

HEADS' LETTER

JANUARY 4, 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO "007"

Some thoughts for the New Year: The Vitamin C's of Living and Teamwork

Over the break, I had the wonderful opportunity to make a huge dent in the piles of reading that have awaited my attention. Much of the information that I consumed related to preparing students for leadership and success during this 21st century. It is clear that knowledge and the ABCs of learning remain important; however, now more than ever, people skills that enhance human relations will be at the heart of interactions. Etiquette for technology and its use will also be key in developing healthy **communication** between and among people.

These readings reinforced the importance of the approaches that we use to help develop skills that promote opportunities to acquire and test **character**. Learning to build **consensus** requires learning how to **compromise**, which in turn requires the ability to **collaborate** with others to balance the greater good with our own wants and needs. **Collaboration** requires the ability to **cooperate** (thus cooperative learning training). When we demonstrate that we **care** through our body language and words, the level of **cooperation** and **comfort** increases. When we then add the heart to what we do, **compassion**, which provides a deeper sense of **caring**, adds to a more meaningful and profound experience.

These "Vitamin C Words" are what we work so hard to accomplish each and every day while we plan and teach **content** based on standards and benchmarks for our **curriculum**. Continuously **clarifying** and **critiquing** what we do strengthens our program from year to year. Embracing a **continuous** improvement model remains a strategy for thriving and excelling in a century, which is already in **conflict** between order and **chaos**. Our next Heads' Letter will touch on the importance as well as challenges that arise with innovations in global **connections** and technology. Meanwhile have fun considering more "Vitamin C Words".

With appreciation, Joyce Burick Swartzman, Headmaster.

WELCOME BACK NEWS:

We were so pleased to **welcome back** our students on Wednesday to begin the 2007 New Year. Your **terrific IDS teachers and staff** returned the day before to refocus from a vacation mode to renewing the excitement for learning and revitalizing lessons to welcome students back. It was a full day of training and planning. Unable to afford Ken Blanchard, one of the nation's top training motivational gurus, we used his video **Whale Done** (also a book) to review techniques for building positive relationships, trust, and an environment conducive to learning. **Whale Done** will be the theme of our next Edu-Talk on Wednesday, January 17 at 8:05 AM. We hope you can make time to be there!

FIFTH GRADE began the new year with the launching of our very first "mini-retreat" modeled after the award-winning retreat for our IDS Middle School students. The theme also included **Whale Done**, leadership, and building an environment where learning and teamwork is respected by all. With the increase in cell phones and internet use, we are taking a proactive, preventative approach by promoting positive etiquette techniques in communication.

Parent/Teacher Conferences begin next week...plus much MORE...see page 2 and 3.

WELCOME BACK: 2007 REMINDERS



1. Odds and Ends for January

- **PFA Meeting**, January 9, everyone welcome.
- Science Fair judging begins January 9. The science fair displays will be open for general viewing through Friday, January 12.
- Big Event Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11 in the conference room on the second floor of the new building.



2. Parent Teacher Conferences begin on the half-day, Thursday, January 11, and Friday, January 12. Please be sure to sign up for a time with your teachers. We want to start off the New Year right and keep everyone in the loop to celebrate our students' successes as well as focus on where each child can **grow** and **improve!!!**



3. Early Dismissal will be Thursday, January 11, at 12:00 P.M. Please be prompt so that our teachers can have lunch and begin marathon conferences that go way into the evening. This year we are offering Extended Day on that Thursday for those in need of child-care for the afternoon. If your child will be staying at Extended Day, please provide a lunch for your child. Please be sure to reserve with Ms. Marie at (813) 961-3087 so that we can have plenty of coverage. The cost for the afternoon will be \$15.00, regardless of the length of stay (except for those on the Yearly-Extended Day Plan).



4. Edu-Talk with “Dr. Joyce” Wednesday, January 17, from 8:05 – 9:35 AM – see page one for topic.



5. Networking Evening sponsored by the PFA scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, at 6:30 PM will be postponed. Watch for the rescheduled date.



6. Field Day will be the afternoon of Thursday, January 18, for the whole campus. It is a great day for physical fitness, teamwork, and school spirit. Many volunteers are needed and very much appreciated. Please contact your RPC and let them know you are excited about volunteering for this terrific event!!!



7. Broadway comes to IDS on January 24, 25, and 26. The Middle School's *IDS Musical Theatre* program presents *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* with dancing, singing and acting. There are three casts, that will delight you and your children!!! Be sure to get your tickets early to insure a seat in the IDS Farish Center.



8. Look for the brochure for the Third Session of the **Afterschool Activities Program** in this week's Thursday Folder! Also, contact Tom McColley about the **Community School of the Arts** if you would like to sign up. Over 220 people - children and adults - are benefiting from this program. For more information, please call Ms. Marie in the office at (813) 961-3087.



