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**HEADS' LETTER**

**JANUARY 19, 2006**

**ODDS AND ENDS**

**A HUGE THANKS to all of our parents** who were able to attend conferences last week. Together our teachers had 100's of conferences and all appreciated the opportunity to personally connect with you. Both student-led conferences and teacher-parent conferences allowed for sharing knowledge and building bridges between home and school.

***THURSDAY FOLDER ENCLOSURES:***

1. Broadway comes to IDS through our Middle School Musical Theatre Program. Be sure to get your tickets for **FOOTLOOSE**. Ticket order forms are included.
2. TCO order forms are enclosed. Remember the lucky families that received \$5,000 off of their tuition over the last few years? For \$100, you can be eligible for the same opportunity through the TCO (Tuition Credit Opportunity). Only 125 chances are sold. Read all about TCO's in the Thursday folder.
3. The IDS Community Music School is launching a **Musical Theatre Drama Program**. Their first production is Aladdin. Rehearsals are all on Saturdays produced by the talented Mr. Seth Travaglino. See the enclosure for information.

**MORE at IDS to help our students soar!!!** This week's visitors from Taiwan and Spain marveled at IDS and the great opportunities available to our students. They would love to take our teachers back home with them!!!

We have made arrangements to hook up with other countries through a new software that has been in Asia and now coming to USA. We are among the very first. This opportunity was a direct result of our visit to Spain for the International School Connection Conference. This software allows us to multi-task with multiple-participants, visually, verbally and through real time data. The best part is the initiator (the school) will control who talks, writes, and who participates unlike some of the "wild west" opportunities available on line for kids today...We are thrilled with this security and communication journey as we add to our bag of options for the **M.O.R.E. (Multiple Options for Results in Education) Approach!!!** This maybe more amazing then the coming of the cell phone!!! We are piloting this with our students at St. Pete College today!!!

We also demonstrated the new capabilities at Edu-Talk on Wednesday morning and will share this with you at **Edu-Talk tonight from 7:00 until 8:00 P.M.** in the Theatre Training Center Breakout Room...Stay on the cutting edge with us...See you tonight...

**One more thing!!!** We would love to have even more volunteers for **Field Day** on Wednesday, January 25, 2006. Please call your RPC and join us for a great time assisting our IDSers in having a wonderful day.

# ***BRAVO!!! – SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS – 2006***

The IDS Science Fair was a tremendous success. We are pleased to thank all of our students who took the time and effort to complete a science fair project. Our six judges representing MOSI, USF and the business world were amazed at the exceptional quality of our 2006 science fair projects. We wish those students, representing the high standard of work of all our IDS students, the best of luck at the Hillsborough County Regional Science Fair on February 14, 2006.

**FIFTH GRADE** students are to be congratulated because all students successfully completed an individual science fair project. They demonstrated the ability to understand the scientific method through a hands-on experience. All fifth grade students are required to complete a research-background paper along with their logs, which reflect the detail of their scientific investigation. **YEAH - FIFTH GRADERS!**

Fifth grade students representing all the hard work and long hours of all of our IDS fifth graders at the Hillsborough County Science Fair are:

- ◆ **Helen Foe** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade): *Does the River Water Change as it Flows Through a City?*
- ◆ **Abigail Friedman** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade): *A Deep Look into a Small Brain*
- ◆ **Sarah Rehl** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade): *Aerodynamics for Racing: Which Shape will Make You a Winner?*

**THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE** students are to be commended for going above and beyond expectations by taking the challenge and initiative to complete a science fair project. Students can choose to do a group or individual project. Students representing IDS at the Hillsborough County Science Fair are:

## **Individual Projects**

- ◆ **Avi Baskin** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade): *Tone Changes with Tension?*
- ◆ **Cassidy Brown** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade): *Paper Airplanes*
- ◆ **David Friedman** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade): *Whose Buds Are Wiser?*
- ◆ **Josh Hess** (4<sup>th</sup> Grade): *Does the Time of Day Affect the Voltage from a Solar Cell?*
- ◆ **Nirja Patel** (4<sup>th</sup> Grade): *Which One is Hotter?*
- ◆ **Caroline Poole** (4<sup>th</sup> Grade): *Is Bigger Better? What Size Water Balloon Will Go Farthest in a Sling Shot?*



