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HEADS' LETTER

JANUARY 22, 2009

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:
TAX DEDUCTIONS THAT BENEFIT "EACH STUDENT EQUALLY"**

So what pays for all of the amazing teachers and the huge job of maintaining one of the most beautiful school campuses in the world? Yes, the majority of those expenses come from tuition. The remainder, which allows us to recruit top Teachers and a dedicated support staff in the office and in facilities, comes from Annual Giving TAX DEDUCTIBLE contributions.

So, did you know that our ratio of teachers to students, with all of our teachers added together in divisions and specials, is one teacher to eight students? Our facilities and transportation teams act to both maintain a magnificent environment and to serve as security around campus.

Your generosity through **Annual Giving** allows us to do all of that and gives our families a chance to receive a **tax deduction** rather than tack the remaining dollars on tuition. Annual Giving goes directly to meeting the budget. There is no black hole...**every student in the school is receiving the benefits equally and so do our families.**

Our Board of Trustees, who are all volunteers, will conduct a February Phonathon to wrap-up the 2008 - 2009 remaining calls. The key is 100% participation where everyone gives what they can. Please save our volunteer board time and honor the commitment we all made to Mrs. Barfield when we entered by sending in your pledge prior to their VOLUNTEER calls. You can pay by check, calling the office to charge or go directly to PayPal on our website at <http://www.idsyes.com> and click on the Annual Giving link on our homepage. A huge thanks to all of those who have already given! You have already made a difference. IDS is an amazing place...just ask the hundreds that come and visit to learn all about us all of the time. We are fortunate to all be together right here in the RMK...(the "real magic kingdom"). Thanks to one and all!

THEN AND NOW BY GERY MOREY

In November, at the 40th Anniversary Celebration, Middle School teacher Gery Morey spoke to a packed-full audience in Corbett Hall to share her 40-year perspective of IDS then and now. For 40 years, Mrs. Morey has creatively added active learning to all of her Science lessons. She was a member of the first group of teachers that founders Marilyn Gatlin and Betty Anderson hired when they launched their dream to begin IDS. Her love of science and preparing students for the rigors of science have launched a program that now includes a nationally recognized high school honors physical science course for all eighth graders. Nine years ago, when the intermediate division launched a three-year intensive science program, she, along with her colleagues, raised the bar and up-scaled science for her students so they could rise to the next levels of learning. She epitomizes the meaning of a true life-long learner.

We wanted to share her words with everyone from that glorious Anniversary Celebration Day in November which honored 1968/69 through 2008/09:

"Then we had port-a-johns that were set up along the west side of the pond; next we had a septic tank with my garden on top of it; now we are properly hooked up to the city sewer system.

Then we had large dispensers of Zephyrhills bottled water with paper cups that were set up next to the port-a-johns; now we have water fountains and individual bottles of water that we recycle thanks to the Green group.

Then I had buckets of water; now I have sinks.

Then I had one microscope donated by Dr. Gatlin; now we have high school level microscopes for our students.

Then we had pencil and paper; now we have computers and smart carts throughout the school.

Then we had green boards and chalk; now we have smart boards and electronic markers.

Then we had the beautiful spirit of two women who just wanted what is best for kids, and we still have that now. It has been my honor and my pleasure to be a part of IDS for the last 40 years. We have all been blessed."

CONGRATULATIONS AND KUDOS

FIFTH GRADE CREATIVITY AND TALENT! If you look up toward the northeast side of the campus on the second floor, you will see what is fondly called the "Fifth Grade Penthouse." They occupy the whole second floor, which includes the east-side computer room when the room is free of computer classes. Newly renovated, this classroom is filled with an amazing team of teachers who appreciate the new maturity of Fifth Graders and always guide them into and through memorable learning and living experiences. Drama teacher, Mr. Seth Travaglinio capitalized on Fifth Grade's talent this year as he worked with the students to put on the Fifth Grade play last week called *The Actors' Showcase*.



