

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH IDS-CC FOR FAMILY ENJOYMENT!

1. **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 is our Annual Fine Arts Night** where **ALL** students perform! We are counting on **EVERYONE** being there to see, hear, and feel the results of all of their hard work. Performance with peers is a huge part of building confidence, presence, teamwork, friendships, giving joy to others, as well as developing a variety of life-long skills. This year we moved the date to Friday night so that everyone, including Primary students, would stay for the entire program without having to scramble to wake up for school the next morning. Please see page 4 for details.
2. **THE IDS BOOK FAIR THROUGH SATURDAY DECEMBER 2:** Thanks a million for your support of the Book Fair at **Barnes and Noble on North Dale Mabry!** It is a great family treat to visit a bookstore and see, touch and browse through new books. You can still support the IDS Book Fair where **all** proceeds benefit our IDS Laney Library. Please be sure to use the last register to pay, and let them know you are from IDS. Paying with SCRIP purchased in the office also benefits this library fundraiser in the same way as cash or credit.
Wednesday's Primary Night brought many people to the Book Fair to buy books for now and holiday gifts. We also heard a beautiful mini-concert by our Third Grade chorus, The Spirit of IDS. Led by Mr. LeBlanc, over **40 third graders** sang a variety of songs, which brought smiles, laughter, and joy to all of us. (On Monday December 4, they will take that joy and talent to **perform a concert for residents at John Knox Village.**) PFA support for the Book Fair has been incredible. Thanks to Milene Lima and Cathy Peacock for coordinating a great Book Fair and Lauren Mandel for creating a successful system for SCRIP sales! **REMEMBER** all items in the store including cheesecakes and music will count towards the book fair proceeds.
3. **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 at 6:00 p.m. and SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 at 2:00 P.M..The IDS Community Music School of the Arts presents two musicals for double enjoyment.** Both *Godspell* and *How to Eat Like a Child* will be performed on both days. *How to Eat Like a Child* is a delightful musical based on the book by Delia Ephron, which will have parents and children laughing and smiling throughout the performance. *Godspell*, which is always billed as the "world's most popular musical" is sure to capture your hearts with our community student performers. Bring your neighbors and relatives to have a rest from holiday shopping for a perfect afternoon or evening. Director Seth Travaglini proudly welcomes you to these great performances. Tickets are \$5.00. See the order form enclosed in your Thursday folder.
4. **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, at 7:00 P.M.,** our very own Faculty and Staff will be performing a one-act play entitled "The Italian Story" along with other songs, dances, and skits. They are rehearsing and rehearsing to **WOW** our families and friends! Tickets are \$5.00 and all proceeds will benefit the IDS Fine Arts Program. Faculty and Staff performing are Sammi Borosh, Lauren Bronson, Tom Bronson, Jason Contino, Alex Craddock, Amanda Jankowski, Amber Johnston, Lisa Kelly, Marie Massara, Betty Norlin, Heather Robinson, Sandy Rowe, David Starkey, Seth Travaglini and Michael Vokoun. Directing is Seth Travaglini. They are all enjoying rehearsals with each other and counting on your support!!!

ODDS AND ENDS TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

1. **The Annual Fund** benefits every member of the IDS community. Thanks and gratitude to all of us who have already responded through the Phonathon or through the mail. For those of us needing a reminder here it is...Please make your **tax-deductible** commitment to the Together for Excellence Annual Giving Campaign today. Pledge payments may be deferred until March 1, 2007.
2. **The IDS Boosters** support our Sports Program through their Annual Holiday Poinsettias sale. Please see the enclosed form. Beautiful plants will be ordered by December 11 and delivered at dismissal on December 12. Boosters' Chair, Courtney Hayes, and the athletic department, and all of our coaches thank you for your support!! Did you know that winter sports have four very successful Middle School basketball teams for boys, two for girls, and two cheerleading teams? They are in progress right now!!! Track practice begins January 2007.
3. **SCRIP ORDER Form...**So here's the scoop. You are going to buy gifts during this season and through out the year...right? So, without a cost to you and with one easy call to Celeste in the office at (813) 961-3087, you can order SCRIP for the store of your choice. The result is IDS makes a percentage from the SCRIP company who coordinates this with the vendors. Please see the SCRIP order form in your Thursday folder. As always, we appreciate your support.

