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HEADS' LETTER

JANUARY 24, 2008

EDU-TALK Walking TOURs: Carve Out the Time
Monday, January 28, Middle School Talk and Tour
Wednesday, January 30, Eastside Pre-K3 through 5th grades

QUESTION: Did you ever ask yourself why so many educators come to visit and/or study with our teachers at IDS?

ANSWER: There are many reasons. One big reason is to observe and learn from a faculty that commits to study together each and every week and then works tirelessly each and everyday to implement best practices and the research on effective teaching and learning. That may sound easy. However, when you're working with growing minds, there's something new to learn everyday! It's exciting to be in a profession where dedication, hard work and study can give you so much joy!!

SUGGESTION: Please carve out the time and join us for one of "Dr. Joyce's" famous Edu-Talk Walking Tours and 1. see classrooms in action, 2.) get more information on the what and why we do what we do while touring and talking, 3.) learn more about how the educational "buzz" words translate into learning for your child and all of our IDSers, 4.) enjoy lively conversation which is always fun and informative.

Please join us on Monday for the Middle School Tour and Wednesday for the Eastside tour. **See and experience IDS "Behind the scenes."**

IDS PROVIDES A MEMORY FOR A LIFETIME!

A Voice from the Past: Recently we received an e-mail from an alum whose family relocated to California. She was more than willing for us to share this with you and follow-up e-mails have been so delightful and very gratifying.

"Dear Dr. Swarzman,

My name is Kirstyn and I attended IDS for four years for third through sixth grade. I happened to stumble across the IDS website and I couldn't help but say a quick hello.

I'm currently a freshman at the University of San Francisco where I'm double-majoring in Sociology and Media Studies and minoring in Arabic, but still remember my IDS roots. I was thrilled to see that many of my teachers are still teaching and I still recognized a number of faces in the administration. I still remember the peacocks and telling you that I wanted to become Headmaster of IDS one day. Although I'm not sure my plans are quite the same from fourth grade, I still have very fond memories of my education there.

Sincerely,
Kirstyn"

**STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES ADD A POWERFUL
DIMENSION TO THE TRADITIONAL PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCE**

Can you imagine learning to examine your work, self-assess your strengths, self-assess your progress and identify where you need to improve... and you are age 6 through 14??? What a great start to prepare for life. That's exactly one of the purposes of this last conference. It's a "reality check" for both parents and children, and a terrific opportunity for teachers and students to join with parents to celebrate the many everyday successes and **encourage continuous improvement**. Those are every day life's lessons that are life-time skills.

Parents, we thank you for taking the time to join us for parent/teacher conferences. It is always a pleasure to find every way possible to connect with you!

ODDS AND ENDS: KEEPING UP TO DATE

YARD SALE THANKS!!! This weekend is the IDS Yard Sale. Parents, you have been so wonderful dropping things off into the white truck. Today and tomorrow, we have a donated truck that will come around to pick up heavy furniture etc. Thank you to the Leeds family for making that available to us! The Yard Sale is from 8:00 am -1:00 pm on Saturday, January 26. We need volunteers to help make it fun and run smoothly. Please call Julie Salek at (813) 382-2525 for more information and to volunteer your time. We appreciate all the assistance we can have.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL POETRY COFFEE HOUSE! On January 31, the Annual Poetry Coffee House which features creative interpretations of poetry will take place in the Farish Center. The presenters and performers are our 7th and 8th graders!! The audience is filled with a chance to enjoy poetry, terrific students and live 1960's in 2008. Like the Coffee Houses in the 60's, the audience shows their admiration through finger snapping. Hand applause is saved for other events.

All parents and family are cordially invited to attend the Poetry Coffeehouse on the evening of Thursday, January 31, 2008, starting at 7:00 pm. We welcome you and your guests to dress appropriately for the occasion. The students performing will dress in outfits that are connected to their poems or in this beatnik style. Some ensembles promise to be quite elaborate, and the students are very excited.

LUNCH NEWS: We are so very proud of our lunch program this year. Thanks to Chef Garret and his dedicated team, lunches have fresh delicious fruit and/or salad with the main course of the day. We can feel good that we are offering healthy choices for our students. It will be up to our parents to make sure that happens for every child either by packing healthy lunches or purchasing Chef Garret's lunches made with our children in mind.

