

**IDS YES!!!**

**HEADS' LETTER**

**JANUARY 12, 2006**

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**



Enjoy celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as the nation honors a 20<sup>th</sup> century hero. School resumes on Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

**EDU-TALK WITH "DR. JOYCE"**

**JANUARY 18 AT 8:15 - 9:30 A.M. OR JANUARY 19 AT 7:00 - 8:15 P.M.**

- ◆ Learn about IDS connecting with Taiwan, China, Spain and more through internet conferencing,
- ◆ Get an overview of behavioral techniques at IDS so we can all talk the same language at home and at school,
- ◆ And more...

**AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES**



Enclosed in the Thursday folder is your Afterschool Activities brochure and registration form for Session III. There are many offerings from which to choose. Be sure to return the registration form as soon as possible as the spots fill up quickly.

**2005 - 2006 YEARBOOK AD**



Yearbook ads are available now. Honor your children, your teachers, and/or publicize your business! See the enclosed in your Thursday folder and note the deadline!

**REFLECTIONS CONCERT  
HOLD APRIL 2 FOR A FAMILY CONCERT TIME**



The Reflections Concert Chamber Music, originally scheduled for Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, is being rescheduled for next season. We will look forward to having the IDS-CC community join us for a concert on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:00 P.M., followed by a dinner on the deck overlooking Lake Lipsey.

**RE-ENROLLMENT CONTRACTS**



Re-enrollment contracts are due on **Wednesday, February 1**. Be sure to secure your child's spot by returning his/her contract by the deadline date. New students will be accepted in all openings beginning Friday, February 3, 2006.

## IDS SINGS OUT



Three students from Independent Day School qualified to represent our school at the Annual All-State Elementary Chorus on January 5 and 6. Kayla Lloyd (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Kevin Dobish, and Ashton Hatter (5<sup>th</sup> graders) joined 200 of the best 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade singers in the state of Florida for a superb concert. The students rehearsed for eight hours on Thursday and Friday for a performance, which was enjoyed by some 1,000 parents and educators at the Music Educators State Conference on Friday, January 6. Our three students came well prepared and were excellent representatives of our school. Great job and congratulations!

## HAPPENINGS...

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE – “THE BEST EVER...”



Donning their finest dresses and slacks, the majority of our middle school students danced the night away at the Winter Dance on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Dean Dining Hall was decorated in original snowflakes crafted by the art club, and the gym was aglow in lasers and holiday lights. Between tunes spun by DJ Tom Bronson, (a.k.a. IDS Middle School Math Teacher), student council representatives served fizzy sodas as students nibbled on chocolate fondue treats. *Ahhh, the life of an IDS Middle Schooler!!*

## IDS SCIENCE FAIR



The Science Fair Projects are in the Theatre/Training Center Breakout Room. They are incredible in demonstrating understanding of scientific principles. More on the results later from the panel of judges who arrived this past Tuesday.

## ESPAÑA/PARIS TOUR - JUNE 2006



There is still time to join the **IDS Spanish *Señoras*** on an international journey June 2006. Experience the excitement of España and the City of Lights of Paris, France from June 8 - June 20, 2006. Take advantage of this “magnifique” opportunity!!! For more information, contact the Spanish department at (813) 961-3087 x308. You can also send an email to [ofigueruelo@idsyes.com](mailto:ofigueruelo@idsyes.com).



## INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Come On Get Happy!!! The Intermediate Leadership Council is sponsoring 70's Day on Friday, January 20, 2006. Check out reruns of The Brady Bunch or The Partridge Family for some fun clothing styles!



**- JANUARY 26 AND 27**

(REPRINTED FROM JANUARY 5, 2006 HEADS' LETTER)

Broadway comes to IDS on January 26 & 27. The Middle School's **IDS Musical Theatre** program presents **Footloose** with dancing, singing and acting. Come both Thursday and Friday nights!!! There are two casts, which will delight you and your children!!! Be sure to get your tickets early to insure a seat in the IDS Theatre Training Center (soon to be officially named The Farish Center).

## PFA NEWS...

### FIRST PFA NETWORKING NIGHT...A DEFINITE WINNER!!!

Over 35 people showed their work and networked with others on Wednesday, January 11! You'll want us to do this again. Congratulations to Co-Chairs, Marcie Mueller and Ken Tillotson and PFA President Gina Shannon for making this happen! It was great!



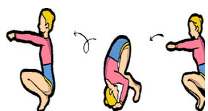
### MIDDLE SCHOOL DINNER DONE WILL BE IN

**JANUARY:** We have had wonderful participation from our Primary and Intermediate Dinner Done nights. The Middle School Dinner Done is scheduled for

January 23, 2006, at 7:45 P.M. Everyone who attends will get to make a complimentary order of a special dessert, munch on hordeurves and maybe you will win a door prize or two. Let's all thank IDS parents Dan and Audra Nasser for making this fundraiser possible for IDS. For more information, please call Karen Blumenthal at (813) 495-6606 OR via email at [Karen@mblumenthal.com](mailto:Karen@mblumenthal.com).

## PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers

To our IDS families; please share special moments so that everyone can enjoy with you.



**Nicole Stambo** (PK4) competed in the USA Competitions New Year's Invitational Gymnastic Meet at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex. Nicole had a great meet and her Level 2 team took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Way to go Nicole!



**Kayla-Destiny DeEsch** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) competed this past Sunday, January 8th in the Lightning City Invite Gymnastic Meet for Level 4. She earned 1st place finishes in the Bars, All Around, and Team Award. Congratulations to Kayla-Destiny!!!



**Vincent Leto, Lance McCullers, Derek Martin, and Conor O'Brien** (all IDS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) played in and won the 2005 AAU Winter Nationals Tournament of Champions 12 and Under Ice Division. The Tampa Cannons will be honored at an Awards Banquet in Orlando on January 21, where they will receive their Championship rings.



**Savannah Walters** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) was featured in the Sierra Club Magazine (click on attached link for article; [http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200601/one\\_small\\_step.asp](http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200601/one_small_step.asp)) for her Pump 'em Up campaign to have people properly inflate their tires so they save money on gas and protect our environment. If you would like to know more, check out her website at <http://www.pumpemup.org/>.

## IDS ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006

8:30 - 10:00 A.M.



Parents, let your friends and any interested prospective parents know about the IDS Open House. We encourage all who are interested to come view our beautiful facilities and meet our Admissions Team.

# **IDS BIG EVENT**

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2006**

### *Rock Around The Clock* **A Flashback to the Fabulous 50's**

The countdown to the Big Event is on! Be true to your school, and mark your calendar to attend this fund-raiser and fun-raiser on March 11, 2006!

The Big Event Co-Chairs are lucky to have a talented group of parents with imagination, determination, contacts and resources to help make this year's Big Event a great success, but we still need your ideas, donations, and of course, attendance to make this the most successful year ever!

**So how can you help? We are glad you asked!**

- Keep those fantastic auction items rolling in! There is a place in the auction for all of your items big or small!
- Take a look at the insert for your opportunity to assist in underwriting this event! Underwriters help the event reach its full potential, and it offers a ton of exposure for your business!
- We are looking for some Fabulous Thunderbirds to help out the night of the event. We are cruising for all you cool dudes who want to wear a black leather jacket and pitch in to lend a helping hand. If this is you, call Julie or Kathy at the numbers below!
- Encourage your kids to enter the catalog cover contest. The entries are due by February 11, 2006!

**Call either of your Big Event Co-chairs to ask questions or get involved!**  
**Thanks! Julie Salek (813) 382-2525 or Kathy vonThaden (813) 695-6784**