This play involved teacher and student creativity and pulled from within each student to create short vignettes that brought humor with chuckles, roars of laughter, serious moments with "hear a pin drop" silence, and even some tears. The addition of Mrs. Ferlita's joyful dance training added a show-stopping number in which the entire Fifth Grade participated. The show was a true adventure of the heart, mind, and funny bone. During the show with the majority of the eastside students attending, the unexpected happened! The entire student body, surrounding Fifth Grade parents and grandparents, began to participate with laughter, oos and ahs, and naming what might come next. It was just one of those great moments! Congratulations to the Fifth Graders, Fifth Grade teachers, Mr. Travaglinio, Mrs. Ferlita and Fifth Grade parents. You deserve to be proud!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEACHERS! On Tuesday, January 20, every classroom at IDS added "teachable moments" to the Inauguration of President Barack Obama. It was more than just turn on the TV and watch the "event". Teachers prepared students for **1.** understanding how a peaceful transition takes place, **2.** reviewing and analyzing the character traits and ethical conduct needed for the individual in that high office, **3.** exploring what the oath of office means, **4.** recognizing the historic meaning of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream realized with an African American President embraced by so many people of varied backgrounds, **5.** witnessing the many people who flocked to Washington, DC to see the new President take office, etc. etc. etc. Beginning with the end in mind, the desired outcome was to appreciate and feel the excitement that comes when people all stand together, regardless of party and differences, to embrace and value freedom through peaceful and respectful transitions. Many wore red, white and blue. One class even had red and blue leis to recognize Hawaii to honor President Obama's birthplace. Literally, everyone was prepared. **To IDS teachers: Congratulations! You did a great job!**

FIELD DAY: Congratulations to our Physical Education Team!!! Coaches Renee Holden, Kathy Folen, Rob Heller, Adam Chumbley, David Starkey and Joe Taylor planned another successful Field Day for both inside and outside activities! They even arranged for perfect weather which warmed up for the afternoon enough for students to enjoy an ice pop under bright sunshine. The activities were varied, creative, fun and full of ways to exercise our bodies and brains! The Middle School students "Bigs" brought great joy to all of the adults who watched them care for their younger buddies "Littles" with such care, kindness, and fun. **A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS** who had fun too; they helped to make a well-planned afternoon go smoothly. We appreciate their willing hands and smiles throughout the afternoon!

COME AND CHEER FOR OUR IDS CHEERLEADERS!

This Saturday the IDS Cheerleaders will be competing at the Suncoast Sports Festival at the Florida State Fairgrounds. The girls are scheduled to compete approximately at 3:10 p.m. Please come and show your Warrior Spirit. The cost of admission at the Fairgrounds is \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 5-17. Fairground parking fee is \$5.00. For more information on the cheerleading competition, you can also visit the website <http://floridacheer.com/inCheerPage.htm>. Coaches Chris Thomas and Jeanne Rivera hope to see you there!

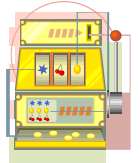
BIG EVENT



Join us for our next Big Event Meeting!
See you tomorrow morning at 8:15!
Upstairs in the "new building"
See what fun the Big Event Committee is having while planning this event!



All Donations Are Winners!
Thank you for all of your donations so far to the March 7th Big Event!
Please help IDS by keeping those donations rolling in!
Remember to support the auction by giving to the class basket as well as the general auction!



Remember to mark your calendars for this year's Big Event!
March 7, 2009 - 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auction, Fundraising and Friend-raising the IDS Way
And tons of Casino Fun! We have Blackjack, Roulette, Craps and Texas Hold'Em

Babysitting will be available in Corbett Hall for the great price of \$15 per child! Details soon!



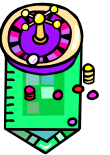
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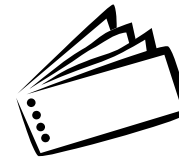
Save \$5,000 on 2009 - 2010 Tuition!



You will have the opportunity to purchase tickets in the office or look for the order form in this week's Heads' Letter email. TCO prices are:



One Ticket for \$100
Two Tickets for \$175



You could be the very lucky recipient of the PFA sponsored annual Tuition Credit Opportunity, or TCO, which will be chosen on March 7, 2009 at this year's Big Event. The winner will automatically receive a credit of \$5,000 towards his or her child's 2009-2010 tuition. Only 125 tickets will be sold, so be sure to act quickly.

For TCO, Cover Contest, and Donation forms please see the IDS Heads' Letter email.



REMEMBER TO RSVP BEFORE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23,
THE HOUSE WILL BE INCREASING THE RATE!