We appreciate those of you that were able to fill out our lunch survey last week. The comments help us evaluate the program and get new ideas.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Jonathan Pearl (IDS Cool Cat) and Mason Shamley (IDS Brilliant Bug) – Congratulations to Jonathan, Mason, and their team for receiving top honors in the U7 division at the Gasparilla Soccer Tournament on Sunday, January 20, 2008. Their team went undefeated!!! Bravo Jonathan and Mason!!!



Corey Shamley (IDS 4th Grade), Carson Swope (IDS 4th Grade) and Eric Wendell (IDS 4th Grade) – Congratulations to Corey, Carson, Eric and their team for winning the 2008 HC United Gasparilla Cup Soccer Tournament (U10) on January 19th – 21st, 2008. The team won four games. The last game was a 3-2 win. Bravo Corey, Carson, and Eric!!!



ENCLOSURES



- **BIG EVENT - "IDS SPORTS JAM" COVER CONTEST**



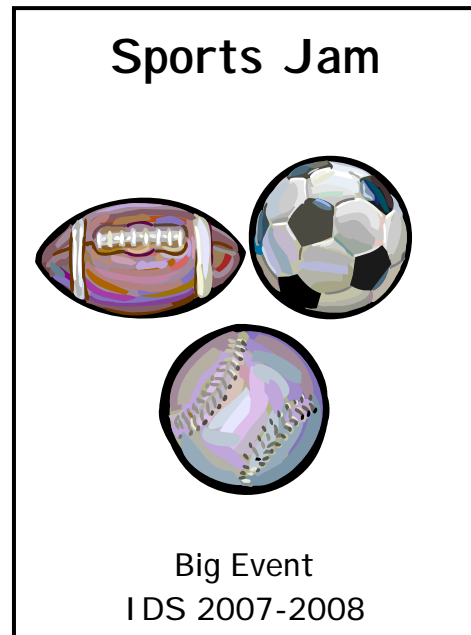
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"All School"
enclosures also
found in
Thursday Folder.**



Hey Warrior Team! Huddle Up For Some Exciting News!

It is time to submit your entries for the 2008 Big Event Catalog Cover Contest!
It will be a BALL! Everyone who enters is a real MVP!

Have YOUR drawing printed on the front of 500 catalogs for this year's Big Event! The theme is "Sports Jam!" 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 balls, racquets, sports equipment, sports jerseys or other sports 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 April 5!



1. The design must fit the Theme and include these three elements: IDS Big Event, 2007-2008, and "Sports Jam!"
2. Your entry must be on a white sheet of 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper.
3. Do your personal best, using as many colors as you like!
4. All entries must be submitted by Friday, February 14, 2008. 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 Side Office. The IDS teachers and staff will select a winner, but everyone who enters is a real team player for being a big part of the Big Event!
5. Be Creative and Have FUN!!!

(Please cut this portion off and turn in with entry)

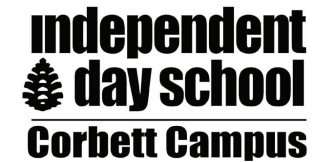
Student Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

January 28 - February 1, 2008

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon.	3:00	Boys Basketball-Red Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	
1/28	3:00	Girls Basketball-Red Team	Practice	M.S. Gym	5:00	
	3:00	Track	Practice	Forest Hills	4:45	
Tues.	3:30	Boys Basketball-Red Team	CDS	Corbett Hall	4:30	
1/29	3:00	Girls Basketball-Red Team	Practice	M.S. Gym	5:00	
	5:00	Girls Volleyball	Club	M.S. Gym	7:00	
Weds.	4:00	Boys Basketball-Red Team	TBA	Corbett Hall	5:00	
1/30	4:00	Girls Basketball-Red Team	TBA	M.S. Gym	5:00	
	3:00	Track	Practice	Forest Hills	4:45	
Thur.	3:00	Boys Basketball-Red Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	5:00	
1/31	3:00	Track	Practice	Forest Hills	4:45	
Fri.	6:00	Boys Basketball-Red Team	St. Pete Christian	St. Pete Christian	8:30	
2/1	3:00	Track	Practice	Forest Hills	4:45	
Sat.	2/2	TBA	Boys Basketball-Red Team	St. Pete Christian	St. Pete Christian	TBA

DIRECTIONS: ST. PETERSBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: 727-522-3000. From I-275 south, take exit 26. Turn LEFT onto 54th Avenue N. Take LEFT on 16th St. N. At 62nd Ave. N, turn LEFT. SPCS will be on the RIGHT side between 20th and 21st Street N.