THURSDAY FOLDER ENCLOSURES

1. **The Spring:** Children and Family in need always benefit from the December IDS drive to collect items for The Spring. We have consistently been one of their largest group donors. PFA Room Coordinators are organizing this drive for each classroom. The explanation of what can be given and what is expected from The Spring is enclosed. Thanks for your support as we combine our efforts to give service that benefits the greater community. Please see Thursday folder for specific information and forms.
2. **Report Cards from Trimester I are enclosed. Please call your teacher for questions or clarification if needed.**
3. **December Calendar.** Please note that Teachers celebrate the season and begin their winter break together on Friday afternoon; so, Thursday December 14 is the last day in 2006 for Extended Day. Winter Break begins for **all** students at **Early dismissal on Friday, December 15 at 12:00 P.M.**
4. **Big Event: "Window to the World"** order forms for supporters are enclosed for you to use as you holiday shop!!! Please read the enclosed opportunities and call Julie Salek for questions. Remember to mark Saturday, March 3 on your calendars for the Big Event.

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY REMINDED US OF OUR MANY BLESSINGS

When you combine Grandparents and Grandfriends with wonderful children, a winning combination is the result. But this year was even better than ever. On November 22, over 400 grandparents witnessed a performance that was dedicated to their enjoyment and filled with music, dance, inspiration, fun, joy and talent. The variety and age range, from our littlest to biggest, wowed the audience and even all of the teachers!!! The Fine Arts Division with the support of our entire faculty and staff raised the bar once again.

After the program, our student ambassadors led our guests to the classrooms for a beautiful reception organized by our terrific and creative RPCs for every grade level. During the classroom receptions, our amazing Middle School students took the opportunity to interview our guests. They learned more about the generations and connected the past with their focus on now and the future. To all of you who brought Grandpeople, we thank you so much. You gave our IDSers a chance to give service and joy to others whether it was for their own or for someone else's Grandperson!!! It was a perfect way to begin the Thanksgiving weekend!!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Middle School IDS Student Council sponsored a food drive that yielded 40 boxes of canned goods and over \$500 raised with the help of Upper Primary. All of the donations were picked up Monday morning by a very appreciative representative from Metropolitan Ministries. A big thanks to the entire IDS Community for supporting the Student Council's community service program. Please see the enclosed Press Release for more information.

PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers

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

In October, **MADYE** (IDS 8th Grade) and **CASSIE BELL** (IDS 5th Grade) competed in the Morgan Horse Grand National and World Championship in Oklahoma. Madye finished fourth in the United States in Park Saddle and went on to the World Championship to finish eighth in both Park Saddle and Saddleseat Equitation. Cassie finished third nationally in English Pleasure and was the Reserve National Champion in Saddleseat Equitation. She was able to compete in the world championship for English Pleasure Driving and finished in the top 5 in the world for kids 13 and under. BRAVO!

In November, **Carson Anderson** (Multi-Age Cool Cat) and his horse Prince, won Grand Champion in the Walk/Trot/Poles Class at Showcase Farms. CONGRATULATIONS!

In November, **Sami Reiss** (IDS 3rd Grade), competed in her first jumping competition over 18" cross rails and came in third place on the flats, second place in the equitation class, and fifth in the hunter class at Keilyn Horse Show. TERRIFIC!

In November, **Cassidy Brown**, (IDS 4th Grade), and her cheerleading teammates, Cheer Tampa, took first place in the World Spirit Federation Championship, held in Kissimmee. This kicks off the season in a great way! BRAVO!

In November, **Cat Bornscheuer**, (IDS 6th Grade), won the 11 to 13 year old, Walk, Trot, Canter Equitation Championship at the Harvest Days Horse Show. CONGRATULATIONS!

PFA SOARS WITH A "HOLE IN ONE!"

The day was one of those days that make you smile! The weather was perfect for over 100 golfers who arrived to support the IDS Kids Classic Golf Tournament and to enjoy a terrific day of golf. The PFA Volunteers who organized the event were ready with all kinds of creative ideas to make this the most successful golf tournament in IDS history! The Emerald Greens Golf and Country Club provided a beautiful setting, great food and service to support our volunteer efforts.

