

HEADS' LETTER

NOVEMBER 3, 2011


RAIN or SHINE:


IDS FACULTY and RPCs KNOW THE MEANING of FLEXIBILTY

Even though it was a snow-free day in Florida on October 31, the rain came to challenge all of our plans for outdoor fun for Pre-K3's early morning parade, the Intermediate Division's Oktoberfest, and the Middle School's costume contest, athletic games, and food fest. Quickly, plans went into action. Parents, staff, and teachers got creative and moved things around and the morning was another stellar example of teamwork, volunteerism, and creative problem solving.

Pre-K3ers paraded in their own area and parents helped them carve their pumpkins as planned; Intermediate Division moved into our spacious Farish Center and the pavilion, where all activities went on as planned; and the Middle School first floor community space became the costume contest area for each grade, the Middle School Gym turned into a competitive and fun game site for 90 minutes, and the Dean Dining Hall remained the hub of Halloween treats. By the afternoon, the weather was beautiful for the Early and Upper Primary parade and celebration.

In between all of the 60 to 90 minutes of celebrations, it was a day of learning and lessons in each classroom. Kudos to all! A special thanks goes to our PFA Room Parent Coordinators (RPCs) for their exemplary efforts in arranging for so many volunteer opportunities. RPCs, we count on you and we thank you so much. **Let's give an IDS applause to:**



PFA RPC Chair: Heather Armington; **Pre-K3 Flower Patch:** Agnes Baretta, Nicole Willers; **Pre-K4 Beach Buddies:** Ryan Cook, Kim Overstreet, and Chika Ozturk; **Kindergarten Frogs:** Cindy Schulz, LaSonja Smith, and Gisela Torres; **Mighty Monkeys Troop 1 and 2:** Stephanie Foust, Lisa Relin and Jill Panella; **Brilliant Bugs:** Leigh Ann Allred and Shari Zwirn; **Cool Cats:** Zena Basdeo and Felice Rivers; **Third Grade Navigators:** Tracey Maniecki and Julie Stuckmann; **3/4 All Stars:** Pam Forsythe and Stephanie Georgiades; **Fourth Grade Going Places:** John Kratzer and Deirdre Cobb-Roberts; **Fifth Grade:** Heather Armington, Kate Garneau, and Debbi Shamley; **Sixth Grade:** Carole Corriveau, Scot Corriveau, April McDonald, and Debbie Nouse; **Seventh Grade:** Erika Freifeld, Vera Murphy Trayner and Paige Williams; **Eighth Grade:** Kathy Beachy, Connie LaVoy and Brenda Okulski.

**IDS FACULTY TAKES ON THE CHALLENGE BY OUR IDS SOCCER
FLORIDA WEST COAST LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

About 20 faculty members, including two alumni, gathered on the Buchanan Sports Field (Middle School) last Thursday to show the IDS Middle School soccer teams that they were ready to challenge them. The purple varsity team had just clinched the tournament as champions, both for the season and the final soccer tournament. The team, coached by Athletic Director Rob Heller, felt confident to go up against their teachers who also felt ready to take on these soccer champs. They had fun, played very, very hard, and in the end, the IDSers prevailed over the teachers with an 8 to 7 win. It was a great effort by one and all.




SAVE THE DATE: IDS BOOK FAIR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4


Please remember to purchase SCRIP for your children to buy books at Barnes & Noble. **9%** of the SCRIP order goes directly back to IDS to benefit the IDS Laney Library. In addition, Barnes & Noble contributes **20%** of all sales back to IDS!



EDU-NEWS

EIGHTH GRADE AMERICAN HISTORY DEBATE: How can listening to opposing views help you resolve an issue and make an informed decision? This is the guiding question the eighth grade American History classes explored in preparation for conducting simulation combining debating skills with history. Each student represented real historical characters from the American Revolution. Some of the historical figures the students portrayed were Thomas Paine, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, King George III, Margaret Shippen Arnold, and Thomas Hutchinson. The students were provided with materials containing personal perspectives to create a name plate with a quote and a propaganda slogan to display during the debate. They had to research and write three facts to sway people to their side. Those assigned as neutral wrote questions they wanted to ask both sides. All sides met before the debate to decide who would take certain roles during the debate, like introduction, cross examination or to answer specific questions. They worked as a team to put together a strategy to present the strongest argument. The students were trying to get the neutral colonists to choose either the side of the Loyalists or Patriots. The neutralists had all the power since their vote at the end of the debate declared a winner. The students experienced a formal Lincoln – Douglas Debate Format, to see what makes a debate different than an argument. Here are segments of the students’ reflections:



“During the debate, I felt confident and prepared. We, the loyalists, made sure the colonists felt terrible about not paying their taxes and disrespecting the king. It was funny because I actually saw some “colonists” go wide-eyed after some of our speeches. They really did not expect us to put up such a good argument... Something I definitely pulled from this experience was that problems can be solved formally and neatly instead of mindless violence and hatred. Debating was actually very fun but also serious, because in real life, your voice as well as everyone else’s does matter a whole lot.” ~ Will Drake

“I feel that this debate taught me not only about Thomas Hutchinson, but the Revolutionary Era in general. This debate has showed me that no matter how high one is on the social hierarchy, they are still human and have flaws... I, having to close our argument,...felt the most pressure because I had to have a good enough case to not only win over the neutralists, but (Maddie Dixon) argument....” ~ Jonah Kornberg

“Something new I learned from the debate was that no matter how great your speech and ideas are, others may disagree and you might lose. Hearing both sides didn’t sway my opinion, I’m still a patriot, although I did gain some respect for the Loyalists because they had some fantastic points. Even though the British side had great ideas and points, I will always be a patriot.” ~ Maddie Dixon

“From my research, I learned that debating is more complex than it sounds- it takes a lot of information and preparing to be able to argue about something that wasn’t an actual opinion of yours; I had to find that person’s opinions.” ~ Hanna Rinner

“I learned from this experience how a debate works, because I have never seen or participated in one before. I learned that in debates even though the opposing sides could not interrupt each other, there were still opportunities to cross-examine...Listening to both sides influenced my decision because I compared the two sides to each other to make my decision.” ~ Holden Bridge

“During this experience, I learned a variety of facts, skills, and techniques. In previous years when we studied the revolutionary war, I didn’t realize that there were some colonists that were loyal and devoted to Britain and that didn’t believe that the colonies should separate from Britain. I was also shown that there are many different types of debates and formats for them, and arguing is not the same thing as debating.” ~ Sami Reiss

“Debating is something that anyone can be good at if they put effort into it. I sided with the Loyalist in the end because they were really persuasive and really made me understand them.” ~ Briana Mayberry

“...I learned that in debates you have to plan out what will be said in detail before you talk.” ~ Kalie Schrader

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IDS OPEN HOUSE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

“Share the gift of an IDS education”

So, now is your chance to share the GIFT of an IDS EDUCATION with your friends and family by informing them of our upcoming Open House for the 2012 - 2013 year. It will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. If you have friends that you would like us to contact, please call Dr. Morrow, Director of Admissions, and she will be sure to welcome them to visit IDS for a personal tour or invite them to our Open House.



PFA NEWS

BIG EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8:15 - 9:30 am. We invite all IDS parents to come join us for our next Big Event Committee Meeting! We will meet in the Grand Room above Kindergarten. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Kerry Lather at 813-508-1239 or kerrylather@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there! All are welcome to attend!



IT'S PFA RESTAURANT NIGHT at FIVE GUYS - Be sure to join us on Tuesday, November 8 from 3:00 – 9:00 pm to enjoy a fun meal while raising funds for IDS! Five Guys Burgers and Fries (in the Fresh Market plaza on N. Dale Mabry) will donate 15% of your purchase price back to IDS for all orders that are accompanied by the flyer enclosed in today's folder. Every person who pays for an order will need a copy of the flyer, so print extra copies by accessing our Heads' Letter online! Questions? Contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630. Thanks for your support!



PFA DADS' CLUB: Basketball on Thursdays ends tonight with the championship games. All Dads are invited to come and watch and enjoy the fun at anytime from 6:30 until 9:00 tonight in Corbett Hall. You can also join the PFA Dads' Club at any time. Their next meeting and social is at the Cigar City Brewing, 6:30 pm, Wednesday, November 9 - at 3924 West Spruce Street, Tampa. For more information about their meeting and how you can join in with the Dads' Club, please contact PFA Dads' Club Chair, Richard Torra RGTORRA@BankersInsurance.com.

10th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 COME and ENJOY THE FUN RUN FOLLOWED BY THE TASTE of IDS!

