

Independent Day School-Corbett Campus To Stage “Living Thanksgiving”

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Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) in Tampa will experience first-hand what life was like in the New World for the Pilgrims when they participate in the school’s “Living Thanksgiving.” This event provides unique and exciting opportunities highlighting the Thanksgiving holiday.

The “Living Thanksgiving” begins on Friday, Nov. 9 at 8:10 a.m. on the school’s campus at 12015 Orange Grove Drive. At that time, students will set sail aboard their own Mayflower ship dressed in Pilgrim attire.

The educational simulation continues the next week on Tuesday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 16. Every day, alternating classes of students will carry out a wide variety of tasks the Pilgrims would have typically performed to survive in the New World: thatching a roof, making household supplies such as brooms, candles, beds and pillows, searching for food, weaving cloth, grinding corn, making butter, washing clothes, and planting crops. Exact times and activities vary from day to day.

On Thursday, Nov. 15 between 11:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. “Squanto” will join the children to demonstrate the Native American practice of planting fish with corn to grow crops.

“This unit provides the opportunity for children to understand how different life was for the early settlers. This hands-on learning helps them compare and contrast life today with that of long ago,” said Jean Harrison, kindergarten teacher.

Members of the media are encouraged to call the school at (813) 961-3087 to arrange a visit. (See attached schedule.)

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited, independent school located on Orange Grove Drive in northwest Hillsborough County. The school serves 550 students in PreK3 through 8th grade and offers the International Baccalaureate program of study for all middle school students. At IDS, all children experience learning in a nurturing and highly academic environment focused on excellence and developing a positive self-concept. IDS-CC has become recognized as an exemplary school with over 3,500 visitors observing and learning from and with IDS-CC teachers about the school’s M.O.R.E. Approach to education. For more information about IDS visit www.idsyes.com.

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A Living Thanksgiving

An event that must be seen! This event includes all of the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes at Independent Day School. Children will have the opportunity to experience life as Pilgrims. Following is an overview of the week of Living Thanksgiving.

November 9

The Mayflower leaves with the children aboard!!

The boys will wear brown cloth vests and the girls will be in white aprons and collars everyday of this event.

- ❖ **Children plan what will be needed for the trip, sign the ship's log with a quill pen and with their telescopes in hand, and start their journey.**
- ❖ **Snack aboard the Mayflower will be dried beef and biscuits.**

November 13

Land Ho!!! The children arrive in America and prepare to survive the winter.

Children will:

- ❖ **Thatch a roof using mud, water and hay**
- ❖ **Make brooms from pine needles and twine**
- ❖ **Make beds (pillow cases stuffed with pine needles)**
- ❖ **Search for food (nuts)**
- ❖ **Wood working with hammers and nails**
- ❖ **Wash clothes in the "stream"**
- ❖ **Oil paper to cover the windows of the house**
- ❖ **Snack will be apples and nuts**

November 14

Pilgrims wear their costumes as the work to survive continues.

- ❖ **Plant crops**
- ❖ **Grind corn**
- ❖ **Make butter**
- ❖ **Wash clothes**
- ❖ **Use a loom to weave fabric**
- ❖ **Fish in the stream**
- ❖ **Make scrubbing pads from burlap and gravel**
- ❖ **Snack on cornbread and butter**

November 15

Squanto arrives:

- ❖ **Make candles**
- ❖ **Plant corn with fish (thanks to Squanto)**
- ❖ **Fishing**
- ❖ **Wash dishes**
- ❖ **Wash clothes**
- ❖ **Weave on the loom**
- ❖ **Play marble games**

November 16

- ❖ **Harvest crops**
- ❖ **Scrub vegetables with scrubbers**
- ❖ **Wash clothes**
- ❖ **Snack on raw vegetables**