

HEADS' LETTER

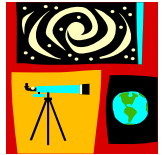
JANUARY 29, 2009

SO MUCH TO SHARE!

HOW DO IDS TEACHERS COMBINE LEARNING AND EXCITEMENT TO UNITE KNOWLEDGE AND JOY?

IT HAPPENS EVERYWHERE: ENJOY SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS!

EARLY PRIMARY DOES IT AGAIN! If you really want a big smile, take a walk down the boardwalk to see the Pre-K 3 through Kindergarten area transformed into outer space. On Wednesday, January 28, the teachers planned a phenomenal Space Day where space simulations brought learning closer to reality! It was a huge and tremendous success! Parents were there to snap pictures and gave support to accomplish a major day of delightful learning memories! The children, dressed in their specially decorated astronaut attire equipped with rocket boosters, paraded across the campus to the middle school field where they witnessed Math teacher and rocket launcher extraordinaire Tom Bronson launch a rocket! It was a WOW!



Our young astronauts then moved to "Discovery" for Developmental Centers. The Grand Room was transformed into the moon with pillows covered with sheets lined up everywhere so students could feel what it might be like to walk on the moon. In another room, they created stardust and star gazers. They ate space food (chocolate pudding sucked through a straw out of a Ziploc bag), and even used gloves and tongs to try and emulate how truly difficult it would be to perform simple tasks on the moon. To top it all off, each class also had an opportunity to enjoy a special space show in the planetarium that was set up in Corbett Hall. **What a great culminating event that was simply out of this world! Tune in next week when they combine their great reading, writing and math skills for the celebration of 100's Day on February 3.**

UPPER PRIMARY - First, Second, and Multi-Age: By combining Social Studies and Science in their study of how to be "Planet Protectors," our Upper Primary students are learning how humans change natural environments. The Brilliant Bugs kicked off this unit with an overnight field trip to sleep in the Florida Aquarium. The Cool Cats and Mighty Monkeys will each participate in the trip in the upcoming weeks thanks to the great coordination of the Upper Primary Teacher Teams. On this intensive field trip, students get a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility, learn about the many species that live in the various habitats represented in the aquarium, experience an up close and personal real animal encounter, and sleep in a very amazing facility. The goal of this trip is for students to become more knowledgeable about the native Floridian habitats that surround them so that they can see the importance of balancing human wants and needs with the needs of our environment. Our Brilliant Bugs, Cool Cats, and Mighty Monkeys are sure to hold this trip as one of their most memorable experiences during their time in Upper Primary! Everyone learned a lot and had a truly excellent time. Kudos to the Florida Aquarium, our teachers and the parents who chaperoned!



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: Class plays were held on Tuesday, January 27; Third Grade **Navigators** performed at 9:00 a.m., Multi-Age 3/4 **All Stars** performed at 10:30 a.m., and Fourth Grade **Going Places** performed at 1:15 p.m. Each play reminded our audience, both adults and children, how much fun it is to watch our students demonstrate such confidence even at their early ages. The drama department guided the students through Folk Tales by giving them a history lesson, international origins, and identifying the moral that was embedded in each of the fairy tales. This culminated in their delightful performances with storytellers and actors taking us throughout the world, sharing with us various Folk Tales popularized in different countries, even pointing the origins out on a map. The audience learned right along with our players. What did the teachers think? *"All three classes were magnificent and showed great poise and presence and a lot of theatrical flare while teaching us some great morals and values to live by."* Bravo to Mr. Travaglino and Mrs. Ferlita and the nine classroom teachers who each helped back stage when their students were performing.

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INTERMEDIATE DIVISION--Fifth Grade: If you have ever had a child in the fifth grade "penthouse," you smile at that amazing experience that is captured during that transition year between elementary years and the middle school. That master team of teachers have always found the most extraordinary ways to take the ordinary and turn it into award winning experiences that are so key at this transition. The new budding maturity that comes with the age provides a delightful new level of curiosity and creativity that accompanies the ability to understand key ideas and concepts on a deeper level. **FIFTH GRADE** Teachers report (Mrs. Wenzel, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Ferrone, and Mrs. Pomet):

Yee Haw Cowboys! Fifth Graders have been exploring the Wild West as they continue their current Unit of Inquiry entitled, All Aboard! The central idea is: People move for many reasons, impacting, affecting and changing the world. The purpose is to study the reasons, modes, and effects of migration. One way we bring this unit to life is with our "Cowboy" Day! Students rotated through a variety of stations where they learned the ins and outs of Cowboy life. Cowboys are just one of the groups of people we examine through this unit. Others include: Immigrants, Homesteaders and Native Americans. Students are analyzing the impact of movement on humans, animals and the environment."

