

HEADS' LETTER

NOVEMBER 17, 2011

GRANDPARENTS DAY REMINDER: ALL STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR THEIR GREEN IDS POLO SHIRTS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011

- FIRST:** GRANDPARENTS DAY IS FOR "SPECIAL GRAND-FRIENDS" AS WELL AS GRANDPARENTS.
- SECOND:** This day is for **all students** at IDS, with or without their own personal guests. Everyone prepares in music and classrooms for weeks for this special performance and the guest visits to classrooms.
- THIRD:** This is a special opportunity for students to **give service** to others by their smiles, deeds and community spirit. This is also a wonderful time to unite the generations with joy and appreciation for "*spans of time.*"
- FOURTH:** We expect our students to be at school, join in and do their part. Thanks for allowing every student to contribute.

Special People
Deserve A
Special Day...



PROCEDURES FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AT 9:00 AM**, Grandparents and Grand-friends please report to Corbett Hall.
- **SEATING ETIQUETTE RED ALERT** for the program: Parents are asked to **leave all seats for Grandparents unless they are in need of special assistance**. The students will be sitting in the bleachers for Grandparents Day. **IF YOU CHOOSE TO STAY FOR THE PROGRAM, PARENTS, PLEASE ABIDE BY STANDING ROOM ONLY.**
- **FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM**, Grandparents and Grand-friends will visit the classrooms for a reception hosted by all IDS students, RPCs, and parent volunteers.
- **DISMISSAL AT 12:00 PM: SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EVERYONE EARLY ON WEDNESDAY.** Please be prompt with pick-up so the faculty and staff may also begin their holiday on time.

EXTENDED DAY RESUMES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011.

PARKING FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY OPTIONS



1. IDS parking lot on the East Side or
2. IDS Middle School on the West Side or
3. Our grassy parking lot on the East Side or
4. Carrollwood Elementary. Our buses will run continuously to shuttle people back and forth.



It will be a "GRAND" DAY! We're all looking forward to it.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT

Many students have expressed an interest in using their personal electronic reader (Kindle, NOOK, Tablet, etc.) to complete the reading assignments here at IDS-CC. We embrace the use of technology in our classrooms and are allowing the use of electronic readers (e-Readers) for classroom and personal reading. We are allowing two specific e-Readers: **NOOK Simple Touch** (\$99.00) or the **Kindle Touch Wi-Fi** (\$99.00). Other e-Readers will be allowed if they are only Wi-Fi enabled, which will be in compliance with our fire wall restrictions. E-Readers enabled with 3G or 4G should be left at home.

The school invests a great deal of resources to protect the content that our students have available at school. Thus, to honor that, there will be specific guidelines to follow in order to have the privilege of choosing to use an e-Reader. Before using e-Reader devices at school, there must be an e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy Agreement returned to school signed by both parents and students. This Acceptable Use Policy Agreement can be found attached to this week's Heads' Letter. Copies are also available in both the main office and Middle School office. Signed agreements should be returned to the main office.

THE ANNUAL IDS BOOK FAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE

Please help support our beautiful IDS-CC Laney Library during our annual Winter Book Fair being held from Sunday, November 27 through Sunday, December 4 at Barnes & Noble, Carrollwood. Students in 3rd through 8th grade will be traveling to the book store throughout the week on class field trips. The permission slip and schedule for this trip is enclosed in this week's Thursday folder. Our own Spirit of IDS Chorus and Jazzy Juniors will be entertaining us with their performing excellence during Wednesday night's Primary Night. Need to be elsewhere during Book Fair? You can visit BN.Com or any store and use voucher number 10579506 when you check out; IDS will receive 20% of all sales regardless of location!

If you decide to purchase the NOOK Simple Touch during our IDS Book Fair, Barnes & Noble will add a percentage of the sale to our book fair totals! Remember: *"The more we read, the more things we will know. The more that we learn, the more places we'll go."* -Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut.

SCHOOL PICTURE MAKEUP DAY

SCHOOL PICTURE MAKEUP DAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011: If your child was absent for his/her picture, we have them on the retake list. If your child needs a picture re-take, please return the proof form to the office by Friday, November 18, 2011. The picture retake date is **Monday morning, November 21**. Please **remember the dress code for re-takes**; the picture chosen will be in the 2011 – 2012 Yearbook.



FALL SPORTS PHOTOS

IDS FALL SPORTS ATHLETES: Please check out our Fall Sports Photos for every team online at www.party pics.com. After you click on the link, please go to "find your pics" (yellow tab) and enter the password "IDSYES". You can go in and see everything Joe Photo Tampa has to offer for our IDS-CC volleyball, soccer and cross country teams. The memory mates picture would have your child in the CENTER and the team on either side behind him or her. What a great way to showcase your child! As a reminder, with every single order 20% is given directly back to IDS Athletics! What a win - win opportunity!