FUN RUN - Plan to join us for our annual Fun Run! On Saturday, November 19, we will **begin at 9:00 am** with the 2-mile run, which will be followed by the 1-mile run at 9:30 am, and we will finish with the 1/2-mile Peacock Trot at 10:00 am. The sign-up form is included in today's folder for you! Questions? Contact Coach Adam Chumbley at achumbley@idsyes.com or Gina Shannon, Fun Run Chair, at hlp@tampabay.rr.com.



TASTE OF IDS - ONE MORE WEEK to PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS - Our Taste of IDS chair, Ann Adamski, has put together a delicious lunch for our community to enjoy during the Fall Festival on Saturday, November 19 from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. Refresh yourselves after participating in the Fun Run! The order forms are included in today's folder for you. We would love to add YOUR business to our vendor list, so if you are interested in joining the Taste line-up, please contact Ann at aea311@aol.com or (516) 445-1179. **All orders are due to the office by Thursday, November 10. After that day, the price will increase, and only a limited quantity of Taste tickets will be available at the Fall Festival.**



ATTENTION ALL SOCCER FANS...

Independent Day School: Corbett Campus has been invited to support the University of South Florida's men's soccer team as they play their way to a Big East Championship. The Bulls will play this Sunday, November 6 at 1:00 pm against the Notre Dame University or Villanova University with a chance to go to the Big East Finals. The tickets are complimentary but must be ordered through Coach Heller by 2:30 pm Friday, November 4. You can reach Coach Heller by email at rheller@idsyes.com. This should be a great game!!!



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Leonel Ochoa (7th grade), Cross Country Coach Adam Chumbley is proud to announce that Leonel ran The Great Westchase 5K this weekend and he finished 2nd in the 13-14 year old age group, and finished 26th overall in a field of over 700 runners! His time of 20:05 is a personal best, as he averaged 6:29 per mile for the 3.1 mile race. Amazing! What a great tune-up for this Saturday's State Cross Country Championships in Lakeland!



“FROM THE FARM TO THE TABLE”: During this unit, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten students are learning where food comes from and how it is grown and packaged so that we can enjoy it! In Kindergarten, teachers and students are using U.S. and world maps to plot a variety of different foods grown in different states and different countries. Kindergarten students are learning about imports and exports, north-south-east-and-west, the many different jobs of a farmer, the variety of foods we get from the farm. In Pre-K4, learning the life cycle of farm animals brings depth and breadth to this fall thematic unit. In math, students even sequenced the growth of a pumpkin plant from a tiny seed all the way to a plump pumpkin in a pumpkin patch. They also sorted and graphed different foods and learned how to read and interpret their graphs. In language arts, thematic books and journaling were woven into the unit. In Kindergarten, their finished product will be an outstanding farm journal that documents their learning process and reflections throughout this unit and Pre-K4 students will have a farm book that depicts life on a farm!



On Thursday, October 27, the Pre-K4 and K classes kicked off this unit with a real WOW, inviting their families to share in the experience!! They hopped on their homemade stick horses and headed to the Fall Fun on the Farm at IDS! They invited, as their special guests, the Pre-K3 Flower Patch class. Everyone arrived to be greeted with goats, sheep, rabbits, roosters and chickens. The hayride was a hit as students pointed out farm friends along the way while parent volunteer, Scot Corriveau, drove them safely from place to place.

When their bellies started grumbling, the children headed over to the caramel apple station, where they enjoyed this tasty fall treat. Blankets were laid out by the lake for students and parents to take in the view of the fall fun and listen to some of their favorite farm stories. From a distance you could hear music playing and children laughing as **they learned to line dance at the Happy Hoedown station.** Behind the library, families and students were busy painting the faces of their pumpkins for Halloween. Fun on the farm was had by all as fall was really in the air.

EXPLORATIONS & INVESTIGATIONS (E&I) UPPER PRIMARY SCIENCE NEWS: It's the “circle game” in the IDS Upper Primary classes this year! We're becoming scientists by exploring our earth's natural cycles and investigating factors that influence these cycles of nature. Weather, Life Cycles of Living Things and Plants are the focus as our students rotate throughout the year to each class for Explorations and Investigations.

While studying the Weather Cycle, our students have the opportunity to be the meteorologist of the week by giving a daily weather report to their classmates. Exploring the properties of air, predicting weather through cloud study and the water cycle, and learning about dangerous types of weather keeps our students engaged in this important cycle of nature.