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SERVICE PROJECT GEARS UP! The Intermediate Leadership Council is calling for any and all gently used books! The council is planning their annual Used Book Sale for Thursday, February 19, and are of course in need of used books. They are hoping that you will bring your used books to the 3/4 Multi-Age locker room hallway. They have chosen to give the proceeds from the sales directly to benefit the Salvation Army and Hope Children's Home.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADERS COMBINE SPANISH CULTURE AND ART! Congratulations to Middle School Art Teacher Mrs. Bossard and Spanish Teacher Senora Jennings for integrating their studies and for planning a wonderful field trip to the St. Petersburg Salvador Dali Museum last Thursday. The field trip was connected to the year's study of world culture in Art and Spanish class. Museum employees openly expressed how very impressed they were with IDS middle schoolers stellar behavior and intelligent questions. The teachers were so proud to get that praise. A big round of applause and Bravo to our sixth graders!

MIDDLE SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE: Our eighth graders have been studying economics in between Algebra I and II in preparation for their immersion into a real economic simulation at **Finance Park** on Friday. Finance Park was originally started by the USF Stravos Center and has grown to be an amazing site for students to apply necessary life skills. As IDS Fifth graders they also travel to Finance Park; however at this age, the "bar is raised" on the level of learning and expectations which combine their mathematics skills and budding business acumen to a simulated experience of the **real world of finance**. On that day, each student will become a **Finance Park Citizen** and assume a fictional life profile complete with annual salary, family situation and investments. Students will experience money management first hand by computing their monthly income and creating a balanced budget which must then be put into action.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - IDS GREEN TEENS: One of the many electives offered is the Lexus Environmental Challenge contest. Throughout the year, the students have researched, brainstormed, developed, and implemented action plans to help the environment and our community. For the final challenge, the "Green Teens" created a lesson plan to teach younger children (Upper Primary) about air pollution, the theory of global warming and "vampire electronics." The middle school students created a hands-on lesson to teach about how even the youngest of students can help save energy and help to lessen air pollution. All of the first, second and multi-age classes were attentive and cooperative audiences and the middle school students were outstanding presenters. It was truly a great way to "cross the bridge" between older and younger students and all work together to be "Planet Protectors." It also brought a lot of community pride right here at IDS with the primary teachers impressed with the knowledge and skills of the middle schoolers, and the middle school teachers amazed at the level of respect and "smarts" of our "little people."

SPORTS - WRESTLING: The IDS-CC Wrestling program's inaugural season ended this week with good success. The program had 23 student athletes participating in wrestling. The boys participated in four in-house matches where they wrestled against their own teammates. These interclub matches allowed all the boys to put the skills they learned together and experience an actual match. The boys, who ranged from fifth grade through eighth grade, had the opportunity to travel to other schools in the Florida West Coast League (FWCL) and wrestle in matches against student athletes. These events allowed them more than ten matches each. This experience proved invaluable in helping the young wrestlers progress. Coach Taylor says, "We hope to see even more athletes enrich their lives from the discipline they can learn in wrestling." A big thanks to parent Anthony Paggio for volunteering to help get this team started!

YOUR PFA IS ALL ABOUT IDS!!!

The PFA HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE PRESENTS: "SSSHHH! It's a secret...SWEET SPECTACULAR: Combines with the PFA Council Meeting on February 12! Please join PFA Hospitality Co-Chairs, Stacy Leeds and Linda Simonton, in the school-wide, PFA sponsored celebration: SWEET SPECTACULAR. We invite you to participate in a special sensational surprise for our teachers and staff on February 12, 2009. The teachers and staff will be celebrated at the SWEET SPECTACULAR by being given a "take home" box with sweets and treats for them and their families. It is a symbolic sweet thanks for all of the "above and beyond" things they do for our kids.

Here's how you can be a part of this yummy event:

1. Send in sweet treats made with love from your family or lovingly chosen from the bakery.
2. **Individual** items are ideal for the "take home" boxes.
3. We encourage you to join us for the PFA Council meeting; afterwards, we will prepare a beautiful set-up and it would be fun to all do it together.
4. We will have someone at drop-off on February 12 to collect goodies or again, you may bring them with you to the PFA Council Meeting.
5. For your convenience, you may also drop off your baked goods anytime February 11 in the offices on the East or West sides.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Leeds at sleeds3@yahoo.com or Linda Simonton at linda@lindasimton.com.

