

HEADS' LETTER

MARCH 12, 2009

EDU-NEWS AROUND CAMPUS

MIDDLE SCHOOL: On Thursday, March 5, our entire Middle School was treated to a special workshop called “**Developing an Exemplary Work Ethic.**” The training was delivered by two IDS-CC Board members, Board President, Jim Conlin, who is an executive with Raymond James Financial Inc., and Board Treasurer, John Tomlin, who is an executive with AAA. These two highly respected and terrific role models took time out of their busy schedules to share what a strong, high-level work ethic in the “work world” looks like, sounds like, and feels like. Both students and teachers were inspired by their sincerity and specific stories. Our goal was to reinforce the importance of a strong work ethic and that it begins in school, continues throughout one’s life, and remains important in both good and challenging economic times.



MIDDLE SCHOOL: On Friday morning, the Middle School will say farewell to the students and teachers from Colegio Ramón Y Cajal in Madrid, Spain who have participated in our International Study Program for the past three weeks. Ramón Y Cajal is a very prestigious private school for infants through high school. The eight sixth graders, two teachers and administrator Paloma Sanz have been embedded in our Middle School in classes, living with our IDS families, and touring the Tampa Bay Area a couple of times a week. Their visit has been wonderful for them and our middle schoolers. Their English has improved and hopefully our appreciation of the Spanish language (third most spoken in the world) has increased.

On Friday afternoon, our International Study Program begins for four IDSers who will travel to Ramón Y Cajal in Madrid Spain, escorted by Spanish Teachers Odette Figueruelo and Sonia Morgan. They will be touring, spending time with their host families, and attending classes with their host partner. The lucky students travelling to Spain are Zachary Goldsmith 8th grade, Quintin Kauchick 7th grade, Reed Berlet 6th grade, and Dina Al Hassani 6th grade.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: On Friday, March 13, IDS-CC will celebrate Pi Day. Since March 14 is on a Saturday this year, we will celebrate Pi Day on **Friday the 13th**. All students are challenged to memorize as many digits of Pi (3.14) as possible. The current record is 207 digits. Many students are working to break the record. Pi Day uses many creative activities to act as a Math Fest to enjoy and appreciate how mathematics can be used in an infinite amount of ways.



MIDDLE SCHOOL: Preparing to live in a world that involves global connections and global economies requires more than talk. It requires action and building comfort with the process at an early age. So to make that happen, here are some of the recent activities with our international connections and Middle School students.



1. Last Friday the Chinese Elective students connected through Skype with Jun, our intern from Nanjing University who spent four months at IDS two years ago, to practice the terms they learned in their elective and asked Jun questions in Chinese. Congratulations to Chinese teacher Dave Freeman.
2. This week on Tuesday morning several students from 7th grade spoke to their peers at Second Foreign Language School No. 2 in China via live video-conference; they presented a summary of their Latin American Teach-in Project while students from China recited poetry in English.
3. That same evening several of our IDS 8th graders connected with their 8th grade peers at the same school in China and shared information from content they are studying in Social Studies. It was magic as we watched students from two separate continents ask each other questions and laugh together. **EDU-NEWS AROUND CAMPUS CONTINUES ON PAGE 2**

4. On Tuesday morning, Maria and Iago, two of our visiting Spanish students from Ramón y Cajal spent time in 4th grade sharing about their country, their trip, and themselves. Inquisitive fourth graders asked many questions and discovered many similarities.
5. In the Middle School Cultural Exchange Elective students are beginning to connect with Pakistan, three schools in Russia, a school in Romania and the United States. Each school presents a project idea, and then all schools contribute. Some of the projects we will be working on are sharing legends and myths about each of our areas, becoming a travel agent to simulate planning a trip from their hometowns to interesting sights in our city, and sharing information about our individual cities as “A Cartoon Character Explores Our City.”

