

HEADS' LETTER

FEBRUARY 21, 2008



RED ALERT: LUNCH FORMS DUE ASAP!
NEW OFFERING BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008



MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 BEGINS OUR THIRD LUNCH OFFERING: Just two days ago, we enjoyed chicken and rice, fresh delicious cut fruit, and salad. Yesterday, we devoured pizza, scrumptious fruit, fresh salad, and a melt in your mouth home-made cookie. In order to insure enough lunches on March 3, 2008, your form needs to be turned in by **February 25**. Order now and save each day. The IDS lunch forms can be found on our website at <http://www.idsyes.com/lunch.html> or by calling the office at (813) 961-3087.

FABULOUS - FANTASTIC - FINE ARTS ENTERTAINMENT! IT'S A "WOW" OF OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008, REFLECTIONS CONCERT – 4:00 P.M. IN THE FARISH CENTER:** Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. IDS hosts an outstanding Reflections Chamber Music Concert featuring "Woodworks," a professional marimba ensemble. The concert features lively arrangements that include ragtime favorites by Scott Joplin and marches by John Philip Sousa. Following the concert, everyone is invited to our percussion playground where you can experience instruments! The concert is in the Farish Center. Tickets are available at the door, \$8 for students and \$10 for adults.



The next session of lessons in the **Community School of the Arts** begins Monday. Lessons are available for students and adults. Registration forms are available in the IDS office or online at: <http://www.idsyes.com/community-school.htm>. Please contact Tom McColley, tmccolley@idsyes.com if you have questions.

- 2. IDS MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS: "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST":** A musical extravaganza beginning Wednesday, February 27 through Sunday, March 2. Students will be performing Wednesday through Friday with show times at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Our IDS Faculty will be performing with students on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Please look in your Thursday folder for your ticket order form to support your fellow students and teachers!
- 3. 12th ANNUAL FINE ARTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST – SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008, FROM 8:00 – 11:00 A.M. - A PERFECT FAMILY MORNING:** There are those who say that this is one of their most favorite family times. The combination of breakfast, entertainment, and our joy that we see through our precious students makes for a perfect morning each year. Be sure to support the arts, allow your children to be part of this entire morning, and everyone can enjoy being with other IDS families. Purchase tickets early through the order form in your Thursday folder. Remember, Saturday, March 8, 2008!



STAND UP AND CHEER!

1. **THIRD GRADE RELIVES HISTORY AT ST. AUGUSTINE:** Last week on Wednesday and Thursday the Third Grade All Stars hit a grand slam in historic St. Augustine. 53 third graders and 50 parents traveled back through time to experience life during the First Spanish Period. Parents and teachers were impressed with the exemplary behavior, and the incredible amount of knowledge and expertise the third graders shared at seven historical sites. As we visited each historical site the students were able to get answers to questions they generated from our IB Unit "Who We Are". Some highlights from our trip included; climbing the 219 steps to the top of the Lighthouse, learning how a soldier's wounds were treated at the Spanish Military Hospital, and watching the teachers get brain surgery! The students saw first hand how St. Augustine changed from Spanish occupation to British occupation and back to Spanish occupation. The Castillo de San Marcos was an amazing experience for the students as they experienced the Fort they read about and talked about in class. Dinner at the Columbia Restaurant was delicious! A **HUGE THANKS** to IDS parent Casey Gonzmart!!

Students were excited to share these thoughts about the trip when we returned to school on Tuesday. Sample quotes are:



"My favorite part was drinking from the Fountain of Youth because I will be alive forever."

"My favorite part of the trip was when we went to the fort because we got to see the cannons and the coquina."

"I learned the Flagler Church was built in memory of the Flagler's daughter."

"When you were twelve you had to be in the war."

"I loved learning more information that I can share with my family."

"I will always remember this trip."