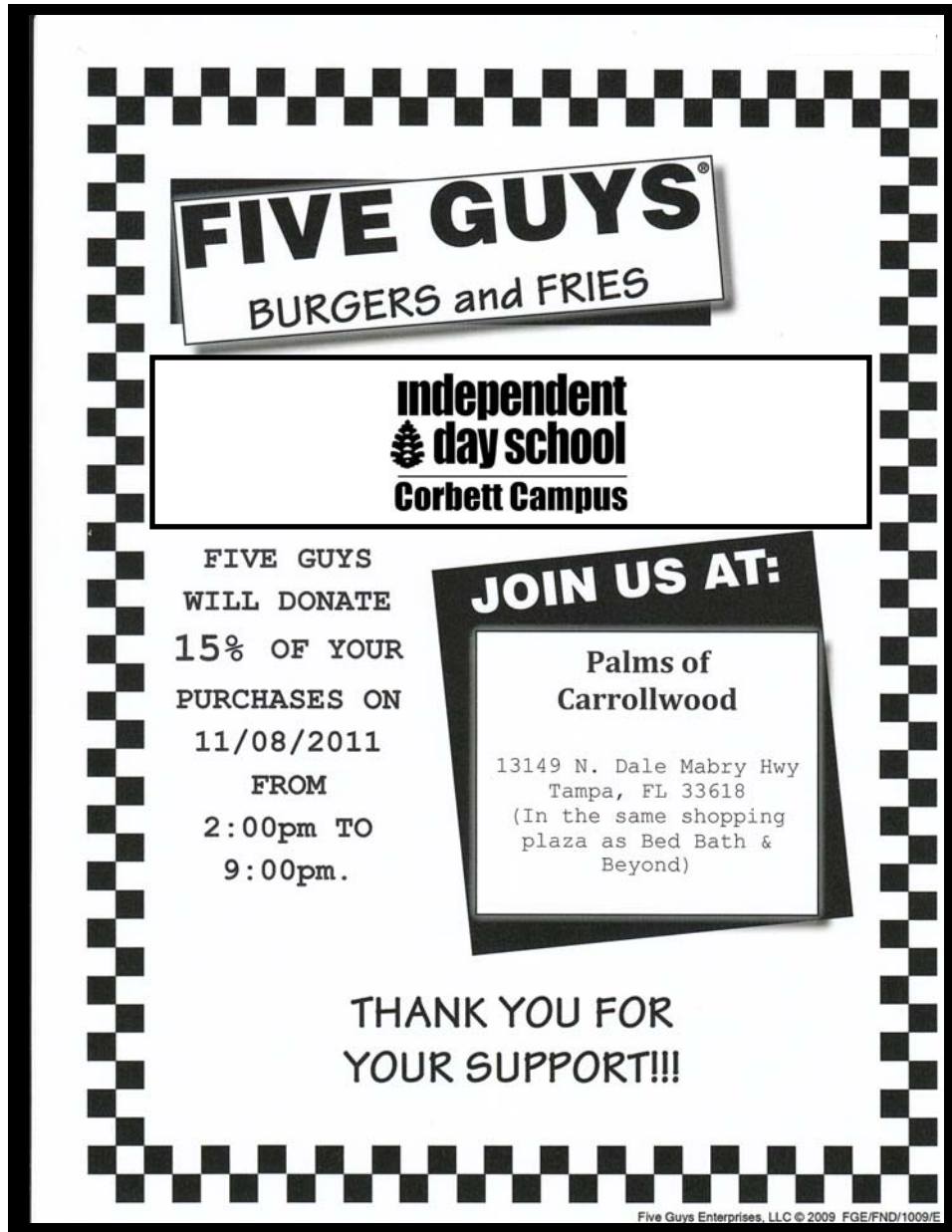
Upper Primary students who are studying plants during E&I had a chance to get dirty! Lima bean sprouts fill Harry's Deck, as students observe plant growth in action. Though their green thumbs may be small, our junior botanists can tell you about the parts of a plant and the role each plays in plant growth and reproduction.

E&I in the Brilliant Bugs is the study of the life cycle of living things through inquiry. They have the opportunity to investigate Brine Shrimp to discover the stages of their lives as well as how they are important to our environment. Each student contributes to caring for a tank full of these creatures more popularly known as Sea Monkeys!! Every week, children observe and record the stages of change during the life span of these amazing creatures. We have some budding scientists on our hands!