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: Fifth grade students go to work tomorrow at Biztown. In addition to having a lot of fun at Biztown, they experience a simulation where students run a business and participate in a local economy. Students use critical thinking skills to learn about key economic concepts as they explore and enhance their understanding of free enterprise. Classroom lessons, hands-on activities and active participation helped students prepare for the day. Students study and become engaged in the following topics:

- The roles they, as citizens, play in their community as workers and consumers, and relate these personal roles to the free enterprise system
- Citizen rights and responsibility in a community
- The free enterprise system
- The understanding of the importance of nonprofit organizations in our communities
- Money management skills through a practical knowledge of economic concepts and banking practices
- Develop the soft skills necessary for their successful participation in the world of work



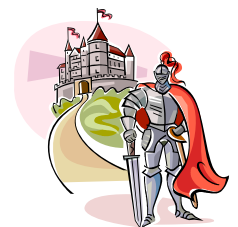
INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: The Third Grade **Navigators**, the 3/4 Multi-Age **All Stars** and the Fourth Grade **Going Places** are in Tallahassee for two nights and three days visiting the Capitol and sites along the way as a culmination of their study of the historical and current role of Government in America and in Florida. The trip is packed with activities, sightseeing, and experiencing how our government works. This trip is traditionally done in March because the Florida legislature is in session. We wish them a great trip and look forward to hearing all of their stories upon return Friday evening.



UPPER PRIMARY: The Primary Division is enthusiastically entrenched in their six week unit called “Planet Protectors”. This unit is based on the IB organizing theme “sharing the planet” and is the fourth unit this year with two more to go. These wonderful Planet Protectors, including Brilliant Bugs, Cool Cats, and Mighty Monkeys, took turns going to the Sweetwater Organic Farm. This field trip enriched their studies by showing them how their central idea, “humans change natural environments” works in the “real world”. The key lesson is that humans need to live off of the earth while finding a balance between human needs and nature’s protection. Writing and reading increases meaning when real life experiences are added to the curriculum. The trip gave students ideas about what they can do themselves to protect our earth.



EARLY PRIMARY: Congratulations to the Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten teachers for creating a once in a life-time morning for our youngest IDSers. Their theme over the past few weeks, “where we are in time in place” took them back to Medieval Days where they learned about customs, dress, and lifestyles of the day, through books, story, video and more. They created their own family crests, painted murals depicting farming, transportation, and architecture during that time. Walking down to Farish Center right now makes you feel like you actually went back in time. Our creative teachers teamed up to create a culminating Medieval Feast right on our own Harry’s Deck. The morning included our Early Primary students as dancers, jesters, musicians, thespians, knights and animal tamers - each student had a job in preparation and entertainment. All teachers and students were dressed for the day and the King and Queen were sitting on their thrones (middle schoolers King Dante Bosnic and Queen Zoe Hoefle.) Every detail made the morning a delight, filled with excitement for **learning, learning and more learning!** A big Bravo to all of the Early Primary Team.



PFA BIG EVENT REVIEW: The Big Event did exactly what it was supposed to do: create a fun evening, connect with friends, meet new friends, and fundraise to benefit the school. The evening was so well planned, so beautiful, so much fun and generosity was in abundance. A huge, huge barrel of thanks goes to **Big Event Chair Julie Salek** for pulling off another spectacular big event! Her committee worked for months to create a special evening for all who attended. Over 300 parents, grandparents, and friends showed appreciation by their presence and having a great time. The evening also showcased the talents of our catering team led by Chef Garret!



A tribute and thanks to Big Event committee members for an extraordinary job well-done: Kathy von Thaden, Helga Stadick, Stephanie Georgiades, Stephanie Carey, Elise Bengtson, Milene Lima, Cally Bekhor, Dawn Skalnik, Vera Murphy-Trayner, Kimberly Huennerkopf, Kristin Barrett, Lola Vautrin, Susie Wilson, Lisa Herscovici, Pat Thompson, Dewey Wong, Jr., Linda Simonton, Stacy Leeds, Amy Bottini, Billie Valloro, Renee Nicker, Deepali Damle, Nancy Faggianelli, Sheree Wood, Heather Armington, Tracey Maniecki, Nancy Leach, Heather Lee and Vanessa Minick.

A standing ovation goes to RPCs who worked hard to prepare baskets and class creations that ALL sold to benefit IDS-CC! In addition to being great items, the class “stuff” acted as part of the perfect decorations for the evening. **RPC Coordinator:** Vera Murphy-Trayner; **Pre-K3 RPC:** Heather Lee, **Pre-K4 RPCs:** Monika Martin, Kimberly Huennerkopf, Erika Freifeld; **Kindergarten RPC:** Elena Morreale-Rosa, Jeff Selewach, Patty DeEsch, Lorraine Daniels; **1st Grade RPC:** Virginia Stiefel; **Multi-Age Brilliant Bugs RPCs:** Kathy Noriega, Vanessa Minick; **Multi-Age Cool Cats RPCs:** Sarah Llanos, Laura DeLise; **2nd Grade RPCs:** Heather Armington; **3rd Grade RPCs:** Cindy Gruden, Angie Kaliban; **3/4 Multi-Age RPCs:** Amy Wooldridge, Kari Reid; **4th Grade RPCs:** Kathi Baruch, Paige Williams; **5th Grade RPCs:** Sandy McCullin, Debbi Shamley, P.J. Goetz; **6th Grade RPCs:** Carol Fleenor, Chris Otten, Susie Wilson; **7th Grade RPCs:** Lisa Herscovici, Sherri Cherry, Milene Lima, and **8th Grade RPCs:** Beth Williams, Carol Murphy

