

HEADS' LETTER

OCTOBER 28, 2010

HEADS-UP! CHANGE CAN BE GOOD! However, in this case it will require some patience. Normally, our four divisions Early Primary, Upper Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School have their parades, contests and Intermediate OctoberFest at different times throughout the day on Halloween. It is always a fun day filled with activities, booths, games, creativity, and a short time when costumes are permitted. It is also when our primary students have their parade. Many parents come and enjoy the day. This year, each division decided to carve out time for their big activity in the morning. Everyone's reasoning made sense, especially for parents who have more than one child at IDS.



However, suddenly the realization came that all of our parent/grandparent guests would all be here at the same time looking to park their vehicles! HELP! The first instinct is to change and go back to staggering the times. OOOOOOPS, think that through quickly! What about all of the parents who reworked their work and meeting schedules? Hmmm, there had to be a better idea than that! So, front page news is this: if you decide to join us on campus, tomorrow, Friday, October 29 for a morning celebration, think about carpooling. Come with a huge smile, bring lots of patience, and just enjoy a beautiful morning with our incredible IDSers and our impressive parents. Our catering team will have containers with complimentary water bottles throughout the campus...please be sure to help yourselves! (By the way, please read last week's Heads' Letter page 1 for costume guidelines. Thank you.)

CITRIX XENDESKTOP TECHNOLOGY UPDATE! Do you remember our excitement that was shared in the September 23rd Heads' Letter about our new infrastructure for our computer hardware with new servers that will allow immediate access to school programs and data from both on and off campus. This expensive system promised to use cutting edge technology that will make each of our 560 Mac and Dell computers work at maximum efficiency and ease. We were told it would take between four to eight weeks to install and test the system. We're right on schedule. Scott Kolinsky, our IT Director and his team of Michael and Will report that we are already wired! As soon as each division identifies the major programs they need and use, the testing will begin in phases. All of this is designed to increase time on task using technology in and out of the classrooms.



Between Smart Boards, document cameras (Elmos), laptops, and desktops, our instruction is tied to and dependent on being wired up at all times. Technology has helped us to have access to so much more information with so many essential uses, while at the same time, increasing staff to manage the infrastructure and becoming totally dependent on the hardware! Ahhhhh! Progress! ☺ By the way, the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 PFA dollars and a portion of this year's Annual Giving will pay for this huge investment in enhancing learning opportunities for every single student at IDS...and you as parents are making that happen! Your participation in PFA activities and your tax-deductible generosity to Annual Giving DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!...Please accept two magic words that say it all **THANK YOU!**

GRATITUDE to our FACILITIES TEAM! So, have you noticed all of the updates around campus? Our facilities team is totally amazing! In addition to all of their normal work in maintenance keeping up with an outdoor campus, they support teachers who have multiple indoor requests and always are in need for shelving, painting requests, and bringing to life all the teachers' creative ideas that they need to have made. On top of all of that, the facilities team has quietly been working on our gardens around campus and painting on the inside! Check out the Middle School gym and Dean Dining Hall when you have time, and now the Corbett Hall gym/multi-purpose room is getting a similar makeover. So when does all this occur? It's literally 24 hours a day, allowing learning to occur and magically things get done. Bravo to Facilities Manager, Robert Marquez for his leadership, creativity and devotion to the school, as he leads the wonderful and dedicated team of Mary, Pedro, Augie, Alex, Federico and Luis.



THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO: LET'S PLAN AHEAD TO ENJOY EVERYTHING

OCTOBER 29TH REMINDER: All *Art to Remember* packets need to be returned tomorrow, Friday, October 29, 2010. If you would like to purchase the magnet, featuring your child's artwork, the cost is \$5.00. Also you may order other items that are great gifts for the holidays. Make checks payable to Independent Day School, and we pay the company. This is also a fundraiser for Fine Arts. Thanks for your support!

NOVEMBER 1: RED ALERT! RED ALERT! THE SECOND SCHOOL LUNCH OFFERING BEGINS this MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010: The lunches are always delicious and include fresh vegetables, fruit, and healthy drinks. You have a choice: **1.** Send in the lunch form that was sent home in the Thursday folder two weeks ago or online for October 14 Heads' Letter, **2.** pack a lunch and send in on Monday, **3.** call Billie Valloro in the business office and kindly request her to help you quickly fill out a form and charge lunch, or **4.** take a chance and stand in line to see if there is enough to eat and pay \$6.00 for a walk-up. Thanks...we care!

