



HEADS' LETTER

FEBRUARY 24, 2005

**CALLING ALL IDS PARENT VOLUNTEERS
MONDAY MORNING MEETING WILL HONOR YOU**

Parents, this is your chance to model, for your children and all the children at IDS, the value of community service dedicated to making an education environment soar through the efforts of many working together for a common cause. The celebration begins at the Monday Morning Meeting on February 28, and continues with a catered breakfast in the Theatre/Training Center to recognize the 2004 - 2005 IDS volunteers. We thank you for all of your volunteer efforts. Whether in the classroom or in support of special projects or events, your time and effort at IDS makes a difference. See you on Monday, February 28th at 8:05 A.M.

**PLEASE INCLUDE IDS IN YOUR UPCOMING
FAMILY AND/OR ADULT ONLY PLANS!!!**

MARCH 5 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 11:00 A.M. The place to be is IDS for a family morning...It's our 9th Annual Pancake Breakfast!!! It is a perfect way to start your day with good friends and our children performing throughout the morning. We hope to see everyone there to support the arts! All children are expected to perform as part of their community service, as they join with others to create a wonderful morning of music and performance. *Look in your Thursday folder for pancake order form.*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE



- 8:00 A.M. ADVANCED BAND**
- 8:30 A.M. PRIMARY**
- 9:00 A.M. BEGINNING BAND**
- 9:30 A.M. INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**
- 10:00 A.M. WARRIORS PRIDE CHORUS**
- 10:30 A.M. SPIRIT OF IDS CHORUS**



MARCH 12 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. MARKS THE MOST FUN NIGHT OF THE YEAR! This is a guaranteed fun evening with so much to do, great food and more, more, more!!! Please plan to be at the Big Event...See details on page 4 and make sure you get your R.S.V.P. in early. We have already made ours!!!

IDS LAUNCHES OUR FIRST PRE-K 3 CLASS FOR 2005 - 2006 ACADEMIC YEAR!

We have heard your requests! So, now is your opportunity to call and talk to Mrs. Barfield, Director of Admissions, for more information about the Pre-K 3 class (813) 961-3087.

FIFTH GRADE PLAY BRINGS AUTHENTIC ENGLISH ACCENTS TO THE IDS STAGE!!!

Yes indeed, the IDS fifth graders were "jolly good" actors and actresses during their three performances of *Mr. Toad's Mad Adventures* on Wednesday, February 23. Parents and students were astonished at how well they added an English flair to the stage by learning their lines with English accents. By golly, they did it!!! And in fact, they did it well.

Each color group (green, purple, and white) performed the same play adding everyone's own personalities, making each performance special. The fabulous fifth graders also practiced some valuable life lessons:

- 1.) As they watched their peers perform, they cheered them on with encouragement and pride.
- 2.) They practiced good audience skills of listening and patience sitting through each of the three shows.
- 3.) As the leaders of the eastside, they had the opportunity to model exemplary stage presence and clear speech for the rest of the school.

Bravo to Seth Travaglino for another excellent drama production and to the PFA Drama Committee who works so hard to make other people's children look terrific. A big thanks to the RPCs for their support and to all of the fifth grade parents who helped during the show and/or contributed as a wonderful, appreciative audience.

APPRECIATING DIVERSITY: MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25



On Friday, February 25, the Middle School students will culminate their study and projects on multi-cultural topics by hosting for the whole school demonstrations, exhibits, and presentations, including the sixth grade's simulation of a United Nations General Assembly Debate. The research is clear...when we teach, we often learn the most...Pre-K through fifth grade will learn from our student leaders in the middle school as each finds a creative way to teach the lessons learned about diverse cultures and people.

What a wonderful opportunity for our eastside students to see great modeling in the middle school "palace". Our faculty and students have worked so hard to make this day one of the most memorable yet. Students will have a greater understanding of who we are in relation to the rest of the world...There will also be a "Food Court" set up to test out international cuisines.

