

HEADS' LETTER

MARCH 10, 2005

APPROXIMATELY 48 HOURS TO THE BIG EVENT!!



IDS PFA Volunteer Parents are very busy preparing for the night of nights: *Rainforest Rhapsody*. 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!!!!




 **MONDAY MARCH 14**
PI DAY & MATH FEST
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 First Annual Math Fest. Each student will have the opportunity to explore 15 different math concepts with a special buddy. Some of the activities include: Crazy Catapult Measurement, Twister Coordinates, Snack & Save, Geometric Symmetry, Bowling for Numbers and Airplane Estimation. Our brains will be soaring with numbers!

 **INTERMEDIATE STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSORS**
TROPICAL DAY – FRIDAY, MARCH 11 FOR PREK – 5TH GRADE
DRESS *TROPICAL* ON FRIDAY! 

MIDDLE SCHOOL POETRY COFFEE HOUSE
AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE – Poetry and Performance combine for top entertainment!
Theatre Training Center transforms into a Coffee House!
 THURSDAY, MARCH 17
6TH GRADE – 1:30 PM **7TH/8TH GRADES – 7:00 PM**

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION
THE 4TH SESSION OF AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BEGINS ON MARCH 29.
REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE OFFICE.

UPPER PRIMARY BAKE SALE
TO BENEFIT TSUNAMI VICTIMS
FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Thank you **Terese Okulski** of the Brilliant Bug classroom for the terrific idea of a Bake Sale that all of Upper Primary will take part in to raise money for the victims of the tsunami. Our Bake Sale will be open to the entire school on Friday, March 18, after lunch outside the Upper Primary classrooms. All items will cost 50 cents. We will also accept donations. Thank you in advance for your support in helping to make our Bake Sale a huge success!

2ND GRADE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

It's that time of year again! The Top Bananas will run their chocolate factory from March 11 until the end of May. Deliveries will be made to your child's classroom. All proceeds will go to The Spring of Tampa Bay, a home for battered women and their families. If you would like to consider placing an order with us, just fill out the enclosed order form, attach your money, and return it to 2nd grade.

RECYCLING AT IDS: A TEAM EFFORT
BY CINDY BROWN (KINDERGARTEN TEACHER)

The recycling program at IDS is in full swing! As you know, we began recycling plastic in the blue trashcans at each lunch area. You may have noticed a green trashcan for aluminum cans has been added. I want to thank you for guiding the children to throw away **empty** plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the correct trashcans at clean-up time; this has been a real team effort! I would also like to thank our facilities team for their support right from the start! Shortly after we began recycling, Middle School science teacher Heather Robinson brought to my attention a wonderful program called the All Children's Cancer Recycling Program. We are now participating with this wonderful non-profit organization. I shared this great news with the whole school at the last Monday Morning Meeting. Thank you for helping this to be a success for the environment and for All Children's Hospital!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

On Wednesday, March 9, 2005 the Middle School advisory teams did community service for our IDS community and the greater Tampa/St. Pete community. Listed are advisory teams and their projects: Ms. Grady/Mrs. Ragg-Smith-carwash and bake sale at IDS to benefit tsunami victims; Mr. Heller/Mr. Vokoun-Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg; Mrs. Morey/Mr. McColley-Headstart at MOSI; Mr. Dewey/Ms. Rosenberg-Quantum Leap Farm assisting mentally handicapped adults in grooming animals and barnyard chores; Mrs. Norlin/Mrs. Watson-Westshore Senior Center; Ms. Robinson-Lanier Elementary HeadStart; Ms. Grigevich-Southland Place Assisted Living; Mr. Bronson-Orange Grove Drive clean-up; Mrs. Boza-Metropolitan Ministries; Mr. Mahusay/Senora Jennings-Achievement Tampa Bay Preschool Child Care Service for children with disabilities.

PFA LEADERSHIP: 2005 – 2006

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO OUR IDS PARENTS

The Parent Faculty Association is currently looking for volunteers interested in filling leadership positions as executive committee members and/or chairpersons for next school year (2005 - 2006)!! If you have an interest in finding out more about our PFA and the positions that we have, please contact, Shannon Spagnuolo, PFA President at (813) 792-2045.

YEARBOOK ADS – DEADLINE MARCH 14th

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! Monday, March 14th will be your *LAST CHANCE* to get your ad in for the yearbook. Please contact the office for a form to get your ad in (813) 961-3087.



IDS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS PROVIDE A RAY OF NEEDED SUNSHINE TO WINTRY VERMONT

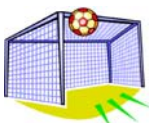
Led by **Coach Sonny, Coach Kim, and Coach Sheehan**, 31 people (players & parents) boarded a plane on Wednesday, February 23 to go on a four-day excursion and experience basketball on the national level.



Congratulations to 8th graders: **Tori Godfrey, Sarah Harris, Bailey Harrison, Juliana Harrison, Jessica Magrill, Ellen Pautler, Kristen Pawlowski, Carolyn Rosemurgy**, 7th graders: **Shelby Houston, Helen Latimer, Michele Vernick**, 6th graders: **Kelsea Fowler, Allyson Moore, Mari Ostrenko, Katie Rocco**, and 5th grader: **Alicia Vernick** for representing IDS in the 59th Rotary Tournament held in Newport, Vermont! A *HUGE* thank you goes out to all of parents. This was possible because of your wonderful support! The girls will always remember this special life moment.

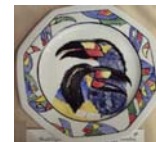
PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers

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



Congratulations to 6th grader **Danielle Pinals**, her Hillsborough United Soccer team (girls 12 and under) won the Gasparilla Cup Tournament on February 20th. Danielle excelled in both offense and defense in her position at left mid-field! Her team represented it's league in an exhibition game at Raymond James Stadium on Saturday, March 5th. **Congratulations Danielle!**

Bryan Baiss, a 6th grade porcelain painter since he was 10 years old. He belongs to the World Organization of China Painter's (WOCP). During the annual WOCP Florida convention, they judge painted pieces to represent Florida Artists in their museum for a whole year. Bryan's plate was chosen to represent the junior china painters last year and now this year again, with his new plate. It is one of the most traditional art forms and there are over 300 members in Florida, with few junior members. **We are very proud of him!**



LOST AND FOUND



Please look at the Lost and Found for items needing to return home! All items remaining will be donated to a local charity during our Spring Break on **Monday, March 21st**.