PFA NEWS: Help us Make a Huge Difference!

From PFA President Dawn Schocken: On behalf of the PFA Executive Council, we welcome you back to IDS and wish each of you a very Happy New Year. Please be sure to join us **Tuesday, January 9 at 8:15 a.m.** for our **first PFA meeting of the new year.** Please make participating in your PFA one of your top New Year's Resolutions. (Please meet in the **Conference Room on the second floor of the new building.**)

IDS BIG EVENT



The Big Event Planning Team is calling you!!! March 3 is just around the corner. Please join the Big Event team for a meeting on **Thursday, January 11 at 8:10 a.m.** to be held in the Conference Room on the second floor of the new building. Everyone is welcome.

Enclosures for the Big Event in your Thursday Folder: 1. Donation forms and 2. Catalogue cover contest



TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12



Because time is limited, we suggest that you jot down and prioritize key questions to discuss, so you feel that you have addressed the issues important to you. Many classes will include student-led conferences. Take pride in your child's program.

For example:

- Information I want the teacher to know about my child...
- Questions I would like answered...
- How are my child's work habits?
- How does he/she use his/her time?
- Review expectations for homework?
- What can I do at home to help my child succeed at school?

Teachers will share:

- Student strengths,
- Areas needing improvement,
- And ways to "raise the bar."

HEADMASTER OF THE DAY NEWS

On December 11, 2006, Headmaster of the Day, Brianna Nicker, led the school with charm and brilliance. She had the command of the whole assembly easily gaining dignity and respect from the IDS student body. Throughout the day, she and her class, as her leadership cabinet, ran this school with ease and joy. Bravo to Headmaster Brianna and to her parents Dr. David and Renee Nicker for winning this at the live auction last March.

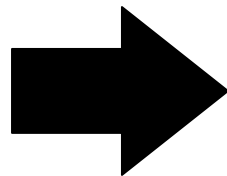
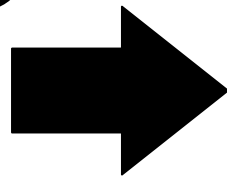
On Monday, January 29, Julian Cohn will leave the Top Banana second grade to take on the leadership of the school as Headmaster. (This is changed from January 8.) Next year's Headmasters will be chosen at the live auction at the Big Event on March 10, 2007.

ITEMS TO BE FOUND:

Help...some beautiful jackets, clothes, etc., have been found around campus. Please see the east or west sides for these items...and promise us to label your clothing, articles, and lunch boxes and backpacks so that we can always return items ASAP...Thanks for helping us to help you and your children save dollars and time looking for items needing to be found!!!

IDS OPEN HOUSE

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Spirit
at IDS!**



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Thursday, January 18, 2007 8:30am

PreK3 thru 8th Grade

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Pee Wee Handball: Join Coach Starkey, head of Developmental Sports, as you learn the basics of this popular game while having lots of fun.

Location: *Corbett Hall Field and Corbett Hall*

Grades: Kindergarten (K) through Second Grade (2nd)

Cost: \$45

Fridays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/26, 02/02, 02/09, 02/23, 03/02, 03/09

Printmaking Workshop: **NEW!!!** Join Mrs. Kerr to learn about printmaking and try the various printmaking techniques. We will do monoprints, block printing, stamping, colograph, and much more. We will also investigate what types of items are created with printmaking, such as t-shirts, cards, and other creatively printed items.

Location: *Art Room*

Grades: Second Grade (2nd) through Fifth Grade (5th) *(limited to 12 students)*

Cost: \$60 *(includes cost of materials)*

Thursdays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/25, 02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01, 03/15

Scrapbooking: **NEW!!!** Curious about scrapbooking? Love photographs and want a fun way to share and save the memories? Join Ms. Birmingham for cropping, cutting, and celebration at this cool club.

Location: *Fourth Grade Classroom*

Grades: Third Grade (3rd) through Sixth Grade (6th) *(limited to 12 students)*

Cost: \$60 *(includes cost of materials)*

Mondays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/26, 03/05

Tumbling and Tap: **NEW!!!** Join our talented dance instructor, Ms. Lisa Kelly, as she teaches two of the most popular activities for young students. Children will have lots of fun tumbling and tap dancing. The tap routines are high energy and the tumbling will fine tune motor skills. Bring tap shoes and comfortable clothing.

Location: *Dance Studio*

Grades: Pre-Kindergarten4 (PK4) through Second Grade (2nd) *(limited to 15 students)*

Cost: \$55

Mondays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/26, 03/05

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. We want to make sure the children have supervision at all times. Activities ***end promptly at 4:00 P.M.*** Please pick up your children from their *club location*.
2. Children ***remaining after 4:00 P.M.*** are taken to the Extended Day Room and appropriate charges are applied. Extended Day pick-up requires you to ***ALWAYS sign them out before leaving.***

Thank you for your cooperation!

