

IDS YES!!!

HEADS' LETTER

MARCH 2, 2006

KEY DATES: REMINDER

1. For the whole Family: **Annual Fine Arts Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, March 4, 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.** Students, be sure to wear your IDS polo shirt!!!
2. **Early Dismissal** for Teacher In-service Day on **Wednesday, March 8.** Pick-up time is promptly at 12:00 P.M. Extended Day available until 6:00 P.M. Reservations needed. Call Marie at (813) 961-3087. Each child must **bring a lunch for Extended Day.**
3. Plus: This Friday, March 3, Fine Arts sponsors Sno-cone Day on the eastside and Ice Cream Day on the westside. Cost is \$1.00.
4. Enclosed is the **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** Brochure and registration form for Session IV. The session begins the day we return from Spring break on Tuesday, March 28.
5. PFA Council Meeting, March 8 at 8:00 A.M. in the Laney Library.

Rock Around The Clock
A Flashback to the Fabulous 50's 

9 DAYS UNTIL THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!!! SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Question: Why do people love the Big Event?

Answer: Because it's **fun**, while also helping our school soar during a night **dedicated to GROWN-UPS!!**

Question: Why do people come year after year and still have a great time?

Answer: To support their fellow IDS parents who work all year with **PFA** to make this a special event for their school, **and/or** because it is a terrific evening with silent auctions, live auctions, a great dinner menu, music---a perfectly designed evening. All proceeds go to supporting classrooms and this beautiful campus.

Question: So what's the dress?

Answer: Dress Casual. (Theme attire is totally optional.)

Question: How do I get tickets?

Answer: Make your reservation early so that all of your packets will be ready for you when you arrive. Before March 11, cost is \$50, and \$60 at the door. For more questions, please call the office at (813) 961-3087.

Question: When do I get the Auction Catalog?

Answer: Be sure to look in your Thursday folder next week on March 9 for the Auction Catalog!!!!

Question: Can I still buy a TCO to have a chance to get \$5,000 off tuition next year? Or buy a raffle ticket to honor my child's teacher and give him/her a chance to win?

Answer: Yes, definitely. Call the office or Sandy McCullin at (813) 404-7714, or Julie Salek at (813) 382-2525, or Kathy Von Thaden at (813) 695-6784.

Bravo to all of you who have already made your reservations!!!! We are sooooo glad you are coming for a great time and appreciate your support!!!!

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

THE ANNUAL MULTI-CULTURAL DAY: Wednesday, March 1, brought a new twist to our Annual Multi-Cultural Day sponsored by the Middle School. Always raising the bar, Middle School teachers brilliantly planned their lessons around a global perspective that honors diversity at home and abroad. They made a seamless connection with the latest business training rage called *WORLD CAFE*.

The World Cafe concept combined with our Annual Multi-Cultural Day to create an incredible experience for our middle schoolers. They researched their topics, rehearsed their presentations, practiced presence in hosting an event at each table, and planned all parts of their presentations. Pre-K 3 through 5th grade actively participated in this event and were perfect audiences, during one of four rotations, each one-hour in length.

Beating drums welcomed the visitors to the Middle School Gym. Once seated in the gym at their "cafe" tables, the audiences learned about: currency exchange, country facts and pictures, food from all over the world, stage performances with music, dancing and chants in different languages, poems representing various countries, music that showed the nuances in melodies found in different cultures, and down the runway Asian, Indian, and African traditional dress along with current fashions from Tokyo, London and New York were modeled in a skillfully run fashion show. These were only some of the many highlights, which engaged our IDSers as either presenters or as the audience.

The rave reviews to the Middle School from our own IDS teachers from grades Pre-K through 5th grade were well-deserved by both our MS teachers and students. For example, passing through the 3rd grade class yesterday afternoon, one could hear the students reflecting on their experiences in the "World Cafe" by connecting what they learned to their study of ancient civilizations. Discussions like this took place throughout the campus.

In the Middle School at the end of the day, in IDS fashion, the students used the PLUS /DELTA Approach to evaluate the success of this new format for Multi-Cultural Day. We do this reflection process by using a "T Chart" to document what parts of the activity were positive and what parts need to be improved or refined. So before the day was over, everyone on the westside was reflecting on how to improve for next year!!! That is an exemplary model of the "Olympic Mentality" which always searches for ways to go from good to great and great to extraordinary; this we consider to be a life-long learning process. It was a brilliant day for everyone at IDS!!!!

SPRING SPORTS: While the track team finishes their season this week, all other spring sports are already gearing up for the spring season. Track team members range from 4th through 8th grades and include both girls and boys. Coach Fenton and Coach Chumbley, accomplished track athletes themselves, are proud of their 40 athletes. We wish them all the best this week during their meets. Meanwhile, Spring sports include: the tennis team with Coach Rob Heller and Coach Kathy Folen, the girls softball team with Coach Mandy Jankowski and Coach "Mr. T." and the boys baseball team with Coach Don Dewey and Coach David Starkey. We are pleased to have Coach Starkey with us as a University of South Florida intern in P.E. He loves coaching baseball.