PFA FUNDRAISING DUO Vanessa Minick and Heather Lee Rossing want to make your Valentine's Day an easy one! **Valentine's Day Gourmet ToGo Packages – Dinner Done - Order form enclosed.**



THE BIG EVENT – PAIR-A-DICE MARCH 7, 2009...ALWAYS FUN!



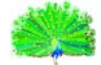
- **The popular Tuition Credit Opportunity, or "TCO"** is back! Can you imagine that for a \$100 donation your name could be called at the Big Event for the winning raffle ticket which will give you a **\$5,000 credit** towards tuition? There will be 100 raffle tickets available for sale. Be sure to get your raffle ticket; this is a chance worth taking.
- **School auctions are always successful with donations from families!** As a parent, you are terrific by supporting the school by donating to your class baskets as well as the general auction. Donations of all sizes are appreciated! Ask your salon, personal trainer, chiropractor, manicurist, interior decorator, sports coach, music instructor, doctors, friends, and the stores, clubs and restaurants that you visit to support IDS by donating items or services of any size or value. You will be amazed at the generosity of the businesses you visit every day!
- **BIG EVENT SPONSORSHIPS:** There are several levels of underwriting available. Sponsoring the Big Event at any level will help ensure the success of this fundraiser and offer your business exposure throughout the school and community. **Underwriting forms can be obtained in the office or on the web site under Big Event!** Your business will be advertised on signage on the fence at the school, on signage at the event, on signage at the event recognizing the tables "named" by your sponsorship, in the catalog and on the IDS Big Event website! Please consider becoming a business sponsor today!
- **Big Event COVER CONTEST FOR IDSers:** Final due date is next Thursday, February 5. We have had some INCREDIBLE entries so far, designed and drawn from kids in PK3 all the way to Middle Schoolers! **Remember, all entries will be prominently displayed at the Big Event,** and the winner will have the pride of designing the cover of the auction catalog seen by hundreds. Please turn in your entries by February 5!
- **The next Big Event meeting is Friday at 8:15 a.m.** upstairs in the "New" Building. Join us to get involved in helping with this fun and fantastic event! We have a great time planning! Call Julie Salek at (813) 382-2525 with any questions.
- **PLEASE HELP US ENSURE WE HAVE AN ACCURATE HEADCOUNT; PLEASE TURN IN YOUR RSVP'S TODAY!**

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SPORTS - CHEERLEADING: On Saturday January 18th, the cheerleaders began preparing for their big state competition with a special practice on competition mats at Lighting City Gym. After four fun-filled and intensive hours of hard work and repetition, they went as a team to CiCi's pizza to celebrate their hard work. To top off their fabulous day, they came back to IDS for a Cheerleading Sleepover. They participated in a scavenger hunt, curled each others hair and watched cheer movies. They also got just a little more practice squeezed in between the giggles and girl talk. Then came the 2008 Suncoast Sports Festival at the Florida State Fairground last Saturday, January 24th. The girls performed their two and one half minute routine that they have been practicing every Saturday since September. They were full of spirit and energy and earned a 2nd place finish. Their parents and coaches beamed with pride. Coach Thomas and Asst. Coach Rivera thank the girls for their dedication and commitment to the program saying, "You have set the bar very high for next year's squad. Congratulations on a fabulous season! Go Warriors!"



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Jordan Payne, (Multi-Age 3/4) placed 4th in the K-5 division of the 2009 West Regional Championships in Chess this weekend. Congratulations Jordan!! He brought his trophy to share with everyone!

Shannon Birmingham's (Eighth Grade) HC United soccer team, the Twisters, has a 15 - 0 record for the season. They won their TARSA Division and also won The Gasparilla Cup Championship at Ed Radice Sports Complex last Monday, January 19, after competing in five games over three days.