NOVEMBER 3: EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:00 and EXTENDED DAY! Extended Day is on Wednesday, November 3, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. due to early dismissal for Faculty In-service. We continue working on our school-wide USF Graduate Masters' Course session on Gifted Education. Tuesday in-service is also devoted to the course. We are fortunate that our professor for the course Dr. Elizabeth Shaunessy comes here for the sessions. We are truly grateful for this amazing partnership grant with USF! It continues to be a lot of work as well as being so informative and helpful to our daily instruction with your children... it's a great example of living the *Olympic Mentality* with the *BEST GETTING BETTER!*

The cost for the extended day afternoon program 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 on November 3.**

NOVEMBER 20TH: FUN RUN/FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL! This is another event for the family's outstanding memory book! Parents enjoy each other, students have old fashioned fun, the food is terrific, and the day is relaxing and joyful. See the PFA News on page 3 for more information! What a great run and a great day for a festival. See you there with the whole family.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 THROUGH SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21: THE ANNUAL IDS FALL BOOK FAIR begins at all Barnes & Noble locations, including online at BN.com. 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 your scrip now to receive them in time for the Book Fair. Please see the Barnes & Noble SCRIP order form available online with the October 21, 2010 Heads' Letter.

NOVEMBER 24: GRANDPARENTS DAY! Wednesday, November 24 at 9:30 a.m. is all about **honoring others!** Please remember that **Grandparents Day is for both "Special Grand-Friends" as well as Grandparents.** This day is for **all students** at IDS, with or without their own personal guests. Everyone prepares in music and in their classrooms for weeks ahead for the special performance for our "Grand Visitors." Following the program, our guests are **royally welcomed** to our classrooms. So many of our guests come year after year from all over the Tampa Bay area, and they travel from all over the United States to be here. It is a WOW day for all of us. Our IDSers love to perform, and they are perfect hosts and hostesses for our guests! Invitations go out this week.

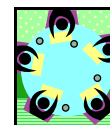
Dismissal for all students is 12:00 Noon on that day! MOST IMPORTANT: This is a special opportunity for the whole school to **give** service to others by their smiles, deeds, and appreciation for "*spans of time.*" We expect our students to be at school, join in, and do their part. Thanks for allowing every student to contribute AND give community service "at home." Please note that the program begins in Corbett Hall promptly at 9:30 and we will end at 11:45 - 12:00.

PFA NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS IDS-CC PFA!! We came in 4th place in the Earning for Learning contest at WestShore Plaza!! The top three winners were all from schools that are closer to the Westshore area! We believe we did so well because of three things: **1.** We have families from all over the Tampa Bay Area! **2.** We have families willing to shop on our behalf with a friendly competitive spirit. And **3.** You were amazing to remember to bring in those receipts or turn them in while you were at the Westshore Mall. Thank you to all of our families who shopped at Westshore and turned in receipts for points. The schools that came in first, second and third are St. John's Greek, Incarnation, and Roosevelt Elementary School. Our reward for coming in 4th place will be a cash prize of \$1,500 which is GREAT! Hats off to Westshore Mall for this win/win contest for their mall and for school support. As always, a special thanks to Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Coordinator, for her work heading up this project for us! **Way to go IDS-CC PFA!**



PFA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK!!! ALL IDS families are invited to our next PFA General Council Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, November 4.** Please join us after drop-off at 8:15 am in the Grand Room (right above Kindergarten) located on the second floor of the New Building. We will be discussing Fall Festival, Big Event Planning, and many other exciting events/activities!! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Lee, PFA President, at (813) 966-9022 or heatherlee12@verizon.net. We've had GREAT participation all year – let's keep the momentum going! **SEE YOU THERE!**



SAVE THE DATE!! - Big Event Planning Meeting – Wednesday, November 10, 8:15 am - Calling all Superheroes! Our next Big Event planning meeting is November 10. We will meet in the PFA Conference Room on the second floor of the New Building. See you there! Up, up and away! All are always welcome to attend this great planning session! It's a great group and fun to plan together and celebrate the results like "super heroes"!