2. **MULTI-AGE BRILLIANT BUGS TELLS US ABOUT HEROES:** The Multi-Age Brilliant Bugs (Grades 1 and 2) wowed their audience with a dazzling performance on Wednesday. The play, entitled "Our Heroes," focused on what qualities a hero might have. The show was modeled after the Brilliant Bug classroom, complete with amazing students and talented teachers. Just like the Brilliant Bugs, the on stage classroom studied important individuals who have impacted society in a positive way. A highlight of this performance was the transformation of Brilliant Bug students into these notable characters as they brought them to life on stage. The audience was impressed with the confidence, presence and clear speaking voices of each and every Brilliant Bug. For many Bugs this was their first on stage performance, and we are so proud of the hard work and effort put forth by every student...they looked like true professionals! BRAVO to Mrs. Borosh and Mrs. Jones for their support and guidance!
3. **KINDERGARTEN COMBINES MYSTERY, SUSPENSE, AND LITERATURE:** This week the Kindergarten Frogs have begun to write a story that will incorporate story elements learned through our current unit entitled: Tell Me A Story. This unit utilizes the literary works of Eric Carle. The characters of this story will be a Milk Frog, a Clown Frog and a Pajama Frog, all real kinds of frogs! The children decided that the setting would be in the Haunted Mansion at Disney World. The problem would be that the three frogs are trapped in the mansion at night and the solution...well, keep tuned to find out! The children will work in teams to create illustrations to match the story that will be written by all of our Kindergarten Frogs! We will share this story with our friends at the IDS Young Author Day!

INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL BOOK SALE

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008, INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL BOOK SALE for used and gently used books, takes place on the eastside of the campus. All IDSers will be able to visit the book sale. The cost is from \$0.50 to \$1.00. Thanks to third, fourth, and fifth grades, for this great opportunity for more options of books to read, read, and read!!! Donations of books are welcomed and requested.

EIGHTH GRADE HOST IDS SKATING PARTY AT UNITED SKATES OF AMERICA - MARCH 4, 2008

The skating party will be from 3:30 – 5:30 pm at United Skates of America located at 5121 N. Armenia Ave. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the door. Proceeds from this event will be used to support the eighth grade gift to the school.



PFA NEWS



The Big Event Committee needs YOU!


1. Our auctions are only successful with donations from IDS families! As a parent, we hope you are supporting the school by donating to your class baskets as well as to the general auction. Donations of all sizes are appreciated! The general request is that each family donates *two items* each year for the auction. Ask your salon, personal trainer, chiropractor, manicurist, interior decorator, sports coach, music instructor 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!
2. 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! Your business will be advertised on signage on the fence at the school, on signage at the event, in the catalog and on the IDS Big Event website! Please consider becoming a business sponsor today!
3. At the Big Event, we have a slide show with pictures of the students around campus. In order to have a fun way to involve the kids in our theme, we would like to have pictures of your kids playing sports emailed to us to add to the slide show! Send your favorite pictures of your child playing on a sports team or riding a bike or swimming etc. to bigevent@live.com so we can add it to the collection! Please send the pictures in their smallest available format.
4. The popular Tuition Credit Opportunity, or "TCO", is back! There will be 125 raffle tickets available for sale. The winning raffle ticket will provide a \$5,000 credit towards tuition next year! Check out the insert in this week's Heads' Letter!
5. There is just one more week for your child to enter the cover contest!
6. Big Event meetings are held every Thursday at 8:15 a.m. on the second floor of the New Building (above Kindergarten). Drop by any meeting to get involved in helping with this fun and fantastic event! Call Julie Salek at (813) 382-2525 with any questions.
7. LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION IN NEXT WEEK'S HEADS' LETTER!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008 – 6:30 P.M. TIL...

A NIGHT TO ENJOY FOR IDS PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND FRIENDS!

