents welcome!
	3:00	Soccer - Silver Team	Team Party	TBA	4:30	Purple & Green following week
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	Conditioning