In addition, part of the day includes presentations by the outstanding Columbia Restaurant Flamenco Dancers and the area known Kuumba Dancers and Drummers. A huge thanks to our Spanish Team of Teachers for collaborating with the middle school teachers to insure a great integrated curriculum learning opportunity for all...We will have a day of "live events" in social studies, reading, language, social skills and more!!!!



PFA NEWS:



IDS BOOSTERS SPONSORING A SKATING PARTY TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2005

This fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, March 1st from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. at United Skates of America. Please look for the insert in your Thursday folder for more information on how to sign up for a “rolling” good time.

WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE GASPARILLA BEADS?

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.

Thank you Billie Valloreo, PFA/RPC Coordinator.

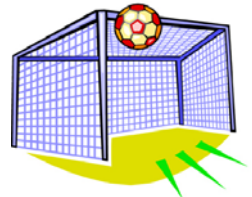
A PERSONALIZED AD WILL MAKE THIS YEAR'S YEARBOOK MORE SPECIAL THAN EVER...

Be sure to remember your children in the yearbook
Call (813) 961-3087 to connect with our Middle School Yearbook Students and Staff.

PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers

(To our IDS families, please share special moments so that everyone can enjoy with you.)

CONGRATULATIONS to 5th Graders **Andrea Broad** and **Jamie Rice**. Their Hillsborough United Soccer team (girls 12 and under) won the Gasparilla Cup Tournament on February 20th. Jamie scored the winning goal and Andrea was named the Most Valuable Player! Their team has also been selected to represent their league in an exhibition game at Raymond James Stadium on March 5th. **WAY TO GO!!!**



CONGRATULATIONS to 7th Grader **Spencer Dewey** playing for the National Team Mizuno – rated #1 in the U.S. for 13 and under. This weekend they were undefeated in the International Baseball Congress Spring Nationals – making them National Champions Spring 2005. This is the sixth straight National Championship Tournament in a row that Team Mizuno won. Dad and IDS Coach and Math Team member, Don Dewey, is one of the coaches! On Sunday, in the championship game, Spencer hit three triples in a row! Spencer you are amazing and a proud **WARRIOR SALUTE** goes to you!



RAINFOREST RHAPSODY

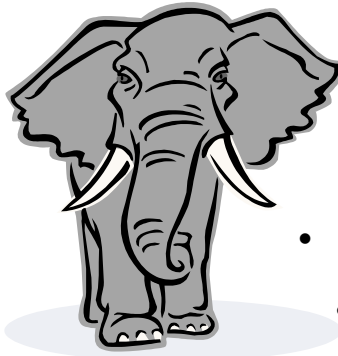
Only 16 days until the adventure!



REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR RSVPs!

Your passport to party is \$50 now and \$60 at the door for a night of fun-raising and fund-raising the IDS way!

Have you heard that rumble in the jungle? That is the roar of excitement over the auction items! There's something for everyone in all price ranges. Follow the herd to bid on these fantastic donations, just to name a few:



- Autographed pictures of Brandy Chastain, Marty St. Louis, Hilary Duff, Carly Patterson and more!
 - Trips to NYC, Colorado, the beach and more
 - Reserved seats at Fine Arts Nights
- Autographed Stanley Cup Champion Tampa Bay Lightning Photo/ Hockey Stick
 - Experiences of a lifetime for your child like Headmaster for the day, excursions with IDS staff, Corbett Hall Sleepover and more
- Game tickets for the Bucs, USE, Devil Rays and New York Yankees Spring Training Camp
- Priceless Class Creations designed and completed by your children & their classmates
 - Three years of martial arts classes
- Gift certificates for dinner...from McDonald's to Bern's Steakhouse or The Columbia

REMINDER:

A Big Event Committee meeting will be held tomorrow morning in the Black Box Theatre Break Out Room. If you would like to get involved in helping at Rainforest Rhapsody, please join us at 8:15 a.m. tomorrow or call Julie at (813) 382-2525 or Kathy at (813) 695-6784. We appreciate your assistance!

Have you bought your raffle tickets yet?

- ❖ Buy your opportunity for a \$5,000 credit towards your child's 2005 - 2006 tuition!
- ❖ Show your teacher how much they are appreciated by getting them a chance for an overnight hotel stay!

