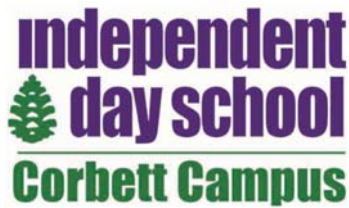


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HEADS' LETTER

MARCH 25, 2010

CULTURE and COMPLIMENTS for the SEVENTH GRADE: Yesterday, the entire seventh grade class had the wonderful opportunity to tour the historic Columbia restaurant as a culminating activity for their International Baccalaureate (IB) unit of study about "*Becoming an Entrepreneur.*" The students were led on their tour by the original ambassador of the Columbia, who has been employed there for over fifty years and is an integral part of the Columbia's influential history. After their tour, they enjoyed **ordering their four-course lunch in Spanish** and were entertained by a magnificent Flamenco dance show. As the students were exiting, the lead server made sure to stop multiple teachers and share how impressed she was with the behavior and presence of our terrific seventh grade class! Jenn Jagdmann, seventh grade English Teacher reported, "YOU CAN JUST IMAGINE HOW PROUD OUR TEACHERS WERE OF THEIR SEVENTH GRADERS!"

IDS JOINS THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOLS IN PARTICIPATING IN PENNIES FOR PEACE - March 23 - April 16: The IDS Middle School Student Council kicked off the Pennies for Peace campaign in the middle school this Tuesday. Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program designed to broaden our students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists – one penny at a time.

What is Pennies for Peace? This is a program of the Central Asia Institute (CAI), founded by Greg Mortenson – author of the #1 New York Times best sellers, *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stones into Schools*. CAI is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes and provides community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Central Asia. Founded in 1996, CAI has built, to date, nearly 100 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which serves thousands of students – over 14,000 of whom are girls.

Our IDS Middle Schoolers returned from Spring Break on Tuesday, to begin the campaign with an environmental simulation during their second period. Each of the nine Middle School classes first met in their homerooms and then headed outside to hold class. The object of the simulation was to help students begin to understand the type of learning environment they might have if they were to live in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Each class had limited resources to use and was technology free. Teachers were encouraged to stick to their normal curriculum, so while a seventh grade PE class enjoyed a game of stickball, some sixth graders were conjugating Spanish verbs aloud, and a class of eighth graders were brainstorming ideas for a new school song. After the second period simulation, all students met in their advisory groups to discuss and debrief the meaning of their experiences.

The school-wide kick-off for the Pennies for Peace campaign will be held on March 29 at the next Monday Morning Meeting. DONATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR: Today we are asking for donations of well-rinsed, plastic milk, water, or juice jugs to collect our change. If you are able to donate a gallon or half-gallon jug, *please send it to school with your child tomorrow.* Student Council members will be picking them up from each classroom. Thank you!

IDS CELEBRATES YOUNG AUTHORS DAY ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010: IDS will hold its annual Young Authors Day on Monday, April 5, 2010. This year's theme is "*A Celebration of Writing.*" The Intermediate Division organizes Young Authors Day each year for the whole school, just as the Middle School organizes Multi-Cultural Day for all grades. This year Young Authors Day has a specific focus that has captured the excitement of our planning team and is spreading throughout the school by presentations of literature that are occurring throughout this week. The excitement is centered around the positive impact that writing can have on helping, protecting and saving animals, as well as habitats and environments in our world. This has brought us a wonderful connection with the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and their famous dolphin Winter. Please read more about it on the form in your IDSer's Thursday folder. Parents are invited to attend the Monday Morning Meeting on April 5 for the kick-off! In fact, just as a reminder, parents are **always welcome** to attend our Monday Morning Assemblies. (See page 2 for more information.)

MORE CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS:

MORE ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 5: Young Authors Day will kick-off in Corbett Hall during a whole school assembly where we will Skype into the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and one of our students, fourth grader, Mia Torres, will actually wade with Winter, the dolphin. Mia's parents won this opportunity for her at this year's Boardwalk Blast Big Event Live Auction. Winter's head trainer, Abby Stone, will be at our conference to share Winter's story and answer pre-selected questions from the students. Tune in next week for more exciting details!