PFA NEWS

10th ANNUAL FUN RUN AND FALL FESTIVAL

JOIN US FOR A RUN ON SATURDAY! We hope to see you on Saturday, beginning at 9am for the two-mile run followed by the one-mile run at 9:30 am and ending with the 1/2 mile Peacock Trot at 10:00 am. Runners may complete walk-up registrations for \$15. It's sure to be a beautiful day for a run! Questions? Contact Coach Adam Chumbley at achumbley@idsyes.com or Gina Shannon, PFA Fun Run Chair, at hlp@tampabay.rr.com.



LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FROM 11:30 am-1:00 pm!!! All presale Taste of IDS and hot dog lunch tickets will be available for pick-up at the ticket table under the lunch pavilion beginning at 10:30 am. A limited number of Taste of IDS tickets will be available for purchase for \$10, and a limited number of hot dog lunches will be sold for \$7 beginning at 10:30 am. Additional drinks will also be available for sale for \$1 each.

FUN AND GAMES AWAIT - Your fabulous RPC's have lined up an assortment of games and activities for all of the children to enjoy, and the PFA is sponsoring an inflatable slide, which is always a big hit! We look forward to seeing everyone at the festival from 10:30 am-2:00 pm.

ALSO BE SURE TO REMEMBER:

PFA MARKET DAY: - All orders for this month's delicious offerings from Market Day are due online at www.marketday.com by Saturday, November 19th. You submit your order online, and payment is then made at the time of delivery (Thursday, December 1st). You will enjoy trying new foods, and IDS benefits from your order! Questions? Please feel free to contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

Next PFA Meeting – Thursday, December 1st – 8:15 am-9:00 am – Please join us for an informative, but brief, PFA Meeting on Thursday, December 1st at 8:15 am. Following our meeting, we will meet at Barnes & Noble for coffee and holiday shopping to help support our IDS Book Fair! The meeting will focus on PFA plans as we head into 2012. We will discuss the Faculty/Student Sports Challenge, the Big Event, and many other fun PFA events/items.

To help begin celebrating the holidays, we will then transition our excitement to the IDS Book Fair where we can shop, socialize, and enjoy this special time of year together! We hope to see you there! As always, young children/babies are always welcome at our meetings!

SAVE THE DATE – NEXT RESTAURANT NIGHT – Tuesday, December 13th - Plan to take a break from your holiday shopping to join your PFA for lunch and/or dinner at the California Pizza Kitchen in International Plaza on Tuesday, December 13th, between 11:00 am-9:00 pm. They will donate 20% of your purchase back to IDS. If you would like to help us earn an additional 4%, use the form enclosed in today's folder to purchase SCRIP cards to use on the day of the event! Questions? Please feel free to contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.



Give a can, if you can!



November 21-23, 2011

Metropolitan Ministries will feed thousands of struggling families this holiday season and IDS can help!

IDS-CC is again partnering with Metropolitan Ministries for our annual fall food drive. The Middle School Student Council is sponsoring this drive and has set a school-wide goal of collecting 500 cans of food during the drive. We can easily reach this goal if we remember, *“Give a can, if you can!”*

All students, PreK-3 through 8th Grade are encouraged to bring one canned food item to school during the food drive. We prefer collecting metal canned foods, since glass and cardboard items are fragile.

The drive will run from Monday, November 21st through Wednesday, November 23rd. Feel free to bring an additional item to help celebrate “Grandparents Day!”

Look for the brown Metropolitan Ministries boxes that will be set out throughout campus!

Let's get into the IDS spirit of giving for Thanksgiving and fill up our brown boxes!



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers

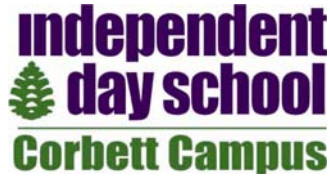


TO OUR IDS FAMILIES, PLEASE SHARE SPECIAL MOMENTS SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY WITH YOU.

Congratulations to **Chandni Patel (8th grade)** and her sister and **IDS alum, Suhani Patel** . They came in 1st place in the High School Garba Dance Competition for best choreography and best costume at the India Festival held at the Florida State Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 12th.



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



BOOK FAIR PERMISSION SLIP
3rd through 8th Grade

November 10, 2011

Dear Parents,

IDS will hold its annual Winter Book Fair beginning on Sunday, November 27, 2011 through Sunday, December 4, 2011. All Intermediate and Middle School students will travel to the book fair on a class field trip. All classes will travel on the school bus with their teachers and meet Miss Fields at Barnes & Noble during their scheduled time.

You may send money or scrip with your child to shop or your child may choose books to be held by the store until you are able to come and purchase them. Please discuss with your child your expectations for responsible shopping. You are also invited to meet us at the book fair and shop with your child during their scheduled time.