PFA: IDS PARENT BOOK CLUB

From Chair, Vera Murphy-Trayner: Thank you for a great meeting last week! We are looking forward to discussing our next book, Burning Bright, by Tracy Chevalier, on Tuesday, February 24th at 1:30 p.m. After that, we will meet to discuss The Shack by William Paul Young on Tuesday, March 31st at 1:30 p.m. Each meeting will be held in the conference room, on the second floor of the New Building, on the second floor over the Kindergarten classrooms. Any questions can be directed to Vera Murphy Trayner at vpmurphy@comcast.net or (813) 948-4016. Happy reading!



GREAT ODDS AND ENDS!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: SESSION FOUR: The students love After School Activities! A new six-week session begins the week of January 26. Our school day is so packed-full every minute that the After School Activities Program provides our students with the special opportunity to enjoy additional favorite activities to do right here on campus. The After School Activities Brochure for Session Four is online at <http://www.idsyas.com/afterschool.html> or at the IDS office.

CABA SUPER BOWL PARTY OPEN TO IDS PARENTS FOR BUSINESS NETWORKING! IDS is the host site for the **CABA (Carrollwood Area Business Association) Network** on Wednesday, January 28 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. They are expecting 250 to 300 people for their first Super Bowl Party. We have \$5.00 tickets available in the main office if you are interested in business networking.

BIG REMINDER: February 1st deadline is fast-approaching! Please clear off your desks and remember that your re-enrollment contracts are due to the Admissions Office. Bravo to the early birds...our business office appreciates you!

BIG EVENT COVER CONTEST: Hey kids, get involved in the Big Event! Get your cover contest entries turned in by February 6! We extended the deadline, so hurry and get your drawings completed!

THE REFLECTIONS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, who we enjoy hearing regularly at IDS, will be performing a concert on **Sunday, January 25th, at 3:00 p.m.** at the newly renovated **Mainstage Theater** at the **Ybor Campus of Hillsborough Community College**. Reflections started at IDS eight years ago and from time to time perform in other locations. We hope many of our IDS families and friends will be able to join us at HCC next week. The concert will feature many of the performers you have gotten to know over the years, Carmen Bannon, flute, Stacey McColley, Clarinet, Olga Glick, piano, Anna Kate Mackle, harp, John Bannon, percussion, and Fred Gratta, cello. The concert includes a trio for piano, clarinet, and cello by Johannes Brahms and O Lonely Watcher of the Skies, composed by IDS music teacher, Tom McColley. The Ybor Campus Performing Arts building is located on the north side of Palm Avenue between 14th and 15th streets. The Mainstage is on the second floor of that building. Tickets are \$10. Please join us.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



TO OUR IDS FAMILIES, PLEASE SHARE SPECIAL MOMENTS SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY WITH YOU.

Taylor Wooldridge, (3rd grade) Multi-Age All-Star, competed in the Cheer & Dance State Championships this past weekend in Daytona Beach. Her Youth Level 2 cheerleading team finished in 1st place taking home the title of State Champions! Way to go Taylor and Brandon All Stars!



**Please see
"All School"
enclosures
found in
Thursday Folder.**

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

January 26 - 30, 2009

Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon.	TBA	Boys Basketball-Purple	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
1/26	TBA	Girls Basketball-Purple	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
	TBA	Cheerleading	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
	3:00	Track	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	
	4:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:15	
	off	Boys Basketball-Green	off			Season complete
	off	Boys Basketball-Silver	off			Season complete
	off	Girls Basketball-Green	off			Season complete
Tues. 1/27	TBA	Boys Basketball-Purple	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
	TBA	Girls Basketball-Purple	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
	TBA	Cheerleading	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
Weds.	TBA	Boys Basketball-Purple	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
1/28	TBA	Girls Basketball-Purple	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
	TBA	Cheerleading	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
	3:00	Track	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	
Thur.	TBA	Boys Basketball-Purple	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
1/29	TBA	Girls Basketball-Purple	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
	TBA	Cheerleading	TBA	TBA	TBA	Check Sports Hotline
	3:00	Track	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	
	4:00	Wrestling	Interclub Match	MS Gym	5:15	
Fri.	3:00	Track	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	
1/30						