USED BOOK SALE!!! SPONSORED BY THE INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, APRIL 5, 2010: (*Reprinted from March 11 Heads' Letter*) One of the goals of the Intermediate Leadership Council (third, fourth and fifth grades) is to contribute to the world community. Due to the tragic events in Haiti, the students in the Leadership Council have rallied to take action and remember those that are still in need. One of the ways they decided to help is by donating a portion of the money they will earn from sponsoring their Annual Used Book Sale on April 5. This decision highlights that IDS is a private school with a public purpose.

All IDS children and parents will have the opportunity to attend the book sale. This year, the Used Book Sale will be a part of the Young Authors Day Program to *Celebrate Writing* and will begin at the end of the planned activities. Students will travel with their classes to buy books priced for as **little as 50 cents to \$1.00**. The dynamic and enthusiastic Intermediate Leadership Council is requesting that everyone contribute to helping them assist others who need financial help to rebuild their lives by donating used books for all ages. Please bring your gently used books to Mrs. Sobel in the All Star classroom on the eastside or to the middle school office where the books will be picked up. **Whether you have one used book to donate or fifty, all of your support is greatly appreciated!**

DO YOU HAVE CONTEST FEVER? HERE IS ONE WE JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THANKS TO ONE OF OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS: The contest is called **Google Doodle**: All students are invited to compete in a national competition to design the Google logo using the theme, "If I Could Do Anything, I Would...". All entries must be handed to your classroom/homeroom teacher on Monday morning, March 29. There will be six entries chosen to represent IDS. Please check out <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/> for their official rules and details on how to enter the competition today. The directions are very specific and the dates are fixed. We will be FedExing the entries on March 31. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Kerr at (813) 961-3087 ext. 334.

HAVE YOU NOTICED? In addition to our Facilities Team hard at work over break with lots of special touches to our campus, we were able to get permits to upgrade our parking lot adjacent to the school and the turn-around in the Middle School that affects drop-off and dismissal. Thanks to the success of the Big Event and the generosity of the Slywka family (Pebblestone Construction & Management, Inc.), IDS families and guests remain a priority.

FIND ME PLEASE: OUR LOST AND FOUND AREA is once again loaded with beautiful clothing items, especially coats, sweaters and jackets as well as lunch boxes. Please check at the pavilion on the east-side by Wednesday, March 31, 2010. After Wednesday, items that still need a home will be donated to a local charity. **WE ARE ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING SENT TO SCHOOL INCLUDING CLOTHES AND LUNCHBOXES, ETC. Some of the ink is washing off and needs refreshing.** Thanks so much.

FRIDAY MARCH 26: "STUDENT FAVORITE T-SHIRT DAY". Each Friday students may choose to follow the Monday thru Thursday dress code or choose to enjoy the Friday special option. Please note the reminder that all shirts Monday through Friday are to either be **crewneck, collared button down shirts or polo style shirts with a collar**. Please remember to follow all other guidelines. Spring shopping should adhere to all guidelines.

THINKING AHEAD: This year's **Annual Spring Fine Arts Program** will provide two options for parents to join the audience for another spectacular show! We are providing an afternoon show from 1:00 to 2:15 pm on Thursday, May 6, 2010 and a morning show from 9:00 to 10:15 am on Friday, May 7, 2010. We hope this helps parents, grandparents, and friends plan their work and meeting schedules around one of those times to be there to appreciate the arts and our terrific IDSers! ☺

PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION: PFA NEWS



Cookie Sale RETURNS NOW!! - Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies for Sale to Benefit IDS!!! Find your order form in today's Thursday folder for delicious cookies, brownies, and soft pretzels. All orders are due by Thursday, April 8 and will be delivered the week of May 3...just in time for

Mother's Day! IDS receives 40% of all sales, and the top-selling classes from primary, intermediate, and middle school will have a cookies and milk party (three parties total) to celebrate their success. Help raise money for IDS with one of our most delicious fundraisers!!! If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Vanessa Minick at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

IDS Parent Book Club Update – The next book club meeting is **Tuesday, March 30 at 1:30 pm.** We are looking forward to discussing The Help by Kathryn Stockett. Contact Vera Murphy-Trayner, Book Club Chair, with any questions at vpmurphy@comcast.net. Everyone is always welcome.



SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY, APRIL 8 - Parent Faculty Association Meeting. Calling all parents to join us for our next PFA Meeting to be held Thursday, April 8 at 8:15 am. Everyone is invited to attend!! We are a lot of fun and we do great work for the school. If you can be there, that would be great! For more information, contact our PFA President, Heather Lee at (813) 966-9022.



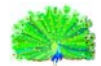
SO WHO WERE THE LUCKY WINNERS AT THE BIG EVENT?: The answer is **EVERYONE!** If you attended, you had a fabulous time! But there are still some announcements...and the winners are: The TCO Winner is Dr. Elena Morreale-Rosa, Send a Teacher Packing Winners are Third Grade Navigators Teacher: Tracey Price and Kindergarten Teacher Assistant, Ana Jaubert. Congratulations to all. Plus another HUGE thanks to our IDS families! Your support is soooooo amazing and yes, we are always grateful.



SCRIP: Be sure to purchase for all your shopping needs at your favorite merchants. Remember, IDS will receive a percentage of the cost of the card. It's a WIN-WIN for you and IDS! For more information, please call the IDS office at (813) 961-3087.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Congratulations to **Nathan Rice (7th Grade)** and **Jacob Starnes (7th Grade)**...their U13 Hillsborough United Soccer Team won the Region C Championship over Spring Break and will now advance to the President's Cup State Finals in April. Jacob scored the winning goal in the semi final game and Nathan saved the opponents from scoring in the final minutes of regulation play, forcing overtime that ended in their 2-1 victory. Amazing job to you both. Way to go!!!!



The Tampa Warriors U13 Volleyball Club Team played in the 2010 Team Connection FL Pre-Qualifier on March 13 and 14. They received gold medals in their division with excellent wins that brought lots of excitement from their proud parent spectators. The U13 and U14 teams play in the Suncoast Invitational in Sarasota this weekend. Good luck for a great weekend and continue to have fun!



IN MEMORY OF: CO-FOUNDER BETTY ANDERSON:

Over the Spring Break, we discovered from our founder, Marilyn Gatlin, that her Co-founder Betty Anderson passed away last month. Those of us who were at the school's 30th Anniversary Celebration were blessed to meet and/or reconnect with this wonderful woman. She had been living in North Carolina for many years.



Betty Anderson and Marilyn Gatlin (l-r)

By coincidence, last week Marilyn Gatlin was having an annual reunion with others who had benefitted from IDS since its beginnings. So, they pulled together some memories that we could share with our IDS community. We thank Marilyn Gatlin, Founder, along with Caryl Mathis, the original business manager and IDS parent, Gery Morey, forty-year veteran Science teacher extraordinaire and Bette Maniscalco, devoted IDS parent, long-time dedicated Trustee, and an IDS grandparent. Here are some of their thoughts about Founder Betty Anderson:

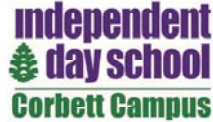












Betty Anderson was positive, cheerful, open, gregarious, laughing, happy, energized by nature, surrounded herself with books and art and light catchers in the window. Betty's smile was a little wry and so was her sense of humor. Two of Betty's loves were literature and reading, she also loved teaching. Betty had a great sense of humor with flashes of wit that would crack everyone up.

Founder Marilyn Gatlin shares information from the early days:

"Betty and I were fellow students in the masters degree program at USF. My husband happened to see an ad in the paper for the gifted program and when I heard about it I knew it was for me. Betty, a former elementary school teacher, was eager to teach children again since her sons were well past their earlier childhood years. In order to get into this program, you needed to pass some difficult tests, such as the Millers Analogy test. As we approached graduation we looked at positions as gifted supervisors, but neither of us wanted that – we wanted to teach kids. As part of our gifted program, we practice taught on Saturday mornings at USF. One of the classes we taught was creative dramatics based on Greek mythology. By this time, we had decided that we wanted to start our own school and we were looking for students to sign up. After one of our creative dramatics classes, Betty and I spoke to one of the parents (Caryl Mathis - also first business manager) in the USF parking lot and asked, "Do you want your kids to come to our school?" and she said yes! This was the beginning of the IDS student body. Betty began at IDS as a teacher of social studies and English to the lower grades. She loved teaching and made friends easily. Her warm manner made new teachers feel welcome and comfortable. Even so, she was also able to be strict when necessary, but always did it with a smile and a warm heart.