**IDS FUN
in the afternoon!**

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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES Beginning Monday, January 22, 2007

	◆ Bake it Take It		◆ Disney Delights	
	◆ Book Cooks		◆ Flag Football	
	◆ Boot Scootin' Boogie		◆ Garden Club	
	◆ Cheerleading		◆ Karate	
	◆ Chess		◆ Pee Wee Handball	
	◆ Computer for Kids		◆ Printmaking Workshop	
	◆ Dance		◆ Scrapbooking	
	◆ Developmental Soccer		◆ Tumbling and Tap	
	◆ Disc Golf			

Beginning January 22, 2007 through March 15, 2007

Bake-It Take-It: Students join Mrs. Ausburn in making their own culinary creations to take home and share with their families. Learning their way around a kitchen can be lots of fun.

Location: *MS Kitchen*

Grades: **Third Grade (3rd) through Sixth Grade (6th)** (*limited to 12 students*)

Cost: \$60 (*includes food expense*)

Fridays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/26, 02/02, 02/09, 02/23, 03/02, 03/09

Book Cooks: Come spend an afternoon with Mrs. Elchaar and art teacher Ms. Johnston making wonderful yummy treats based on your favorite literature books. We'll read, eat, and have a great time.

Location: *Pre-K4 Classroom*

Grades: **Pre-Kindergarten3 (PK3) through Second Grade (2nd)** (*limited to 20 students*)

Cost: \$60 (*includes food expense*)

Thursdays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/25, 02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01, 03/15

Boot Scootin' Boogie: **NEW!!!** Scoot down to the best dance in town. Wear your western gear and join Mrs. Bronson and Ms. Looker for country line dancing lessons along with a delicious snack.

Location: *Grand Room 2nd Floor of the New Building*

Grades: **Kindergarten (K) through Fifth Grade (5th)** (*limited to 20 students*)

Cost: \$55

Mondays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/26, 03/05

Cheerleading: Girls will work on basic cheerleading skills such as motions and jumps. They will learn routines including chants, cheers, and dancing. Ms. Thomas leads the fun.

Location: *MS First Floor*

Grades: **Second Grade (2nd) through Fifth Grade (5th)** (*limited to 15 students*)

Cost: \$50

Wednesday: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 02/14, 02/21, 02/28

Chess Club: Students learn strategy and mind stimulation in one of the world's oldest games. Join Mr. Vokoun as he trains children from basic to advanced.

Location: *Administration Building (2nd Floor)*

Grades: **First Grade (1st) through Sixth Grade (6th)** (*limited to 18 students*)

Cost: \$55

Wednesday: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 02/14, 02/21, 02/28

Computer for Kids: Young children will have lots of fun playing computer games, learning to use the internet, making greeting cards, and more with Mrs. Pitti.

Location: *Computer Lab*

Grades: **Kindergarten (K) through Third Grade (3rd)** (*limited to 15 students*)

Cost: \$50

Fridays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/26, 02/02, 02/09, 02/23, 03/02, 03/09

Dance: Join our new dance instructor, Ms. Lisa Kelly, who specializes in teaching dance to children of all ages. She has very impressive credentials, including a degree in Dance from Hofstra University. Ms. Kelly will be teaching a dance combo class that consists of Tap, Ballet, and Jazz. Also see Tumbling and Tap.

Location: *Dance Studio*

Grades: **Pre-K4 and K** (*limited to 15 students*)

Wednesdays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 02/14, 02/21, 02/28

Grades: **First Grade and Second Grade (1st & 2nd)** (*limited to 15 students*)

Thursdays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/25, 02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01, 03/15

Cost: \$55

Developmental Soccer: Get the skills needed to join the Middle School soccer team in the future. Coach Starkey, head of Developmental Sports, will teach students basic skills of the game.

Location: *Middle School Field (Buchanan Sports Field)*

Grades: **Fifth Grade (5th) through Eighth Grade (8th)**

Cost: \$45

Mondays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/26, 03/05

Disc Golf: If you can throw a Frisbee, you can play disc golf. With over 12 disc golf courses in Tampa, the sport is quickly becoming a favorite. Join ten year veteran disc golf player, Mr. Bronson, as he teaches you driving, putting, and approach shots. The first 5 sessions will be held on our campus, while the final session will be an extended session at the Lutz Executive Golf Course for a 9-hole round.

