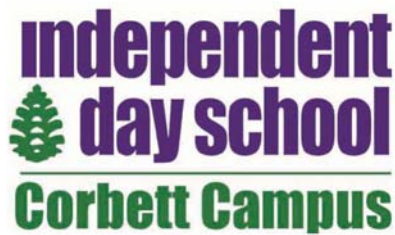


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HEADS' LETTER

JANUARY 28, 2010

HEADS-UP: REMINDERS

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Today is noon dismissal. Friday is a school-free day for students while teachers conduct Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thanks to so many parents who have carved out time to meet with their teachers. Extended Day will offer a complimentary service to watch our IDSers for parents who have multiple conferences or need childcare for a **SHORT PERIOD DURING A CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY ONLY**. If your child is in regular half day Extended Day, the cost will be \$15.00. Please call the office or check in with Ms. Marie to advise her of your need. Our regular Extended Day will resume on Monday, February 1, 2010.



MONDAY FEBRUARY 1 is the due date for contracts for the 2010 - 2011 academic year. A huge thanks to all of our early birds who got their contracts in ASAP!



THE IDS LUNCH CATERING PROGRAM: The second lunch program ends on February 26. The information for the Third Lunch Offering, for March, April, May, and June will be available online by Friday, January 29, 2010. The lunch offering for the third session will also be in your Thursday folder next week. The lunches really are delicious and healthy!



YES! THERE IS STILL TIME! There is still time for everyone whose Annual Giving form is still sitting on the dining room table or on the dresser to be filled out and sent in so that 100% of us can be counted for our 2009-10 Together for Excellence Campaign. Every year this is the perfect way to honor the amazing education our students receive each and every day. The tax-deductible donations can also be made on line by going to <http://www.idsyes.com/giving.html>. **Thanks again and again to all of you who have already made your commitment.** These dollars go directly to teacher salaries and maintaining this beautiful campus.



CAMP IDS 2010! Once again, you can look forward to Camp IDS, where everyone has a great time. Last year over 700 campers enjoyed a summer devoted to fun, learning and great experiences. It's really true, even in the summer, "it's all about kids." There will be seven weeks filled with choices from June 14 through July 30. The camp brochure will be on-line and in your Thursday folder in mid-February. There will be bus service this summer for our usual four routes FOR full day campers.



FIND US PLEASE: OUR FOUND AREA is loaded with beautiful clothing items, especially coats, sweaters and jackets as well as lunch boxes that were left over the last six weeks. Please check by the bell tower on the east-side this week and during parent/teacher conferences. **WE THANK THOSE WHO WRITE NAMES ON EVERY ITEM INCLUDING CLOTHES AND LUNCH BOXES SO THAT WE CAN EASILY RETURN FOUND ITEMS.**



KUDOS

FIELD DAY – held on January 20 was a perfect afternoon thanks to all of the parents who came out to volunteer at last week’s Annual Field Day. A wonderful time was had by all! A special thanks to **OUR COACHING TEAM FOR** coordinating all of the activities that provided variety, fun and a lot of action items. Smiles were everywhere as the sun shined on us for a gorgeous day as teachers and parents supervised all of the many activities. Our Middle Schoolers were great Big Buddies to our younger students. There was a lot of appreciation spread around to all. Our coaching team includes: Coach Rob Heller, Coach Adam Chumbley, Coach Renee Holden, Coach Kathy Folen, Coach David Starkey and Coach Joe Taylor.



THESPIANS HAVE TAKEN THE STAGE BY STORM: Thespian

Competition: Over the winter break a group of 20 IDS Middle School students competed at Blake High School in the District Thespian Competition. They competed against 15 other schools in the Tampa Bay area in the categories of One Act Play, Solo, Duet, Small & Large Group Musical, Duet & Ensemble Acting, and Pantomime!!! Our students were selected as the “Critic’s Choice” for their One Act Play and received “Honorable Mentions,” the equivalent of 2nd Place, in four other categories!!!



We are very proud of our troupe which includes the following students: Dina Al-Hassani, Allegra Beachy, Victoria Beaudoin, Cassidy Brown, Sean Chowdhari, David Friedman, Josh Kartheiser, Jonah Kornberg, Megan McBride, Karli Mezo, Julia Peacock, Jessica Riddle, Alex Rivera, Cole Shaler, Daniela Silva, Avery Stanechewski, Daniela Torres, Garrett Walters, Jonah Watson, and Valan Zuccolillo. They are off to compete at the State Competition on February 12th and 13th in Plantation, Florida!!!



**** *Would you like to see these amazingly talented students in action? Well, now you can!!!* They will be doing a pay-what-you-can benefit performance on **Thursday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Farish Center!!!** At this time, they will perform their competition pieces to show everyone all the

hard work they have put into perfecting their craft. Everyone is welcome to come view the performance, and pay-what-you-can at the door as admission. All monies raised will be used to help pay for our State Competition!!!

PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWS

PFA MEETING – Thursday, February 4 – 8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Please join us at February’s PFA Meeting! Come to the meeting to get a sneak peek at all of the great plans the Big Event Committee has for “Boardwalk Blast”! Also, come and find out about all of the other exciting things going on around campus. AFTER the meeting, Debbie Nouss and a few other IDS parents will offer a brief presentation on the Melaleuca Wellness line and how it is benefitting IDS EACH and EVERY month!



PLAN AHEAD! SSSSHHH! It’s a secret.....Please join the school wide, PFA sponsored celebration: SWEET SPECTACULAR. We invite you to participate in a special sensational surprise for our teachers and staff on Thursday, February 11, 2010. The teachers and staff will be celebrated at the SWEET SPECTACULAR by receiving a “take home” box to fill with lots of sweets and treats. Here’s how you can be a part of this yummy event:



- ★ Send in sweets made with love from your family or lovingly chosen from the bakery.
- ★ Individually wrapped items are ideal for the take home boxes.
- ★ We will have volunteers at morning drop-off on the east and west side to collect the baked goods or you may drop the goodies directly in the Grand Room the morning of Thursday, February 11.
- ★ Direct questions to Stacy Leeds at sleeds3@yahoo.com or Linda Simonton at linda@lindasimonton.com.

YARD SALE - A MILLION thanks for all of the help with the Yard Sale! This was truly a win-win-win! We all got to clean out our closets, the school made over **\$3,000** and The Spring benefitted from the donations after we closed the sale. Thanks for all of your donations, deliveries and mostly, for the hard work from so many smiling faces last week! There were students, parents, grandparents and teachers who came out to volunteer! Thank you to all of you for your hard work sorting, organizing and selling. A HUGE Thank You to Julie Salek for all her work Chairing the Yard Sale again this year!



KEEP THOSE SCHOOL MALL BOOKLETS COMING!!! - You can return the booklets in your Thursday folder or directly to the office. Remember...IDS will receive \$2.25 for every fully completed booklet that we return to School Mall in addition to proceeds of up to 50% for any purchases made through the program.



Bookmark www.schoolmall.com on your computer to begin there when doing your online shopping. Many popular vendors participate in the program and donate a portion of your purchase price back to our students! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vanessa Minick at (813) 629-1630 or vminick@hotmail.com.

CHINESE FUN FACT: BY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CHINESE TEACHER/EXPERT, MR. DAVE FREEMAN

It was recently reported that China has now surpassed Germany as the world’s largest exporter. China now exports \$130.7 billion worth of goods every month. That increases China’s exports to \$1.2 trillion a year. Those are staggering numbers, but **did you know** that China is expected to surpass the U.S. economy by 2035? Albert Keidel of the Carnegie Endowment predicts that by the time our students reach their late 30’s “China will be the preeminent world commercial influence”.



**BIG EVENT UPDATE:
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010 – BOARDWALK BLAST!
HELP IDS PASS GO AND COLLECT FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

BIG EVENT – BOARDWALK BLAST – CASINO NIGHT – SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010 - YOUR INVITATION TO THE BIG EVENT WILL BE MAILED HOME NEXT WEEK! FILL OUT YOUR RSVP AND RETURN IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! BECOME A PATRON AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR NEW “PATRON PREVIEW PARTY!”



- **Send your teacher a “GET OUT OF JAIL FREE” card!**
Send your favorite IDS staff member on a fantastic getaway! See the insert in today’s Heads’ Letter for your chance to show your child’s favorite teacher how much they are appreciated! This year we are thrilled to be giving away TWO teacher or staff trips! A \$5.00 ticket could send them on one of two beach trips! They will love it and it will mean even more because it came from YOUR FAMILY! Buy a raffle ticket now to show your love for your favorite IDS staff member! (Trips generously donated by The Trayner Family and Sheree Wood & Nancy Faggianelli!)
- ***Tuition Credit Opportunity - TCO*:** Try Your LUCK! Visit idsyes.com to get another form to buy your TCO raffle ticket. This is your opportunity to save \$5,000 on next year’s tuition!!! A limited number of tickets will be sold! *Do you feel LUCKY!?!?*
- **KIDS COVER CONTEST!!** - We need your cover contest entries! See idsyes.com for details!
- **KEEP SENDING IN YOUR DONATIONS** - Remember to keep donations rolling in to your class basket AND the general auction. We are counting on you!
- **BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT IDS ON THE NIGHT OF THE BIG EVENT:** We are offering babysitting onsite for a limited amount of children of IDS families. Please take advantage of the \$15/ child babysitting! Sign up today!