COMMUNITY AD



WOULD LIKE TO SAY



TO







**FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION
OF FLOOR MATS TO THE IDS-CC
P.E. DEPARTMENT**

If you are interested in running an advertisement in the *Heads' Letter*, please contact: Celeste Ross at (813) 961-3087.
¼ page \$100, ½ page \$175, full back page \$250. *Advertisements run only when space is available.*

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

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Celebrating <i>Fabulous Forty!</i>	2 HEADMASTER OF THE DAY TEE COTO Day 3	3 Early Primary Pre-K3, Pre-K4, & K Celebrates 100 th Day Day 4	4 Day 5	5 3, 3/4, & 4 Grade Read-A-Thon NOON DISMISSAL/ TEACHER IN-SERVICE Day *	6 IDS Hosts Kagan Winter 2009 Academy Day 1	7 IDS Hosts Kagan Winter 2009 Academy
8 IDS Hosts Kagan Winter 2009 Academy	9 IDS Hosts Kagan Winter 2009 Academy Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Admissions Open House 8:30 – 10:00 am Cool Cats Florida Aquarium Sleepover Day 4	12 PFA General Council Meeting 8:05 am Day 5	13 PRESIDENTS WEEKEND/ SCHOOL HOLIDAY 	14 
15	16 PRESIDENTS WEEKEND/ SCHOOL HOLIDAY 	17 Middle School Trimester Test Day 1	18 Middle School Trimester Test Day 2	19 Intermediate Leadership Council Used Book Sale 8:00 – 11:00 am Middle School Trimester Test Day 3	20 Brilliant Bugs Drama Performance Middle School Trimester Test Middle School Dance 7:00 – 10:00 pm End of Trimester II Day 4	21 Gifted Advocacy Council Meeting 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Grand Room
22	23 Upper Primary Bugs (1/2B), Cats (1/2C), and Monkeys (Gr. 1 & 2) IMAX MOSI Field Trip 9:00 am – 1:15 pm Day 5	24 7 th Grade Egg Drop At Raymond James Stadium 8:15 – 10:30 am PFA Book Club Meeting 1:30 pm Faculty/Staff Board Reception 5:00 – 6:00 pm Day 1	25 Middle School Musical Performance of Fame 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Hillsborough County Science Fair Judging Day 2	26 Middle School Musical Performance of Fame 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Mighty Monkey Florida Aquarium Sleepover Hillsborough County Science Fair Awards Day 3	27 Intermediate Leadership Council Sponsors Pajama Day	28 Fine Arts Sponsored Pancake Breakfast in Corbett Hall 8:00 – 11:00 am

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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

February 2-7, 2009

Daily Sports Hotline: 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Fri., 1/30	6:00	Girls Basketball-Purple Team	Tournament	St. Pete Christian		Carpooling
Sat. 1/31	TBA	Girls basketball-Purple Team	Tournament	St. Pete Christian		Carpooling
Mon.	3:00	Track - Both Teams	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	
2/2	3:00	Boys Basketball-Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
Tues. 2/3	4:00	Girls Track Team	Meet	Berkeley Prep	7:30	P/up Dean Dining Hall
	off	Boys Track Team	off			
	5:00	Volleyball	Club	M.S. GYM	7:00	
Weds.	3:00	Track - Both Teams	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	
2/4	3:00	Boys Basketball-Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
Thur.	4:00	Boys Track Team	Meet	Berkeley Prep	7:30	P/up Dean Dining Hall
2/5	off	Girls Track Team	off			
	3:00	Boys Basketball-Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
	5:00	Girls Basketball	Club	M.S. Gym	7:00	
Fri. 2/6	6:00	Boys Basketball-Purple Team	Tournament	St. Pete Christian	TBA	Carpooling
	3:00	Track - Both Teams	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	
Sat. 2/7	3:30	Girls Basketball	Club	M.S. Gym	5:30	
	TBA	Boys Basketball-Purple Team	Tournament	St. Pete Christian	TBA	Carpooling

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.

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

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



It's Back!

Valentine's Day Gourmet ToGo!



Available for pickup Feb 13th & 14th

Valentine's Day Gourmet ToGo Packages are **\$38.50** (no tax, tip or restaurant crowds!) and include a complete 4-course gourmet meal for two, fresh and ready to cook! **Select one appetizer, one entrée, two side dishes and one delectable dessert.** Fresh salad and ready-to-bake bread is included with each order.

- Dinner Done Salad & Fresh Baked Bread (Automatically Included in Each Order)** - DinnerDone! Salad featuring fresh spring greens, crispy bacon, bleu cheese, grape tomatoes, red onion, and our freshly prepared balsamic Dijon vinaigrette. Ready to bake rolls and butter.

Appetizers – Select One Appetizer of Your Choice:

- Crab Cakes** - Two large crab cakes are included in this delicious appetizer.
- Lobster Bisque** - Creamy, all-natural lobster bisque for two.
- Stuffed Baby Portabella Mushrooms** - Fresh baby portabella mushrooms hand-selected at market and stuffed with a delicious artichoke-parmesan filling.