FINE ARTS: Last week the Multi-age Brilliant Bugs delighted the audience with their play *Our Heroes*. Teachers Jen Jones, Sammi Clark, and resident Samantha Delestowicz, along with drama teacher Mr. Seth Travaglino, beamed with pride at the poise of their young actors. The "Bugs" applied their knowledge, about the character of people who made a positive impact on the world, to their play storyline. On stage, they demonstrated confidence in presentation filled with academic content. These are all life skills. Congratulations to the Brilliant Bugs.

Also in Drama, **did you know** that there are two musical performances that are in rehearsal right now? Coming in the Spring will be *Annie Jr.*, which will be performed by the IDS Warrior's Pride Chorus (4th and 5th graders) directed by Mr. Michael LeBlanc, and *Aladdin*, which rehearses on Saturdays and will be performed by the IDS Community Musical Theater directed by Mr. Seth Travaglino.

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COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL RECITAL: Thursday, February 24, in the Theatre Training Center (soon to be officially the Farish Center), the **Community Music School** held its **winter recital**. Students performed to the delight of the audience as each musician demonstrated his/her progress, talent and enjoyment of music. The Jazz Ensemble and voice class also performed. Four more recitals featuring all Community Music School students will take place in May. Bravo to participants: Lyndsey Ausburn, Jeremy Baker, Avi Baskin, Teresa Chorvat, Jade Cohn, Sara Dobish, Michael Evanoff, Abigail Friedman, David Friedman, Olivia Hamilton, Zack Idziak, Jeremy Leeds, Luiz Lima, Pedro Lima, Ben McBride, Allyson Moore, Jordan Payne, Ben Peacock, Julia Peacock, Amanda Renaldo, Jacob Velvel, Yael Velvel, Alexa Asendorf - Community, Michael Berlet - Community, and Ellen Pautler - IDS Graduate



BIG EVENT CATALOG will arrive in your Thursday folder on Thursday March 9!!!

BIG EVENT CONTEST RESULTS: Thanks to the wonderful students who took the time and interest to submit their drawings for the cover of the Catalog. We appreciate every one of you. They are: Cassidy Brown, Abigail Friedman, Emma Friedman, Reagan Harrison, Alexis Karpodinis, Emily McMahan, Sydney Stern, Blake von Thaden, and Yael Velvel.

Voting by number with all names hidden, 65 faculty and staff struggled to choose their top two choices. With the votes counted the first place winner is Yael Velvel (3rd grade) and second place winner is Cassidy Brown (3rd grade.) Each won SCRIP of their choice, which was presented at the Monday Morning Meeting.

BIG EVENT HIGHLIGHTS: (SEE ENCLOSURE WITH NEWEST, EXCITING AUCTION ITEM)

THE BIG EVENT COMMITTEE HAS PURCHASED A NEW AND IMPROVED CHECKOUT SYSTEM FOR THIS YEAR!!! This should make checkout time easier and fun!!! Technology to the rescue!!!! It will be great fun!!!

TCOS..ARE TUITION CREDIT OPPORTUNITY... Buying one (or more) for \$100 could earn you \$5,000 off tuition next year! We only sell 100 tickets!!! The odds are better than the lottery!!!

Did you ever wonder, "How can my child become **HEADMASTER OF THE DAY** for all of IDS?" The Big Event is where it happens. This year is the 10th anniversary of bidding to be Headmaster of the Day. Brian Waksman, now a freshman at Tampa Prep, was our very first Headmaster. Herb Swarzman, also won the bid that year. However, he was forbidden to serve out his term because he is related to "you know who".

NAME A STREET OR GET YOUR OWN PARKING SPACE: In addition to all of the many, many auction items, you can give a great and unique present to your family and child by naming IDS streets, bridges and the bell tower for 2006-2007. How much fun...!!!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: The Big Event will have something for everyone, in every price range and in every size, or just come for fun and show your support to the IDS community!!! We hope to see you there!

BIG EVENT TIMELINE

The clock starts rocking at:

6:00 - Doors Open, Registration begins

6:30 - "Sign-up" items become available

7:00 - Dinner is served

7:45 - Live Auction begins

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES MARCH 28 - MAY 12, 2006



Look in your Thursday folder for our final Afterschool Activities brochure. Sessions begin on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Please sign up as soon as possible to insure a spot for your child's favorite afterschool activity. For more information, please contact us at (813) 961-3087.



Camp IDS

JUNE 5 - JULY 28, 2006

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COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

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