

HEADS' LETTER

FEBRUARY 10, 2005

**Please be sure to check this week's THURSDAY FOLDER
which is filled with IMPORTANT INFORMATION and
KEY DATES for upcoming events!!**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 REFLECTIONS CONCERT in the
THEATRE/TRAINING CENTER at 3:00 PM**



**Highlights include Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and Beethoven
A great way to enjoy family and friends for Valentine's Day
Hope to see everyone there!!!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON FEB. 11 DURING ARRIVAL

Tomorrow, Friday, February 11, there will be 225 teachers and administrators from all over the Bay area, Florida, and as far west as San Francisco attending our Kagan Cooperative Learning Workshop. Their session begins at 8:30 and ends at 3:30. During the day, the visitors will be observing our teachers teach what they would normally teach except they have scheduled times for modeling cooperative structures. These structures are highly correlated to increased time on task and thus increased achievement in both academic and social skills. The amount of teachers wanting to visit is very gratifying. Unfortunately, we had to close out the workshop this past Monday because the numbers kept rising beyond what we were willing and able to accommodate.

When our visitors observe in our classrooms, they always see much more than cooperative learning, as teachers live the *M.O.R.E. Approach* (page 48 in our book, *It's All About Kids: Every Child Deserves a "Teacher of the Year"*). By opening our doors to other educators, we have an opportunity to give community service to the greater educational community and in turn have an impact on hundreds of students. How can you help join us in this effort?

- 1. Please drop-off at arrival and avoid parking if possible. Please leave parking spaces for our visitors. We have arranged for extra parking and officers will be here to help.***
- 2. Please be sure your children are here by 8:00 AM so that they can begin their day on time with their classes. This will be, as usual, a heavy academic day with an emphasis on time on task.***

Saturday, February 12, our faculty and staff plus 350 educators will have the honor of attending a workshop with world-renowned educators Dr. Spencer and Laurie Kagan on Brain-Friendly Teaching and Learning and Cooperative Learning for Increased Achievement. This will be the seventh year that IDS has hosted this event. Because of their gratitude to our faculty, the Kagans have generously given each teacher a copy of Dr. Kagan's new bestseller *Win/Win Discipline*. It is a great book!



RESULTS from the USED BOOK SALE sponsored by the INTERMEDIATE DIVISION STUDENT COUNCIL!



We are proud to announce that the Book Fair raised **\$1,500.00!** That is amazing! At the next Monday Morning Meeting (end of February) they will announce where and how they will send the money to benefit both the Tsunami Relief Fund and their community project.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE THURSDAY FOLDER ENCLOSURES

1. BIG EVENT ENCLOSURES:

a. The **INVITATION** to a *Rainforest Rhapsody: An Amazon Adventure* is **HERE!**



b. **Tuition Credit Opportunity (TCO) Raffle Tickets:** Only 125 will be sold!

c. **Rainforest Retreat for IDS Faculty and Staff Raffle Tickets For A Treat They Will LOVE!**



2. Yearbook Ads Available for Purchase - Be sure to remember your children in the yearbook! Ad space is limited, so please reserve your spot in the yearbook as soon as possible!

3. Reflections Concert Order Form: We will have free decorate-your-own Valentine cookies for the children, plus coffee, water, and cheesecake available (at a small cost) for everyone after the concert. John McColley (IDS Class of 2002) will be playing the harp for our enjoyment in the pavilion, before and after the concert.



4. Camp IDS Brochure: According to many people, "*Camp IDS is the best camp in Tampa.*" Be sure to return your registration form as soon as possible. Extra brochures are available in the office for any of your friends who are interested.

5. Scrip: We have sold approximately \$65,000 and made about \$5000 to date. We have sold and profited now, as much as we had by the end of last year. Continue to shop using Scrip!



PFA NEWS

BIG EVENT TCOs: Tuition Credit Opportunity

Would you like to win \$5000 toward next year's tuition?

For \$100 you can have that chance or you can buy two for \$175 or you can share with a friend. Only 125 tickets will be sold.

SNO-CONE SALE at Middle School to benefit the Arts

Our PFA volunteers will be selling Sno-Cones **Friday, February 11** at lunch to benefit the Fine Arts. Cost \$1.00



MESSAGE FROM PFA, RPC COORDINATOR, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEE, BILLIE VALLOREO



**What to do with those Gasparilla beads?
IDS Parents Come Together for Community Service**



This year IDS is participating in the Great Bead Recall. All you have to do is bring those unwanted strands of gasparilla beads to the bead box in the East Campus office by **March 1**. These beads will then be sorted and then repackaged for purchase by area Krewes. Proceeds from the Great Bead Recall are given to The Faces of Courage Foundation, Inc. This is a locally based non-profit organization that raises funds necessary to provide camps for families affected by cancer and blood disorders.

9TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST for all students and families



DATE: Saturday, March 5
TIME: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
LOCATION: Corbett Hall



Throughout the breakfast, we will have entertainment featuring performances by our bands, choruses and the drama league; also there will be hands-on art activities that our Visual Arts Department is sponsoring.

**LOOK FOR TICKET ORDER FORMS IN
NEXT WEEK'S THURSDAY FOLDER.**

RAINFOREST RHAPSODY AN AMAZON ADVENTURE

FROM YOUR BIG EVENT RAINFOREST EXPEDITION GUIDES:
JULIE SALEK AND KATHY VON THADEN

INVITATIONS ARE IN TODAY'S THURSDAY FOLDER!
Get ready for an exciting evening of dinner and dancing.
Let's raise money the IDS way at Rainforest Rhapsody 2005.
PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 4, 2005!

The judges (teachers and staff) had quite a challenge this week in determining the winner of this year's **Catalog Cover Contest**. We had an overwhelming amount of fabulous entries

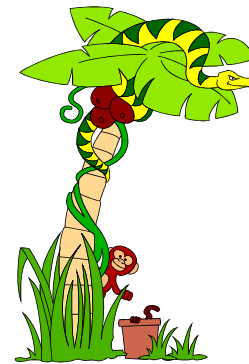
- First Place - **Cassidy Brown**, Multiage - 2nd
- Second Place - **Abigail Friedman**, 4th

Cassidy's drawing will be on front of all of the catalogs. She will receive a \$25 gift certificate for IDS Scrip. Abigail will receive a \$15 gift certificate for IDS Scrip. All of the entries will be displayed at the event for all to see! Thank you for participating!

HOT OFF THE VINE!

Thank you for all of your donations. Your Rainforest Expedition Guides appreciate that you are always so generous in donating items for your class baskets and general auction items as well! Swing in and bid on:

- Autographed memorabilia
- Trips to NYC, Saddlebrook and Colorado
- Jewelry
- Sports tickets
- Dining experiences
- A full year of karate lessons
- Headmaster of the Year
- Corbett Hall Sleepover for 40 kids
- Hummer Limousine Party
- So much more!!!!



Rainforest Retreat

Send your favorite IDS faculty or staff member on a Rainforest Retreat! See the insert in today's *Heads' Letter* for your chance to show your child's favorite teacher how much they are appreciated! A five-dollar ticket could send them on an overnight trip for rest and relaxation! They will love it!

TCO

See the insert to the *Heads' Letter* (or stop by the office) to buy your TCO raffle ticket. Here is your opportunity to save \$5000 on next year's tuition!!!