A big IDS Applause to our entire faculty for the auction items that showed how much you care about your school...Everyone wants to be with you!! **Bigger** than huge appreciation, by all of us, goes to our **Office** and **Facilities** teams for working with amazing dedication behind the scenes to be the glue that pulls everything together! Hats off to setting a Las Vegas feeling with Elvis (Tom Bronson), Siegfried and Roy (Rick Bronson), and alum Alex Craddock and his volunteer fire spinning and breathing team...they actually did it...

To all of our parents and families at IDS: Your donations, positive energy, generous gifts that gave trips to St. Maarten, items for baskets, and everything you can possibly think about were **so appreciated, so amazing, and all contributed to the whole evening and the results that will totally benefit IDS and our terrific IDSers!!**



PFA SPONSORS AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

1ST ANNUAL FAMILY SPAGHETTI AND MOVIE NIGHT:

Friday, March 27, 2009 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Dean Dining Hall and Middle School Gym



Come join us as we enjoy great food, friends, and a fun movie. A delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by our own “Parent – Chef” Richard Bottini, will include a garden salad, special famous bread, and a beverage. The dessert is sponsored by Otis Spunkmeyer/Sally Foster. This wonderful meal is followed by the all new Disney movie **BOLT!** The cost is \$6.00 per person **pre-sales only**. All orders are due by Friday morning at 10:00, March 27, 2009. Please see the order form in your Thursday folder. Please contact PFA Family Night Chairs, Heather Lee (813) 792-5204 and/or Vanessa Minick (813) 629-1630 with any questions. We hope to have a wonderful time. This time the site of the Big Event Casino Night transforms into family night.

PFA SPONSORS: IDS Parent Book Club: So many GREAT books to read!! We look forward to our next meeting where we will discuss The Shack by William Paul Young on Tuesday, March 31st, at 1:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m., we will discuss The Ocean Between Us by Susan Wiggs. Each meeting will be held in the Grand Room, on the second floor over the Kindergarten classrooms. Please save the date - on May 19, we will meet during our IDS Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. Any questions can be directed to Vera Murphy Trayner at vpmurphy@comcast.net or (813) 948.4016. Happy reading!

PARENTS PLAN AHEAD

YOUNG AUTHORS DAY at IDS, April 3, 2009: Celebrate the IDS Young Authors' Conference with us on Friday, April 3rd. We are excited to announce that we will feature three guest authors this year! Gloria Houston, Kelli Hicks, and Suzin Carr will be presenting to the different divisions to share their books, tell how to publish a book, how the ideas are developed and about their personal stories. Information on all three authors, along with a pre-order form for the books, is included in this Thursday folders or as an attachment to this Heads' Letter. Your pre-order and payment will ensure a great book signing experience on April 3rd. We look forward to an exciting day focused on the joy of sharing, creating, and writing with others.

CAMP IDS – JUNE 15 – JULY 31, 2009: You can go online at <http://www.idsyees.com> and press the Camp IDS Button to see the varied and wonderful options for our seven week camp program. Each camp is one week and you can choose between whole or half day camps. Brochures are also available in the IDS office.

SPRING FINE ARTS DAY: This annual performing arts event will be held on May 7 at 1:00 p.m. and on May 8 at 9:00 a.m. We are giving two options in the hope that all of our families will be able to choose one of these times to enjoy their children on stage! The Spring Art show is the same week from May 4 through May 7 in the Farish Center. Every IDSer is always represented in the Art Show.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



TO OUR IDS FAMILIES, PLEASE SHARE SPECIAL MOMENTS SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY WITH YOU.

Alina Llanos, Multi-Age Cool Cat, participated in her first gymnastics competition on February 21. She scored 8.5 or higher on all events (balance beam, uneven bars, floor, and vault) which qualified her to compete in the Elite division at States in May. Congratulations Alina! We are all proud of you!