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY from Betty George: On Wednesday, November 2, every member of the middle school student body worked both on and off-campus for their bi-annual community service day. Seventeen Multi-Age Advisory Teams and their teachers planned projects and then travelled to a variety of locations to give acts of caring and kindness to others. This year the 17 groups visited **Metropolitan Ministries Charter School, Bowman Center Preschool, MOSI Headstart Program, Bakas Equestrian Center, Kid's Clubhouse Preschool, North Tampa Head Start, United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay, Alpha House, and Hillsborough County School Readiness Program.** Several groups served at Readiness Programs at many different locations. One group remained at IDS to bake for the Meals on Wheels Program and to write notes of encouragement for the fortunate recipients.



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



PLEASE DETACH AND TAKE THE FLYER ABOVE TO FIVE GUYS ON NOVEMBER 8



YES, I will be attending Restaurant Night at FIVE GUYS on 11/08!

Sadly, I will be elsewhere on 11/08. ☹

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Contact No.: _____

Email: _____

Other restaurant locations you would like to see Restaurant Night hosted _____



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IDS ANNUAL FUN RUN

____ **Yes! Our family will attend the IDS FUN RUN on Saturday,
November 19th!**

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!

Run schedule:

- 9:00 am - 2 mile run *(for all runners)*
- 9:30am - 1 mile run/walk *(for beginning runners or fast walkers)*
- 10:00am - ½ mile Primary Trot *(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!*

Yes! Sign our family up! Family Name: _____

FIRST 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

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**Yes! Our family will attend the IDS FALL FESTIVAL
on Saturday, November 19, 2011! Time: 10:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Lunch will be served from 11:30am-1pm

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



1. Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza – Tampa
2. CJ's Barb-B-Skew
3. GrillSmith - Carrollwood
4. Jimmy John's - Carrollwood
5. Sweet Treats Cakery
6. Zaxby's
7. Your Business Can Be Here! See Heads' Letter for Info!



Thanks goes to all of our Taste of IDS vendors for donating their time and food to this event!

As another option, we will offer a hot dog lunch that will include one hot dog, a bag of chips, one cookie and one drink.

If you would like to support the IDS Boosters, you may upgrade your lunch drink to an IDS Warriors drink bottle!

Taste of IDS tickets are **\$8.00 until November 10th**. If any additional tickets are available, they will be sold on the day of the event for \$10. Hot dog lunch tickets are **\$5.00 until November 10th** and \$7.00 on the day of the event.

Type of Ticket	Price	Number Ordered	Total
Taste of IDS Lunch Ticket (includes one drink)	\$8 (until November 10 th)		
Hot Dog Lunch Ticket	\$5 (until November 10 th)		
Upgrade Drink to a Large Drink in an IDS Warriors Drink Bottle	\$3		
Total enclosed:			

Please make checks payable to IDS!

For all orders, on the day of the event, please go to the lunch pavilion to pick-up your tickets!

ALL STUDENTS



**Barnes & Noble
Scrip Order Form**
(IDS receives 9% on Scrip orders.)

Gift Certificates: Qty. Requested
 \$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 7th - 12th

Daily Sports Hotline: 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 11/7	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Basketball-Girls	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	
	3:00	Basketball-Boys	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Cheerleaders-All	Practice	8th Grade Deck	5:00	
	5:00	Cheerleaders-Competitive	Practice	MS Gym	7:00	
Tues. 11/8	Off	Athletes Day Off	Off			
Wed. 11/9	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Basketball-Girls	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	
	3:00	Basketball-Boys Silver/Green Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
	4:30	Basketball-Boys Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	6:00	Study Hall 3:00-4:30
	3:00	Cheerleaders-All	Practice	8th Grade Deck	5:00	
Thur. 11/10	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Basketball-Girls	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	
	3:00	Basketball-Boys Silver/Green Teams	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
	4:30	Basketball-Boys Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	6:00	Study Hall 3:00-4:30
	3:00	Cheerleaders-New Members	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:00	
Fri. 11/11	Off	School Holiday	Off			
Sat. 11/12	1:30	Cheerleaders-Competitive	Practice	MS GYM	3:30	

USF Men's Soccer vs. TBA Sunday 1:00 for complementary tickets contact Coach Heller at rheller@idsyes.com by 3:00 on Friday, November 4th