Entrée - Select One Entrée of Your Choice:

- Beef Filets with Sherry Mushroom Sauce** - Beef filets are simply seasoned with fresh garlic and Herbes de Provence, then are baked - or grilled - to perfection before being topped with an elegant Sherry-laced sauce of market fresh mushrooms, diced onions, and a touch of butter.
- Filet of Salmon with Orange Reduction** - Heart-healthy salmon filets are topped with an elegant orange and white wine reduction infused with sherry and ginger. The flavors in this one are truly amazing!
- Shrimp Alfredo with Portabella Mushrooms** - Shrimp, sautéed with freshly sliced mushrooms, green onions and a touch of garlic are tossed in a rich Alfredo sauce and served over pasta.
- Chicken Cutlets with White Wine Sauce** - Thin-sliced chicken cutlets are pan sautéed and topped with a delicate white wine sauce that includes chicken broth, fresh diced onion, parsley and a touch of butter.

Sides – Select Two Sides of Your Choice:

- Baby Carrots in Herb Butter** - Baby carrots bask in our delicious herb butter.
- Basil Pesto Linguine** - Linguine cooked to al dente perfection is tossed in our freshly prepared basil pesto.
- Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes** - Traditional creamy buttermilk mashed potatoes.
- Roasted Asparagus with Herb Butter** - Market-fresh asparagus spears roasted and served with our freshly prepared herb butter.
- Roasted Red Pepper Mashed Potatoes** - Pureed roasted red pepper is added to creamy mashed potatoes.

Dessert – Select One Dessert of Your Choice:

- Individual Chocolate Marquis Dessert** - Two individual double chocolate delights. These are all-natural gourmet restaurant desserts with spectacular presentation and simple preparation. Thaw 15 minutes and serve.
- Individual Key Lime Calypso Dessert** - Two individual key lime mousse with white chocolate delights. These are all-natural gourmet restaurant desserts with spectacular presentation and simple preparation. Thaw 15 minutes and serve.

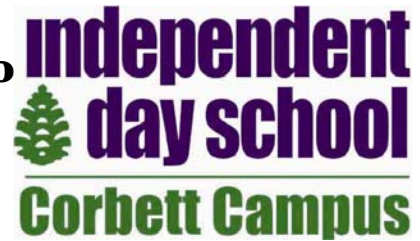
Please turn in all orders by Monday, February 9th so that we are sure to have your meals fresh and ready for pickup by Valentine's Day!

Orders may be picked up at Dinner Done on Friday, February 13th, after 3pm or Saturday, February 14th, after 11am.

www.DinnerDone.com



**IDS Valentine's Day Gourmet ToGo
Fundraiser Order Form**
Percentage of Proceeds to Benefit IDS



To order, please return this form to school by ***Monday, February 9th***.

Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Information:

____ Check is enclosed. (Please make checks payable to "Dinner Done")
 ____ Cash is enclosed.
 ____ Visa/Mastercard: Credit Card #: _____
 Exp: _____ Billing Zipcode: _____
 Signature: _____

Pickup Options (select one):

____ At Dinner Done on Friday, February 13th after 2.30pm.
 ____ At Dinner Done on Saturday, February 14th after 11am.

Select the package of your choice – see reverse for more information →
 Or create your own using the form on the back.
 All packages serve 2 adults. \$38.50 per package.

The "Love Me Forever" Package.
 Fresh Tossed Salad, Rolls, Crab Cakes, Filet of Salmon with Orange Reduction Sauce, Roasted Asparagus, Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes & Chocolate Marquis Dessert. Serves 2 adults.

The "Marry Me Again" Package.
 Fresh Tossed Salad, Rolls, Lobster Bisque, Beef Filets in Sherry Mushroom Sauce, Roasted Asparagus, Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes & Chocolate Marquis Dessert. Serves 2 adults.

The "True Romance" Package.
 Fresh Tossed Salad, Rolls, Baby Portabella Mushrooms with Artichoke Parmesan Filling, Chicken Cutlets with White Wine Sauce, Roasted Red Pepper Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus & Key Lime Calypso Dessert. Serve 2 adults.

The "Kiss Me Now" Package. Fresh Tossed Salad, Rolls, Crab Cakes, Shrimp Alfredo with Portabella Mushrooms, Roasted Asparagus, Baby Carrots & Key Lime Calypso Dessert. Serves 2 adults.

I prefer to create my own package. See the reverse for my selections →

Questions? We're happy to help!
 Please call us at 813.264.7700 or email Carrollwood@DinnerDone.com.