Location: *Middle School Field (Buchanan Sports Field)*

Grades: **Third Grade (3rd) through Eighth Grade (8th)**

Cost: \$50

Thursdays: 3:00-4:00 P.M. 01/25, 02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01, 03/15

Disney Delights: Join Ms. Looker, Mrs. Bronson, and all the Disney characters for a delightful afternoon of Disney stories, snack creations, and crafts!

Location: *Pre-Kindergarten 3 Classroom*

Grades: **Pre-Kindergarten3 (PK3) through First Grade (1st)** (*limited to 20 students*)

Cost: \$55

Wednesdays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 02/14, 02/21, 02/28

Flag Football: Join Coach Starkey, head of Developmental Sports, on Wednesday or Thursday as you learn the basics of football, learning the fundamentals of the sport. Scrimmage games will be a big part of this activity, with teams learning and executing plays.

Location: *Middle School Field (Buchanan Sports Field) and Corbett Hall Field*

Grades: **3rd Grade through 8th Grade**

Wednesdays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 02/14, 02/21, 02/28

Grades: **1st Grade and 2nd Grade**

Thursdays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/25, 02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01, 03/15

Cost: \$45

Garden Club: Working with Mrs. Sobel, students plant and cultivate herbs, vegetables, and flowers. They enjoy getting back to nature and take great pride in their environment.

Location: *Mrs. Sobel Classroom*

Grades: **Kindergarten (K) through Fifth Grade (5th)** (*limited to 20 students*)

Cost: \$60 (*includes the cost of materials*)

Mondays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/26, 03/05

Karate: Martial arts instructor, Aaron Smith, returns by popular demand to teach basic Karate techniques, which include self-discipline, balance, and coordination.

Location: *Dance Studio*

Grades: **Kindergarten (K) through Third Grade (3rd)** (*limited to 15 students*)

Cost: \$55 (*uniforms available at additional cost*)

Tuesdays: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27



LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

We appreciate your support of this annual event to benefit the students of Independent Day School. The funds raised from this event, including the proceeds from the auction, will have a direct impact on our students. All donations received by February 9th, 2007 will be acknowledged in the 2007 Big Event Souvenir Auction Catalog. To make your donation, please fill out the form below and return it to Independent Day School. All services, trips, etc. should be valid for at least one year after the auction, through 2008. All items and services donated to the auction are tax-deductible as permitted under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. A letter acknowledging your gift will be provided for your tax records upon request. If the item is to be delivered or collected after receipt of this form, please include the name and contact information in order for the purchaser to receive the item.

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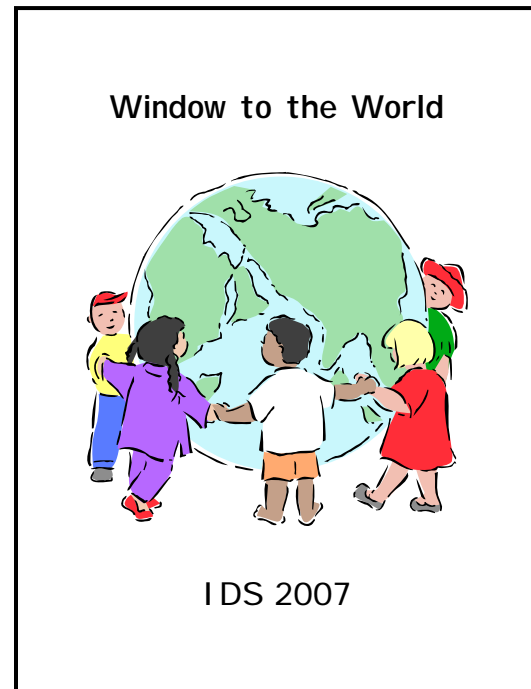
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Window to the World

HEY KIDS!

Submit Your Entries for the 2007 Big Event Catalog Cover Contest!

Have YOUR drawing printed on the front of 500 catalogs for this year's Big Event! The theme is "Window to the World!" This year's cover will be full sized 8 ½" X 11" and in FULL COLOR! Read through the few rules listed and get started on your drawing today! Include flags, globes, statues, landmarks, passports or other travel themed ideas in your artwork, and remember to have fun! The first place winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate and his or her artwork will be printed on the cover of every catalog. The second place winner will receive a \$15 gift certificate, and all entries will be displayed at the Big Event on March 3!



1. The design must fit the Theme and include these three elements: IDS, 2006-2007, and "Window to the World!"
2. Your entry must be on a white sheet of 8 ½"X11" sheet of paper.
3. Do your personal best, using as many colors as you like!
4. All entries must be submitted by Friday, January 20, 2007. Please indicate artist's name, age and class on a *separate* sheet of paper, and include it with your entry when it is turned in. Return it in your Thursday folder or to Marie in the East Campus Office.
5. Be Creative and Have FUN!!!