

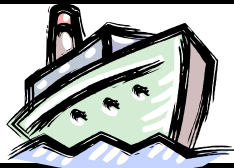
IDS YES!!!

HEADS' LETTER

MARCH 9, 2006

APPROXIMATELY 48 HOURS TO THE 2006 BIG EVENT!!

IDS PFA Volunteer Parents are very busy preparing for the night of nights: *Rock Around The Clock*. Class Baskets, class creations, a ton of outstanding gifts, parties, entertainment opportunities and more are all outlined in the **Big Event Catalog** in this week's Thursday folder. Thanks to one and all for making this a night for benefiting the school and creating a joyful evening for our community of families!!! We so appreciate you!!!!



TUESDAY MARCH 14
PI DAY & MATH FEST 2006
LAUNCHED FOR IDSERS!!!!



On **March 14**, the entire IDS community will celebrate mathematics.



- Our Middle Schoolers will highlight math with their annual Pi Day. Remember πr^2 ? Events are designed to make math concepts come alive with creative application experiences.
- Students in PK-5th will have their Second Annual Math Fest. Each student will have the opportunity to explore different math concepts with a special buddy. Some of the activities include: Pattern Mural, Dot Painting, Measure Me, Hula Hoopla, Fishing for Facts, Geoboard Math, Tangram Tango, Skipcount Hopscotch, and Cotton Ball Olympics.



50'S DAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 10 FOR PREK - 8TH GRADE



DRESS FOR THE 50'S ON FRIDAY!

**MARTY ITALIAN ICE - FRIDAY ON SALE (TOMORROW) ON EAST SIDE; DURING LUNCH,
COST: \$1.00 SUPPORT THIRD GRADE'S ST. AUGUSTINE TRIP!!**



MIDDLE SCHOOL POETRY COFFEE HOUSE 2006

AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE – **POETRY** and **PERFORMANCE** combine for top entertainment!

Theatre Training Center transforms into a Coffee House!

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

6th Grade – 1:30 PM 7th/8th Grades – 7:00 PM

KEY EVENTS AND DATES TO CAPTURE YOUR ATTENTION



The Annual Second Grade Chocolate Factory benefits the Spring of Tampa Bay, which is a home for battered women and their families. The Chocolate Factory runs from **March 10 through April 14**. Deliveries will be made to each child's classroom when they place their order. **Please** fill out the enclosed order form, attach the cost for the purchase, and return it to the office or the Top Banana Second Grade Classroom.



Spring Vacation begins Monday, March 20th. **Students return to school on Tuesday March 28th.**



After School Activities – Remember to send in your child's registration form. There is still room in our list of terrific activities. The 4th session begins **March 28th.**



Reflections Concert on April 2 (part of the Professional Concert Series) will end the season with Chamber Music and Dinner on the Deck. What a great idea to have a family dinner after a wonderful family concert. This is sure to be an event that sings of "classical music with a lot of class." The order form for the tickets and the dinner are enclosed. The IDS music department and the PFA Fine Arts Committee have designed this professional concert and dinner combination just for you!!!!



Volunteer Appreciation Day on April 3: This morning is dedicated to every volunteer who helped with anything at home or at school. You are invited to spend the morning with your children at the Monday Morning Assembly on April 3 at 8:05 A.M. There will also be a Volunteer Breakfast following the assembly!!! Plan your calendar to be ready for a day to be appreciated all together!!



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers

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



Cassidy Brown (3rd grade) competed with her team in the Spring Floor National Cheerleading competition on February 26th. Her team, Cheer Tampa, won their second national title of the season.



Connor Ellis (7th grade) and **Alex Karpodinis** (6th grade) won the State Peewee Division Championship ice hockey game last weekend.



Madye Bell (7th grade) competed in the American Morgan Horse Association Grand National and World Championship in Oklahoma. She finished 8th, placing her among the top ten riders in the United States and Canada!

ENCLOSURES



1. **Report cards** are enclosed in your Thursday folder.
2. **Big Event Catalog...filled with fun and great items.**
This event supports the WHOLE school...see you there...
3. **Reflections** order form for April 2 concert.
4. **Top Banana** Chocolate Factory order form...

Rock Around The Clock

A Flashback to the Fabulous 50's



**BIG EVENT TIME
SCHEDULE
BELOW**



Big Event Flashback Schedule

6:00 - Doors Open / Setup
6:30 - Sign up items begin
7:00 - Dinner served
8:00 - Live Auction
(PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)
9:00 - Sections 100 - 200 close
9:15 - Sections 300 - 400 close
9:30 - Sections 500 - 600 close
9:45 - Sections 700 - 800 close
10:00 - Raffle Drawings

(Beach Blanket Bingo, TCO, Split the Pot, What's in the Locker?)

Auction catalogs are in today's Thursday Folder!

Stop by the office

**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CATALOG
WITH YOU THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT.**

*Otherwise, please return the catalog in your child's
Thursday folder if you are unable to attend the Big
Event*

**The Big Event is finally here!
The party is just TWO days away.**

Buy your tickets today, OR
pay an additional
\$10 per ticket at the door.

There are still opportunities to purchase
raffle tickets:

- ◆ Buy your favorite staff member a chance at a weekend getaway.
- ◆ Remember to buy your TCO ticket(s) for a chance to save \$5,000 off next year's tuition.
- ◆ Take a chance at *Split the Pot*.
- ◆ *What's in the Locker?*

IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER:

- All parking on east & west side campus and grass lot is reserved for the **COMPLIMENTARY VALET SERVICE**.
- Bring cash as well as credit cards to the Big Event. The cash will come in handy for the raffle tickets, photographs, (or anything unexpected that might happen during the evening!)
- All sign up sections begin promptly at 6:30, so if there is a sign up item you wish to purchase, try to be early!

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A Flashback to the Fabulous 50's



**Announcing GREAT,
NEW, & EXCITING
Auction Procedures!**

A big thanks to those of us who have already sent in our RSVPs! If you are still planning on attending, please help us to pre-register you by sending your RSVP in by tomorrow.

IDS is known for being on the cutting edge of technology. The Big Event has embraced the advancements in technology by implementing a system to manage and improve the bidding and checkout process.

So how does this benefit YOU?

- You will be bidding by placing a personalized barcode label instead of handwriting your bids. When you receive your registration packet, it will have a sheet of labels encoded with your information. When you see an item, which you are interested in purchasing, you will place one of your bid labels next to the amount you wish to bid.
- At registration, you will be given the opportunity to pre-scan a credit card to expedite the checkout process. Individuals taking advantage of this option will be able to go through the Express Line at checkout and simply sign the invoice, take the items and go!
- When a section closes, the bid sheets will be removed from the table, so that the auction committee can scan the barcodes. A Winner's List will then be posted at the table.
- Those guests choosing to use cash or check will be able to pay for their items at the checkout tables.

We are so excited about this system and look forward to seeing you Saturday!