COMMUNITY ADS


PROFESSIONAL CONCERT SERIES



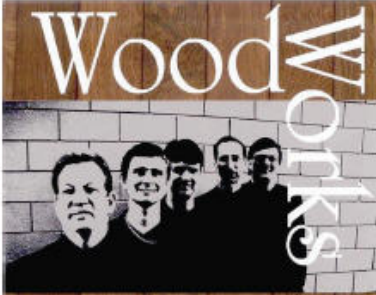
REFLECTIONS

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 24, 2008
4:00 PM.**

JOIN US AFTER THE CONCERT
FOR COOKIES and A HANDS-ON
PERCUSSION PLAYGROUND
(ADULTS CAN PLAY TOO!)



TICKETS
\$8.00 STUDENT
\$10.00 ADULT



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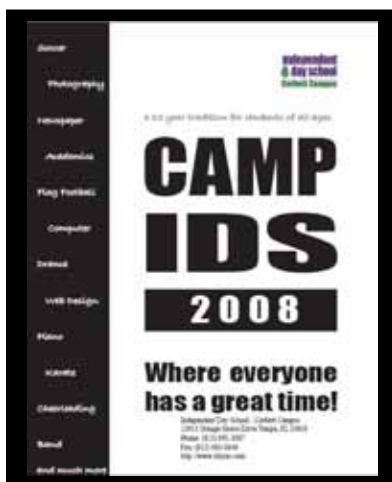
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For additional information and tickets contact
Tom McColey or Michael LeBlanc 961-3087 x335
tmccoley@idsyes.com



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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 also
found in
Thursday Folder.**



You could be the very lucky recipient of the PFA sponsored annual Tuition Credit Opportunity, or TCO, which will be chosen on March 3, 2007 at this year's Big Event. The winner will automatically receive a credit of \$5,000 towards his or her child's 2008-2009 tuition. Only 125 tickets will be sold, so be sure to act quickly. Here are some details on how the TCO works:

- 👤 Funds raised from the sale of Tuition Credit Opportunities will be split two ways: \$5,000 will be automatically applied towards the tuition of the child whose family wins the TCO. The balance will be added to the net proceeds of "Sports Jam." These proceeds go into the IDS General Operating Fund, thereby helping IDS keep its tuition costs as low as possible.
- 👤 You may purchase TCOs from now up to and including the night of the Big Event on April 5, 2008. Only 125 TCOs will be sold. By purchasing two, you are able to increase your chances of winning and get a value price on the tickets!



# of TCOs	Purchase Amount
1	\$100.00
2	\$175.00



- 👤 There can only be one winning TCO for the year; however, if you share the cost of a TCO ticket with a friend and that ticket wins, the tuition credit can be split. (Just make sure that all purchasers' names are on the TCO purchase form.) For all remaining participants, the cost of the ticket is tax deductible. (Please consult your personal tax professional.)
- 👤 You will be contacted by phone if you are elsewhere the night of the Big Event, although you will definitely enjoy yourselves if you are there!
- 👤 Fill out the form below, include your check payable to IDS, and either mail it to IDS-attn: TCO or return it in your child's Thursday folder by Thursday, April 4, 2008. Ticket(s) purchased prior to April 4th will be included in your child's Thursday folder the following week. Tickets purchased after April 4th will be in your registration packet at the Big Event. Any one who plans to be elsewhere that evening can pickup their ticket(s) in the school office.

Name(s): _____

Phone#: _____

Address/ City/ Zip: _____

Please check the option that applies: 1 TCO ticket at \$100 2 TCO tickets at \$175

Enclosed is my check for \$_____



Middle School Musical Theatre Elective Presents:

BEAUTY & THE BEAST



*You'll want to see this show over & over & over!!!
A spectacular opportunity!!!
Bring everyone you know!!!*

All IDS-CC students will see one of the 9 AM performances. Therefore, we will have only limited seating available for guests during those morning shows. Current students of IDS-CC may reserve complimentary tickets for evening performances. Please indicate clearly below all purchased and complimentary tickets, so that we can accommodate everyone comfortably. Thank you!
For questions, contact Iza Winston (961 3369) or email maria.winston@verizon.net
Turn completed forms into the front office!
Please come and enjoy the show!