FALL FESTIVAL is the PERFECT FAMILY DAY! - Saturday, November 20!! **COMING SOON:** Please Remember to **buy your Fall Festival Lunch Tickets and to register for the Fun Run** (see enclosed form and attached on website)!! – All presale ticket orders for lunch are due by the end of the day on Friday, November 12. In advance, the tickets are only \$8.00 for a fabulous meal! **After November 12, if any tickets remain, the ticket price increases to \$10.00,** so be sure to get your order in early! We also need your help in providing tents for our Taste of IDS vendors. Please show your gratitude for their generous donations by allowing us to borrow your tent for the day! If you have a tent that we can borrow, please contact Vanessa Minick at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630. The Fall Festival/Fun Run Ticket order form is enclosed.



NETWORKING NIGHT - Thank you to all of the parents who participated in Networking Night. It was great hearing about so many parents' businesses and professions. We continue to celebrate an IDS community that supports one another in business! All parents are invited to join our next networking event which will be the Carrollwood Area Business Association 25th anniversary event to be held in the Parish Center from 5:30 - 8:30 pm on November 3, 2010. Parents pay \$5.00 at the door. More than 200 local businesses are expected to attend. See you there! With appreciation to Chairs; Marcie Mueller, Stewart Friedman, and Heather Ceresoli!



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Dominic Bottini (Grade 2) earned second place (time 1:38.16) in the boys 8 and under, 100 yard freestyle relay on October 16 at the WFLA Halloween Invitational. He is on the TBAY Central Swim Team.





CONGRATULATIONS TO MR./DR. HEADMASTER OF THE DAY RYAN KALIBAN



Monday, October 18 was a special day for IDS as fifth grader Ryan Kaliban took the lead of the school with amazing grace and exemplary leadership. He commanded the Monday Morning Assembly with ease and also brought in his special guest from New York. His grandfather Bob Kaliban, who is a talented actor, delighted the assembly with many voices that we have heard in movies, television cartoons, and commercials over the years, and guess what? All of the voices belonged to Bob Kaliban. Thank you Ryan for sharing your grandfather with us, and thank you to Tim and Angie Kaliban for giving Ryan this chance to lead the school from their top bidding at last year's Big Event. Eighth grader Dina Al-Hassani and Ryan have been the first headmasters for this year. We have two more Headmasters to go before the next **Big Event - Super Heroes on March 19.**

TONIGHT: Remember to pick up the phone to support our Board of Trustees who will be calling for the Annual Phonathon. Thank you to those who responded Monday night. Everyone was great! Remember, we're aiming for 100% participation. You may also go directly to PayPal at <http://www.idsyes.com/giving.html> or call Development Director Laurie Burrell at (813) 961-3087 or lburrell@idsyes.com to make payment arrangements. Please remember that everyone who makes their pledge by Friday, October 29 – tomorrow - is eligible to be one of the four families to win four tickets each to the Bank of America luxury suite for the Lightning game on December 20. It's a great prize for you and your family and/or friends to enjoy!



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THANK YOU NOTE! We thank you for the opportunity to participate in community service!

October 28, 2010

To The Student Body & Faculty with M.O.R.E.,

On behalf of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, I would like to say **“THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,”** for your out pouring of **LOVE** and **SUPPORT** for the “Each One Reach One” letter writing campaign to soldiers stationed overseas!!! Reading your letters, your poems, and seeing your drawings, touched my heart in ways that words could never express. I am confident that the soldiers will share my sentiments as well!!!

Thank you again for your participation in this *amazing service project!* **YOU ARE THE BEST!!!**

Sincerely,

Joselynn Walden Forde

Chairman, Each One Reach One



VOLLEY BALL ENDS SEASON WITH AN AMAZING AND ENVIABLE RECORD!

The IDS Warrior Varsity (Purple) volleyball team completed one of their finest seasons yesterday finishing second in the FWCL Tournament. They gave up the first place win in a three game match with only two points away from the title. It was a close game and fought hard by both teams. The IDS warriors join the Tampa Bay Rays and the Yankees in a banner season almost to the finish with an amazing record of 26 wins and 3 losses. The team played the most highly competitive schedule ever during this fall season. Many of them play Club Volleyball. Congratulations on a very exciting and rewarding season. Coach Dewey and all of the Lady Warriors should be very proud of their volleyball accomplishments. The graduating eighth graders have a three year career record of 53 wins and only 7 losses. Members of the Warrior's team are: 8th Graders: Jenny Astell, Katie Bernstine, Kelsey Bridges, Kayla DeEsch, Alexis Karpodinis, Casey McColl, Karli Mezo, Caroline Pomet, Camille Taylor, Danielle Wilson, along with 7th Graders Kristy Burrell and Terese Okulski.