A huge bravo to Angela Kaliban and Tim Kaliban for great leadership and huge amounts of time dedicated to this successful event. Their committee has already met to wrap up this year and plan for the next year. Everyone owes these wonderful volunteers an **IDS Applause** and **standing ovation** because their work benefits **EVERY IDSer**. We send truckloads of appreciation to volunteers: Jan Baskin, Mari Cordell, Patty DeEsch, Shirley DeEsch, Dawn Dobish, Sandra Evans, Sue Leavitt, P.J. Linn, Tasha Madrid, Vanessa Minick, Lauren Moscari, Lauren Rich, Donna Rocco, Gina Shannon, Jeff Shannon, Helga Stadick, Tammy Torres, Tony Torres, Cindy Wendel, and staff Pam Barfield and JoAnne Mason **This team raised over \$45,000. WOW!**

IDS BOUTIQUE AND BRUNCH

The First Annual Boutique and Brunch held on **Wednesday, November 29** in the Grand Room of the New Building was a great opportunity to find holiday gifts and enjoy community camaraderie. We had over 25 vendors to support this fun-shopping spree in the Grand Room! **BRAVO** to Billie Valloreo and Kathy Noriega for their huge success in launching this first annual event!!! It was fun and productive!

BIG EVENT PRESENTS:



Time flies! It is already only THREE months until the Big Event! We are currently working hard to make this the most successful fund-raiser and fun-raiser IDS has ever seen! It is time to start gathering the items that we will use in our silent and live auctions, and we are counting on you!

Here are a few ways you can help us to get this event off on the right foot early:

1. Take an auction form along when you do your holiday shopping and dining, and ask those with whom you do business to contribute items. You will be surprised at the positive responses you will receive!
2. Consider becoming an underwriter for the event. The form is enclosed, and there are many benefits to sponsoring this fundraiser!
3. Encourage your kids to take part in this year's Big Event cover contest. See your Thursday folder on January 4, 2007 for contest directions!!
4. Consider advertising your business with an ad in the auction catalog. See the enclosed form.
5. Plan to attend our next meeting December 7, at 8:00 AM on the second floor of the new building! We have a great group, but there is always room for YOU!
6. Contact Julie Salek Chairperson Big Event at (813) 382-2525 for further questions.

FINE ARTS NIGHT: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

Please clear your calendars and plan to be at IDS next Friday for a delightful evening at our **ANNUAL FINE ARTS NIGHT**. The **ENTIRE** school will participate in the program. **ALL STUDENTS** from Pre-K3 thru 8th grade are expected to 1). perform and 2). **WEAR IDS GREEN POLO SHIRTS**. All chorus and band members wear specified White Fine Arts polo shirts.

TIME SCHEDULE: 6:30 P.M. Students in **Pre-K3 thru 5th grade** will report to their classrooms where their teachers will be awaiting them. All students will watch the performance with their classes on WIDS closed circuit TV. **Middle School** will report to:

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| ◆ Musical Theatre | Art Room |
| ◆ Band (Beginning/Advanced) | Music Room |
| ◆ Narrators | Corbett Hall |
| ◆ Middle School Division | Laney Library |

6:30 P.M. Corbett Hall opens for adult seating and slide show presentation.

7:00 P.M. Program begins **PROMPTLY** in Corbett Hall; please be seated by this time.

PARKING FOR FINE ARTS NIGHT: There will be **deputies** on duty as well as our own staff to assist us in parking. **The parking options include:**



Parking area

1. IDS main school parking on the East Side;
2. IDS Middle School parking lot on the West Side;
3. IDS grassy parking lot on the East Side north of the school (lighting will be provided); and
4. Carrollwood Elementary School parking lot on the corner of McFarland and Orange Grove Drive. **Our buses will shuttle people to and from Carrollwood Elementary or you may enjoy the short walk.**



ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, FOR 2007 – 2008 ACADEMIC YEAR

PARENTS: Classes fill up quickly. Please share with your friends and neighbors so they too can have a gift of an IDS education. If you want to recommend someone, please call Mrs. Barfield at (813) 961-3087 or email her at pbarfield@idsyes.com.

Independent Day School - Corbett Campus Admissions Open House

Contact the Admissions Office or attend an
OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATION AND TOUR

- Friday, December 1, 2006 8:30 AM
- Thursday, January 18, 2007 8:30 AM

Pre-K3 thru 8th Grade