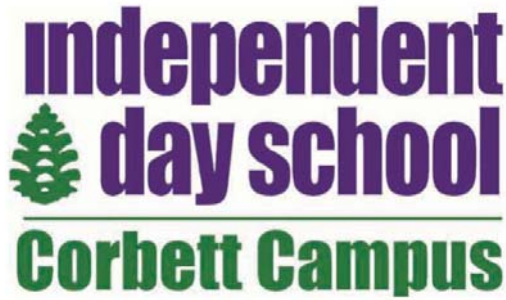
ENCLOSURES



1. Big Event babysitting form
2. Big Event Send a Teacher Packing form



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



Babysitting Available at the Big Event!!

We are once again offering the very popular option of babysitting children of IDS families on campus during the Big Event on March 6. This is offered on a very limited basis, so please sign up and pay now. Let the kids come and have fun while you are enjoying the Big Event! Babysitting is available from 6:00 pm – 12:00 am in Corbett Hall.

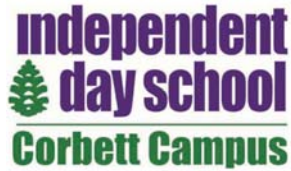


Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name and age(s) of Child(ren) attending the babysitting evening:

Please include payment of \$15 PER child!

ONE PER FAMILY



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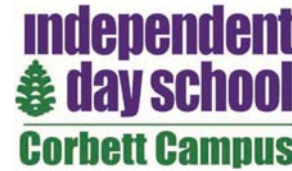
YES!! I would like to send an IDS Teacher or Staff Member a "GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD"!!

Student Name: _____

Number of tickets purchased at \$5/ per ticket: _____

Teacher(s) or Staff Member(s) to designate for my tickets:

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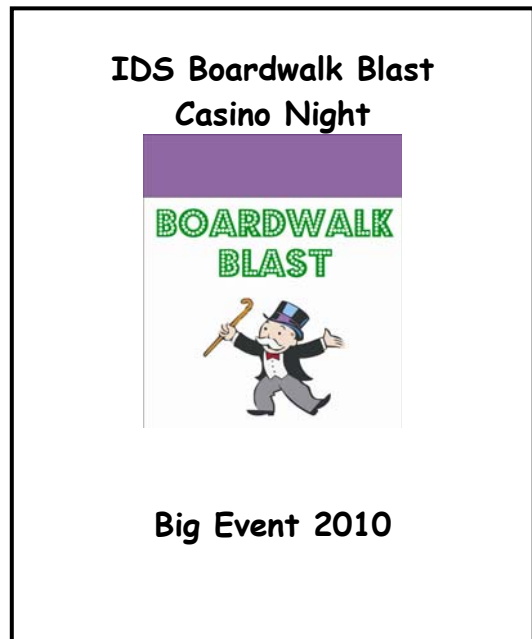
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HEY STUDENTS!

TRY YOUR LUCK!

Submit Your Entries for the 2010 Big Event Catalog Cover Contest!

Have YOUR drawing printed on the front of 500 catalogs for this year's Big Event! The theme is "IDS Boardwalk Blast!" This year's cover will be in FULL COLOR! Read through the few rules listed and get started on your drawing today! Include dice, cards, games or other Monopoly or Atlantic City 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 March 6!



1. The design must fit the Theme and include these three elements: IDS, 2010 and the words "IDS Boardwalk Blast Big Event"
2. Your entry must be on a white of 8 ½"X11" sheet of paper.
3. Do your personal best, using as many colors as you like!
4. All entries must be submitted by Thursday, February 11, 2010. 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.
5. Be Creative and Have FUN!!!

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

February 1-6, 2009

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 2/1	3:00	Track & Field Team	Practice	MS Gym/Field	5:00	Uniforms handed out
	5:00	Girls Basketball-Vermont	Practice	MS Gym	7:00	
Tues. 2/2	4:00	Track & Field Team- Girls	Meet	Berkeley Prep	7:30	
	3:00	Indoor Soccer *	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	*2 spots open, if interested
	3:00	Co-ed Volleyball	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	see Coach Dewey
	5:00	Club Volleyball	Practice	MS Gym	7:00	
Weds. 2/3	5:00	Girls Basketball-Vermont	Practice	MS Gym	7:00	
	3:00	Track & Field Team	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	
Thur. 2/4	4:00	Track & Field Team- Boys	Meet	Berkeley Prep	7:30	
	3:00	All Girls Basketball Teams	Team Party	MS Gym	5:00	
Fri. 2/5	3:00	Track & Field	Practice		5:00	
	TBA	Girls Basketball-Purple	St. Pete Christian	St. Pete Christian	TBA	
Sat. 2/6	TBA	Girls Basketball-Purple	St. Pete Christian	St. Pete Christian	TBA	

*All Boys Basketball Team Party coming on Monday, February 8th

DIRECTIONS:

BERKELEY PREP SCHOOL: 4811 Kelly Rd. Tampa, 885-1673.

Dale Mabry south to the Hillsborough exit. Take a right onto Hillsborough at the end of the ramp. Left onto Kelly Road (TJ Maxx and Mobil station on the corner). The school is on the left.

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.