#of Tickets for \$5.00	#of Tickets for IDS-CC students		Show Times:
_____	_____	(Green cast)	9:00 AM—Wed., Feb. 27
_____	_____	(Green cast)	7:00 PM- Wed., Feb. 27
_____	_____	(White cast)	9:00 AM—Thurs., Feb. 28
_____	_____	(White cast)	7:00 PM -Thurs., Feb. 28
_____	_____	(Purple cast)	9:00 AM -Frid., Feb. 29
_____	_____	(Purple cast)	7:00 PM - Frid., Feb. 29

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____



***IDS Faculty pool their talent with Alumns and Middle Schoolers
for another extraordinary performance of:***

BEAUTY & THE BEAST



**When: Saturday, March 1st at 7:00 PM
& Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM.**

Come see Mr. LeBlanc, Mrs. Rivera, Mr. & Mrs. Bronson, Mrs. Rowe, Mr. Craddock, Mr. Richter, Mrs. Price, Miss Marie, Mrs Pomet, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. & Mrs. Travaglino and alumni students Sara Dobish, Allie Rivera, and Savannah Walters along with our middle school students for a great night of fun for all! To reserve your tickets, please indicate clearly below, which performance you would like to attend, and how many seats you need! Thank you!

For questions, contact Seth Travaglino
or email stravaglino@idsyes.com
Please come and enjoy the show!

#of Tickets
for \$5.00

Show Times:

_____ (Teacher Cast) 7:00 PM—Saturday, March 1st
_____ (Teacher Cast) 2:00 PM- Sunday, March 2nd

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

ONE PER FAMILY



Breakfast with the Arts: The 12th Annual IDS Pancake Breakfast!

Saturday, March 8, 2008
8:00 - 11:00 AM
Corbett Hall, IDS campus



Cost in advance: \$7.00 (per Adult) and \$5.00 (per Child)
Tickets will be distributed at the door.
Cost at door: \$8.00 (per Adult) and \$6.00 (per Child)

Featuring IDS students of all ages performing in bands, choruses, dramatic presentations, and hands-on art activities sponsored by the Visual Arts Department!

Adult portion includes four 5" pancakes, syrup, two sausages or bacon, with coffee, juice, and/or water.
Child portion includes two 5" pancakes, syrup, one sausage or bacon, with juice and/or water.

Proceeds benefit the IDS Fine Arts Division.



Breakfast with the Arts



Name: _____

Student: _____ Grade: _____

No. of tickets: Adult(s): ____ @ \$7.00 _____

Child(ren): ____ @ \$5.00 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO IDS

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No. of tickets: Adult(s): ____ @ \$7.00 _____

Child(ren): ____ @ \$5.00 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO IDS

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Just two more
weeks for
tickets!!!

IDS Students

We're having a
school skating party
and you're invited!



**Tuesday March 4th
3:30-5:30pm**

Tickets \$4 in advance (\$5 at the door)
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Skating Party Ticket Order Form

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Number of Tickets Ordered: _____

Just two more weeks for tickets!!!

Learning And Fun: Synonym Or Antonym

For immediate release: February 14, 2008

Tampa, Fla.

At Tampa's Independent Day School – Corbett Campus, the enthusiastic answer is: SYNONYM, thanks to the use of the Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures.

Based on an international research program begun by Dr. Spencer Kagan in 1969, the Kagan technique has proven to increase academic achievement, enhance self-esteem and awaken new levels of learning in all types of students.

Long a model school for the highly regarded Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures, IDS again hosted a Kagan Workshop on February 8th and 9th. Visiting educators not only enjoyed the opportunity to witness the learning structures first hand in the classroom, but also to attend workshops led by Dr. Kagan and his wife, author Laurie Kagan.

