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## Cool Cats Connect Learning To Life

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Leonardo da Vinci recently visited Debi Brockmeyer and Jaclyn Kanarish's primary multiage classroom – so did Derek Jeter, Coretta Scott King, Abraham Lincoln, Amelia Earhart, and Rosa Parks. They were among a number of artists, inventors, leaders and athletes who stopped by Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) to share with the first and second grade "Cool Cats" how they have made a positive contribution to the world.

In reality, it was the students themselves. After selecting and reading a biography, they dressed up in fake glasses, wigs, beards and creative clothing to resemble these important role models. And while classmates used their imaginations to pretend that they were actually listening to famous people from the past and the present, each student used his or her best presentation skills to describe the significant characteristics of their persona.

The children were excited to see how the qualities encouraged at IDS for them to be successful learners are also indicators of people who have made a difference in our world.

For example, Max Cordell who portrayed Abraham Lincoln said he was a great communicator, and Morgan Graff who was Amelia Earhart said she was a risk taker. After learning about Charles Darwin, Jonah Kornberg found him to be an inquirer, as well as knowledgeable and caring. Alex Falbo represented Leonardo da Vinci, a thinker, Michelle Kah, Mimi Coto and Sydney Stern discussed Rosa Parks, who was principled, and Lumiere Rostick depicted Wilma Rudolph who was well-balanced.

"Each student brought history alive for the class through his or her presentation," said Kanarish. "And that enabled other students to make connections between what they could read in a book, and the real world," added Brockmeyer.

*Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited, independent school located in northwest Hillsborough County with 550 students from Pre-K3 through 8th grade. 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 2,000 visitors observing and learning from and with IDS-CC teachers. For more information about IDS visit [www.idsyes.com](http://www.idsyes.com).*

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**Students in back row, l to r:  
Alex Falbo, Carson Anderson, Serena Bohannon,  
Ryan Croteau, Max Cordell**

**In front row, l to r:  
Mimi Coto, Kenna Holder, Alana Nelson**