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

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Noon Dismissal (Extended Day Available)	2 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	3
4	5 IDS Young Authors Day "A Celebration of Writing"  Day 2	6 Warriors' Pride Chorus Green Cast <i>Presents</i> Jungle Book 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Day 3	7 Warriors' Pride Chorus Purple Cast <i>Presents</i> Jungle Book 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Day 4	8 PFA Council Meeting 8:15 am Cookie Dough Order Due 7 th & 8 th Grade Poetry Coffeeshouse 6:30 pm Day 5	9	10
11	12 SAT Testing Week  Day 2	13 SAT Testing Week 8 th Grade PowderPuff Game 3:00 – 5:00 pm Day 3	14 SAT Testing Week  Day 4	15 SAT Testing Week  Day 5	16 SAT Testing Week CSA <i>Presents</i> Moby Dick 7:00 pm Day 1	17 CSA <i>Presents</i> Moby Dick 2:00 & 7:00 pm 
18 CSA <i>Presents</i> Moby Dick 2:00 pm 	19 Teacher Appreciation Week 3/4 Multi-Age Departs for St. Augustine 6:30 am Day 2	20 3 rd & 4 th Grade Departs for St. Augustine 6:30 am 3/4 Multi-Age Returns from St. Augustine 6:30 pm Day 3	21 3 rd & 4 th Grade Returns from St. Augustine 6:30 pm Day 4	22 MA Brilliant Bugs Sleepover at Busch Gardens 6:00 pm Day 5	23 MA Cool Cats Performance 1:30 pm CSA <i>Presents</i> Moby Dick 7:00 pm 7 th Grade Departs for Wolfcreek 10:00 pm Day 1	24 CSA <i>Presents</i> Moby Dick 2:00 & 7:00 pm 
25 8 th Grade Departs for Washington DC 7:00 am CSA <i>Presents</i> Moby Dick 2:00 pm 	26 Middle School New Horizons Week  6 th Grade Departs for Pathfinders 8:15 am Day 2	27 MA Cool Cats Safari Store Opens for Business Middle School New Horizons Week  Day 3	28 Middle School New Horizons Week  Day 4	29 Middle School New Horizons Week 6 th Grade Returns 2:15 pm 7 th Grade Returns 5:30 pm MA Cool Cats Sleepover at Busch Gardens 6:00 pm 8 th Grade Returns 7:50 pm Day 5	30 MA Cool Cats Safari Store Closes for Business Day 1	

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

March 29 - April 2, 2010

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location of game	Pick-Up	Pick-up/Comments
Mon. 3/29	3:30	Tennis	Tampa Prep	MP Tennis	6:00	Schedule change from original schedule
	3:30	Softball	St. John's (E)	St. John's (E) **	6:00	
	3:30	Baseball-Silver Team	Cambridge	Forest Hills	6:00	
	4:00	Baseball-Purple Team	St. John's (E)	Baseball Field	6:00	
	3:00	Track	Clinic	Forest Hills	4:45	
Tues. 3/30	3:00	Community Sports Baseball	Game	Baseball Field	4:30	
	5:00	Club Volleyball	Practice	M.S. Gym	7:00	
Wed. 3/31	4:00	Tennis	Incarnation	MP Tennis	6:00	
	4:00	Softball	Tampa Prep	Softball Field	6:00	
	3:00	Baseball-Purple Team	Intrasquad Game	Baseball Field	4:30	Optional
	3:00	Baseball-Silver Team	Intrasquad Game	Baseball Field	4:30	Optional
	3:00	Track	Clinic	Forest Hills	4:45	
Thurs. 4/1	1:00	Club Volleyball	Practice	M.S. Gym	3:00	
	Off	All IDS Sports Off for Break	Off			
Fri. 4/2	Off	All IDS Sports Off for Break				

DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS: March 29 - April 2, 2010

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.

FOREST HILLS: 2 miles south on Orange Grove Drive. Left at the stop sign (driving from IDS, 4th stop sign). Right into the parking lot.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL - Baseball field, Carroll Kennedy baseball fields: Dale Mabry south. Right onto Morrison. Travel approximately 2 blocks. The fields will be at the corner of Grady and Morrison.