Brownies and Girl Scouts at IDS really shine: We recognize **Caitlin Astell**, Brilliant Bugs; **Kristin Astell**, Brilliant Bugs; **Peyten Hernandez**, Brilliant Bugs; **Sheila Kratzer**, 1st Grade Mighty Monkeys; **Tallulah Nouss**, Brilliant Bug; **Kylie Perry**, First Grade Mighty Monkeys; **Sofia Schultz**, Cool Cats; **Cecilia Wong**, Cool Cats; for receiving the Mother Mary Medal from the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg on Sunday, March 8, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg. The girls represented St. Mary Parish in Tampa. This award is a goal that the girls have been working toward for several months with the help of Troop Leader, Irma Schultz, 1st Grade troop, Troop 193.



ENCLOSURES

- ◆ PFA Spaghetti & Movie Night Order Form
- ◆ Young Authors Pre-Sale Book Order Form
- ◆ Key Dates Bookmark

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009!!!

**Please see
"All School"
enclosures
found in
Thursday Folder.**



**independent
day school
Corbett Campus**

It's here!



The 1st Annual Family Spaghetti and Movie Night
Come join IDS as we enjoy great food, friends, and a fun movie!

When: Friday, March 27, 2009

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Middle School – Dean Dining Hall and Middle School Gymnasium

What: **Scrumptious Spaghetti Dinner** prepared by our very own volunteer “Parent – Chef” Richard Bottini who is the Owner and Chef of the award-winning *Six Tables Restaurant*. Following dinner, it's movie time, with the new Disney movie, **BOLT!**



Cost: \$6.00 per person **pre-sales only** – all orders due by **10:00 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2009.**

Questions: Please contact Heather Lee at (813) 792-5204 or Vanessa Minick at (813) 629-1630 with any questions!

Dinner menu will include:

- ★ delicious homemade style spaghetti with your choice of meat sauce or plain sauce,
- ★ fresh garden salad,
- ★ famous Mauricio's bakery bread,
- ★ a beverage **AND**
- ★ the dessert is sponsored by Otis Spunkmeyer/Sally Foster

Please note that Rita's Water Ice is also available for **pre-order** – note cost below.

Please detach and return to the IDS-CC Office by 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2009

Parent Name: _____ **Student Name:** _____

No. of Tickets Needed: _____ X **\$6.00 each ticket =** _____

_____ **YES**, we would also like to pre-order Rita's Water Ice for the event (**\$2.00 each**). Please choose below the flavor and how many you would like of each flavor:

_____ Cookies & Cream _____ Lemon _____ Mango

GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL ITEMS: _____

_____ **YES**, I would love to volunteer to help _____ setup or _____ serve at this event!

Please contact me at _____.

Spring Young Authors Celebration
Friday, April 3rd, 2009
Author Biographies

- **Suzin Carr** is the author of *I Choose*, the wife of James, and the mother of **Chandler Carr**, the illustrator of her book. She lives in Lutz where she juggles the life she chooses and is grateful for countless blessings and immeasurable joy. Chandler was age 7 when he drew the artwork for this book. He plays guitar, loves video games and drawing, and wants to be a video game designer when he grows up.
- **Kelli Hicks** is a published author of children's books. Published credits include *Peck, Peck, Peck* (My First Science Library), *Chomp and Chew to a Healthy You* (My First Science Library), and *Busy, Bust Butterfly* (My First Science Library).
- **Gloria Houston** is the author of critically acclaimed novels and picture books for young readers. Her books have won and been listed on more than forty awards lists. Dr. Gloria Houston is internationally known as an educator and an author of books for young readers. She typifies herself as "first, last and always, a teacher." She earned a Master's Degree and Ph. D. in interdisciplinary studies at the University of South Florida, Tampa. At USF, she was a professor and held an appointed Author-in-Residence position. She was the founding coordinator of Suncoast Young Authors Conference, the USF Young Writers Camp and the USF Center for the Study of Child Writing.

Other selections written by Dr. Houston include: *The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree* (Dial, 1988, Puffin 1996), which was on the annual *Publisher's Weekly* Best Seller List and was selected as "most likely to become a classic". It was also named as a "**Best Book of the Decade**" by the American Library Association. *My Great Aunt Arizona* (Harper, 1992, HarperTrophy, 1994) was selected as a Smithsonian Treasure, the Family Channel's Best Books List, the IRA Teachers and Children's Choices lists, and the NCTE Best Books List. *Bright Freedom's Song: A Story of the Underground Railroad* (Harcourt, 2000) was named as a Bank Street School's Best Book. It also won the North Carolina History Association and American Association of University Women's Young Readers Award. *Littlejim*, the children's selection as the focus novel for the 2008 regional BIG READ project, will be re-released in 2008 and given new life by demands in social studies classrooms throughout the nation.