In Jennifer Jones' and Sammi Borosh's blended first-second grade multiage class, students learned the difference between synonyms and antonyms through the use of a technique called "Showdown." Working in groups of four, the students independently answered a question, then shared/checked answers and coached each other as needed. At the end of each round, "Showdown" also included a bit of a "brain break" in the form of a celebratory "team cheer." The children took turns serving as Showdown Captain for each round, encouraging the development of leadership skills in addition to building vocabulary.

Across the vibrant campus in Rania ElChaar's and Lori Hohmann's PreK4 class, the children were seated in small groups practicing writing their numbers through the Kagan structure "Show Me," by following Mrs. ElChaar's rhyming verbal instructions:

"Backward 'C', backward 'C,' that's how we make a three!"
"Start at the top, down you run, that's the way we make a one!"
"Across the sky, slide down from heaven, that's the way we make a seven!"

After each rhyming clue, the teacher called: "One, two, three – show me!" then offered praise and coaching as warranted, followed by a short cheering session.

And in Michael Vokoun's eighth-grade English class, the students were actively engaged in the "Quiz Quiz Trade" learning structure, pairing up, asking each other a question found on note cards about the formal five-paragraph essay, coaching and/or praising the response, and then switching partners after each set of questions. This structure allows students to be up and moving while also reviewing a large amount of material in a short time. However, it also allows students to work on their social skills as well.

"Learning problems go away when kids are engaged, moving about and interacting with each other," observed workshop attendee, Mary Beth Smoot, of the Orange County School District Instructional Support team.

At IDS, the Kagan structures, along with other learning techniques in line with the M.O.R.E. (Multiple Options for Results in Education) philosophy, keep the joy and challenge in learning and make it possible for every child to have to have *A Teacher of the Year*.

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited, independent school located on Orange Grove Drive in northwest Hillsborough County with 550 students from PreK3 through 8th grade. At IDS, all children experience learning in a nurturing and highly academic environment focused on excellence and developing a positive self-concept. IDS-CC has become recognized as an exemplary school with over 3,000 visitors observing and learning from and with IDS-CC teachers. For more information about IDS visit www.idsy.com.

Contact: Pam Barfield, Director of Admissions- Independent Day School-Corbett Campus Telephone: (813) 961-3087

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

February 25-29, 2008

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location of game	Pick-Up	Pick-up/Comments
Mon.	4:30	Track-Girls Meet	Relay Meet	Berkeley	TBA	They will call
2/25	3:00	Softball	Practice	Softball field	4:30	
Tues.	4:30	Track-Girls Team	Relay Meet			
2/26	5:00	Volleyball (Girls)	Club	Corbett Hall	7:00	
Weds.	3:00	Track-Boys Team	Practice	Forest Hills	4:45	
2/27	3:00	Softball	Practice	Softball field	4:30	
	3:00	Tennis	Tryouts	MP Tennis	5:00	
	3:00	Baseball	Tryouts	Baseball field	5:00	New players/6th Graders
Thur.	4:30	Track-Boys Team	Relay Meet	Berkeley	TBA	They will call
2/28	3:00	Softball	Practice	Softball field	4:30	
	3:00	Tennis	Tryouts	MP Tennis	5:00	
	off	Baseball	off			
	-	Girls' Vermont Team	Tournament	Vermont		Good Luck!
Fri.	3:00	Tennis	Tryouts	MP Tennis	5:00	
2/29	off	Softball	off			
	3:00	White Baseball	Practice	Baseball field	5:00	
	-	Girls' Vermont Teams	Tournament	Vermont		

Practice for girls' Vermont teams are to be announced. Call Coach Heller at school or Coach Sonny for all questions.

Directions: Berkeley Prep School: 4811 Kelly Rd. Tampa, FL. (813) 885-1673

Take Dale Mabry Hwy south to the Hillsborough Ave. exit and make a right onto Hillsborough Ave.

Left onto Kelly Rd (TJ Maxx and Mobil station on the corner).

The school is on the left.