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

**_____ Yes! Our family will attend the IDS FALL FESTIVAL
on Saturday, November 20, 2010! Time: 10:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

Last Name: _____ No. Attending: _____ Children's grade(s) _____



_____ YES! Our family will be having lunch at the Taste of IDS.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 am-2:00 pm.



Restaurants represented at the Taste of IDS are:



1. Creative Cuisine Desserts
2. Cold Stone Creamery (N.Dale Mabry)
3. Datz Deli (S. MacDill Ave.)
4. Eddie & Sam's New York Pizza (E. Twiggs St.)
5. Evos
6. La Pollera Colorada (Armenia & Linebaugh)
7. Mrs. Madewell
8. Rita's Italian Ice (N. Dale Mabry)
9. Six Tables Tampa (Henderson Blvd.)
10. Tijuana Flats (N. Dale Mabry & Busch)



Thanks goes to all of our Taste of IDS vendors for donating their time and food to this event! An additional thank you goes to Chick-fil-A on N. Dale Mabry Hwy. for their contribution of prizes for our runners!



Food tickets are **\$8.00 in advance**. If any additional tickets are available, they will be sold on the day of the event for \$10.

_____ Total number of presale meals x \$8.00 per person = \$_____ Enclosed

*For all orders, on the day of the event, please go to the lunch pavilion,
and we will give you your food ticket(s) at that time.*
Orders are to be turned into the main office by November 12, 2010.



IDS ANNUAL FUN RUN



_____ Yes! Our family will attend the IDS FUN RUN!

Attention all RunnersIt's time to get out your running shoes for the FUN RUN! Come enjoy a beautiful Run or Walk on our **Buchanan Sport Field at our Middle School!** Our 2 mile run begins at 9:00 a.m. (*for all runners*), our 1 mile run/walk begins at 9:30 a.m. (*for beginning runners or fast walkers*), and our ½ mile Primary Trot will follow at 10:00 a.m. (*for primary kids or walkers*). All runners will receive a special Run for Fun T-shirt, a medal, snacks, & drinks. **Top Finishers will receive a gift card to Target!**

Yes! Sign our family up

NAME	Shirt Size*	Group**	2 Mile	1 Mile	Primary Trot













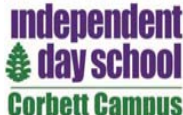
* **Shirt Sizes – YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL**

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

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

PLEASE RETURN THE ORDER FORM INTO THE MAIN OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 12, 2010.
PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO IDS

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 2</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Seventh Grade Wolfcreek Meeting 7:00 pm</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Day 3</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY</p> <p>NOON DISMISSAL/ Teacher In-Service</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day *</p>	<p>4</p> <p>PFA General Meeting 8:15 am</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Day 4</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 1</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Living Thanksgiving begins for Early Primary</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Day 2</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Big Event Meeting 8:05 am</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Day 3</p>	<p>11</p> <p>School Picture Retakes</p>  <p>CSA Recital 6:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 4</p>	<p>12</p> <p>CSA Recitals 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm</p> <p>End of Trimester I (54 Days)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 5</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Book Fair Week Begins</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>HEADMASTER OF THE DAY LORENZO LARGENT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 1</p>	<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 2</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5th Grade Savannah Trip Departs 6:00 am</p> <p>Living Thanksgiving Feast 1:30 – 2:30 pm</p> <p>Primary Night at Book Fair Spirit of IDS Performs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 3</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3rd, 3/4 MA, & 4th Gr. Mahaffey Theatre Field Trip</p> <p>5th Grade Savannah Trip</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 4</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5th Grade Savannah Trip Returns 6:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 5</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PFA Sponsors Fun Run 9:00 – 10:30 am</p>  <p>& Fall Festival 10:30 am – 2:30 pm</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>Book Fair Week Ends</p> 	<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 1</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 2</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Grandparents Day</p>  <p>NOON DISMISSAL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day *</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> <p>Holiday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> <p>Holiday</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Day 3</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Fifth Grade Students "Taste of Middle School"</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Day 4</p>				

2010

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

Send home with child

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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

November 1 - November 5, 2010

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
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
Mon. 11/1	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	
	3:00	Soccer-Purple/Green Team	Party	Buchanan Field	5:00	
Tues. 11/2	Off	Athletes Day Off	Off			
Wed. 11/3	Off	Early Dismissal Day	Off			
Thur. 11/4	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	
Fri. 11/5	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	

Basketball starts November 8th for both boys and girls