Pre-Order Form for Young Authors Celebration

<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Price</u>		<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Total</u>
I Choose	Suzin Carr	\$6.00	Paperback		
Peck, Peck	Kelli Hicks	\$14.95	Hardcover		
Busy, Busy Butterfly	Kelli Hicks	\$14.95	Hardcover		
The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree	Gloria Houston	\$18.00	Hardcover		
My Great Aunt Arizona	Gloria Houston	\$18.00	Hardcover		
Bright Freedom Song	Gloria Houston	\$18.00	Hardcover		
The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree	Gloria Houston	\$7.50	Paperback		
My Great Aunt Arizona	Gloria Houston	\$7.50	Paperback		
Littlejim	Gloria Houston	\$7.50	Paperback		

- ★ Gloria Houston will be speaking with students from grades third through eighth.
- ★ Suzin Carr will be speaking with students from grades Pre-K4 through fifth.
- ★ Kelli Hicks will be speaking with students from Pre-K3 through second.

Student Name: _____ **Teacher(s) Name:** _____

Please make checks payable to IDS. Total amount included with order form: _____



2009 KEY DATES

- PFA SPONSORED 1ST ANNUAL FAMILY SCRUMPTIOUS SPAGHETTI DINNER AND MOVIE
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009
DEAN DINING HALL & MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



- WARRIORS' PRIDE CHORUS PRESENTS:
PIRATES OF PENZANCE JR.
WED., APRIL 1, 2009 – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
THURS., APRIL 2, 2009 – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

- YOUNG AUTHORS CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009

- IDS YARD SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009



- MIDDLE SCHOOL POETRY COFFEEHOUSE
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009



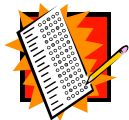
- PFA SPONSORED CHUCK E. CHEESE NIGHT
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- NOON DISMISSAL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009

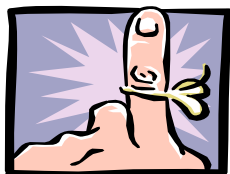


- SCHOOL HOLIDAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 9 – FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009

- SAT TESTING WEEK
MONDAY, APRIL 13 thru
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009



- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEW HORIZONS INCREDIBLE TRIPS
APRIL 18 – APRIL 24, 2009



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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009
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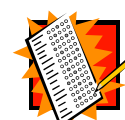
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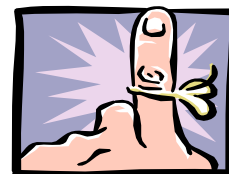


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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

March 23-27, 2009

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location of game	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 03/23	off	Athletes' Day off	off			
Tues.03/24	5:00	Volleyball	Club	MS Gym	7:00	
Weds.03/25	4:00	Baseball-Purple Team	Trinity	Trinity	6:45	
	3:00	Baseball-Silver Team	Practice	Baseball Field	4:30	
	4:00	Softball	St. John's Greek	Softball Field	5:45	
	3:00	Tennis	Practice	MP Tennis	5:00	
Thur.03/26	4:00	Baseball-Purple Team	St. Lawrence	Baseball Field	6:00	
	3:00	Baseball-Silver Team	Practice	Softball Field	4:00	
	4:00	Softball	Trinity	Trinity	6:30	
	3:30	Tennis	Academy/Lakes	MP Tennis	6:00	
Fri. 03/27	3:30	Baseball-Purple Team	Tampa Prep	Baseball Field	5:30	
	3:00	Baseball-Silver Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:00	P/up Corbett Hall
	3:00	Softball	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	*Check Note below
	3:00	Tennis	Practice	MP Tennis	5:00	

*Bring extra clothes you can get dirty - sliding practice

DIRECTIONS: TRINITY: Softball and Baseball: Take Orange Grove to Busch Blvd / Left onto Busch Blvd / Right on Armenia Ave / Just past Hillsborough, Left on Osborne and follow Osborne past school. There's a curve in the road and the softball/baseball fields are on the right after the curve.

MP TENNIS CENTER (formerly JUDY ALVAREZ CLUB): South on Dale Mabry / Right on Humphrey after Busch Overpass / LEFT on Hubert /Courts are ½ block down Hubert on left side.