## **Group Projects**

- ◆ *"Cookin Crayons"* (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade): **Katie Bernstine and Halle Jackson**
- ◆ *"Spill Proof Sippy Cups?"* (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) **Jordan Fuller/Alana Robertson**
- ◆ *"Battle of the Barking Batteries"* (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade): **Kaitlyn Bumpass and Grace Rogers**

**PRIMARY** students participated by completing a class project. All projects reflected excellence and outstanding student effort. Listed below are the names of the primary class projects:

## **Class Projects**

- ◆ **Pre-Kindergarten:** *"Cookie Monster"*
- ◆ **Kindergarten:** *"Think Chocolate"*
- ◆ **First Grade:** *"Soaking Wet: Paper Towel Absorbency"*
- ◆ **Multi-Age (Brilliant Bugs):** *"Burn Baby Burn: Which Color Candle Burns the Fastest?"*
- ◆ **Multi-Age (Cool Cats):** *"Stain, Stain Go Away!"*
- ◆ **Second Grade:** *"Playing with Parachutes: A Study in Air Resistance"*

## **An IDS FIRST!**

Congratulations to **Julia Peacock** (2<sup>nd</sup>) who took the initiative to complete a science fair project (*"Do Different Liquids Have Different Freezing Points?"*) after she was inspired by the work of third grade projects. She is a TOP BANANA and demonstrates the IDS spirit of "Going Above and Beyond." GO Julia!

## PFA NEWS...



**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS, IT'S YOUR TURN...:** Let's get together, have fun and get dinner done at our Middle School Private Dinner Done Party!

**What's that?** Dinner Done closes their kitchen for our parents to cook up a storm. Not only do we get the kitchen all to ourselves, but everyone in our group will also get to make a complimentary order of a special dessert!

Plus, we have an assortment of wine from Wine Not, lots of extra hordeurves to munch on while we're there and many of those who attend will leave with a door prize or two. Sign up on line, Pay \$20 at the door, (all of which goes to IDS!), plus Dinner Done donates to IDS a percentage of the proceeds as well. So, come cook up some fun with other middle school parents. This event fills up fast and space is limited. Sign up today!

**How do I sign up?** Go to <http://www.dinnerdone.com> and click on Session Signup. Choose our session from the session calendar. You'll need to use the password below to register.

- ❑ **Date/Time:** Monday, January 23rd @ 7:45 P.M.
- ❑ **Party Name:** IDS Middle School
- ❑ **Password (Case Sensitive):** IDSYES

Any other questions? Call Karen Blumenthal at (813) 495-6606 or email her at: [karen@mblumenthal.com](mailto:karen@mblumenthal.com). Let's all thank IDS parents Audra and Dan Nasser for making this fundraiser for IDS possible.

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

**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 and lend a helping hand. If this is you, call Julie or Kathy at the numbers above!
- ◆ Encourage your kids to enter the catalog cover contest. The guidelines are included, and the entries are due by Friday, February 10, 2006!

## THE YOUNG AT ART

The Young at Art reception at the Tampa Museum of Art will be this Sunday from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Students whose art is representing IDS divisions are:



- ◆ **India Hays** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Middle School Division
- ◆ **Mason Anderson** (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Intermediate Division
- ◆ **Jake Sokol** (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) – Primary Division

We invite all parents to visit the Tampa Museum of Art and enjoy the work of our students along with those of the community.

## AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES – *LOTS OF GREAT FUN!!!*



Afterschool Activities begin the week of January 30<sup>th</sup>. Call the office for more information or a brochure at (813) 961-3087.



## COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL



Call Mr. Tom McColley at (813) 961-3087 to sign up for the music school.

## NEW LUNCH PROGRAM



**BEGINS FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>. BE SURE TO SIGN-UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

## KUDOS TO THE 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

They are busy learning through inquiry all about Ancient Civilizations! They are really amazing!

# CATCH THE SPIRIT WITH IDS!