Please sign the permission slip below and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. **All students need to wear their IDS field trip shirts to the book fair.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

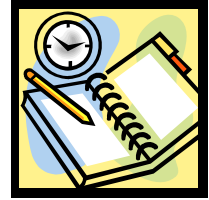
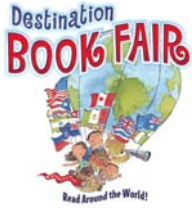
Sincerely,
Kim Fields
Library Media Specialist

My child, _____ has
permission to travel to the IDS Book Fair at his/her scheduled time. I understand the
students will be traveling by school bus. I also understand that they are required to wear
their IDS field trip shirts to the book fair.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Intermediate – Return to homeroom teacher

Middle School – Return to English teacher



2011 - 2012 WINTER BOOK FAIR BARNES & NOBLE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Day 2 - Monday, Nov. 28

9:00 – 9:45	3rd Grade
10:00 – 10:45	MA 3/4 Nationals
10:45 – 11:30	MA 3/4 Americans

Day 3 - Tuesday, Nov. 29

10:09 – 10:54	6G
10:57 - 11:42	6S
1:21 – 2:06	6P

Day 4 - Wednesday, Nov. 30

9:06 – 9:51	7S
10:09 – 10:54	7G
1:21 – 2:06	7P

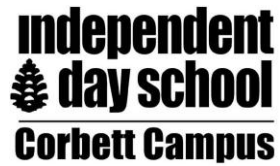
Day 5 - Thursday, Dec 1

9:00 - 9:45	4G
10:00 - 10:45	4P
11:00 – 11:40	5P/S
1:50 – 12:25	5G/S

Day 1 - Friday, Dec 2

10:09 – 10:54	8G
10:57 – 11:42	8P
1:21 – 2:06	8S

ALL STUDENTS



California Pizza Kitchen

(IDS receives 6% on Scrip orders.)

	<u>Qty. Requested</u>
\$10.00	_____
Total Order Amount:	\$ _____

Student Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

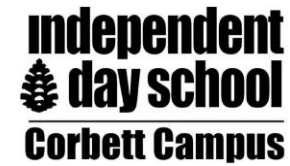
Email Address: _____

Teacher: _____

Pick up at IDS office
 Send home with child

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PAYABLE TO: IDS**

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Independent Day School-Corbett Campus E-Reader Acceptable Use Policy & Agreement 2011-2012

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Many teachers will ask students to read novels of their choice outside of the classroom and sometimes during the school day. Some students have expressed an interest in using their personal electronic reader (Kindle, Nook, Tablet, etc.) to complete the reading assignments. We embrace the use of technology in our classrooms and welcome the use of electronic readers (e-Readers) to enhance student learning and interest in reading.

We are excited to see your student advance their reading skills while incorporating the evolving world of technology. This opportunity is a privilege that requires extra caution and responsibility both on the part of the students and their parents. The wide variety of hardware and software capabilities of available e-Readers makes them challenging to monitor and control in a school environment. The school invests a great deal of resources to protect the content that our students have available at school. Thus, to honor that there will be specific guidelines to follow in order to have the privilege of choosing to use an e-Reader.

1. E-Readers will **only** be used for reading appropriate books (approved by teachers) and accessing programs to assist students in reading (dictionary assistance, highlighting, note-taking, etc.)
2. All e-Readers must be WI-FI enabled **only**. Any 3G or 4G enabled devices must be left at home.
3. Students will follow all school guidelines concerning the appropriate use of an electronic device as explained in the Technology Honor Agreement Code.
4. E-Readers must only be used at appropriate times in accordance with teacher instructions.
5. Students may bring their e-Reader on campus once the Parent/Student agreement form has been signed and returned.
6. Students and Parents will assume all responsibility if the e-Reader is lost or damaged.












I understand that any use other than the above items #1-6 will be considered breaking school policy and will be met with **immediate** consequences to be determined by the Heads of School.

➤ I _____ agree to follow the above items (#1 - 6) 100% of the time.
(Student Signature)

➤ I _____ agree to support the school in all of the above in order for my
(Parent Signature)

child to continue to receive school privileges.

December

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 PFA Meeting 8:05 am Market Day Pickup 2:45 – 4:15 p.m. Day 5	2 Upper Primary Field Trip to Legoland  8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Day 1	3
4 IDS WINTER BOOK FAIR CONCLUDES	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 NOON DISMISSAL Teacher In-service Day *	8 WINTER FINE ARTS NIGHT Corbett Hall 6:30 p.m. Day 4	9 Day 5	10
11	12 HEADMASTER OF THE DAY GREGORY COX Day 1	13 PFA Sponsors Restaurant Night at California Pizza Kitchen 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Day 2	14 5 th Grade Drama Performance Purple/Silver Cast 9:15 a.m. Green/Silver Cast 1:15 p.m. Day 3	15 3 rd Grade & 3/4 Multi-Age Auction 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grand Room  Day 4	16 NOON DISMISSAL Teacher In-service Day *	17
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