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HEADS' LETTER

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PFA AND THE IDS FACULTY AND STUDENTS INVITE YOU TO:

The Volunteer Appreciation Assembly and Breakfast, Monday, April 3, 2006. We are looking forward to all IDS parent and grandparent volunteers joining us for the Monday Morning Assembly on April 3, followed by a breakfast catered by the breakfast specialists, *First Watch*. Please be sure to allow our student body to see the importance of volunteering by your presence at the assembly. This is a great teachable moment for life!

After the assembly, the breakfast will provide a great way to start your day, enjoying time with other parents in the IDS Theatre/Training Center (Farish Center). There is even surprise entertainment planned during the breakfast that everyone will be talking about for a very long time!

Who is invited? All parent volunteers who gave five or more minutes of their time to helping IDS through donations, events, classrooms, students, and/or moral support!

Time: 8:05 A.M. - Monday Morning Assembly

Place: Corbett Hall

Volunteer Breakfast: Begins immediately after the Assembly

Place: IDS Theatre/Training Center (Farish Center)

CLASSICAL MUSIC RETURNS TO IDS FOR A PERFECT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

WHAT: Reflections Concert presents *L'histoire du Soldat (The Soldier's Tale)*

WHERE: IDS Theatre/Training Center (Farish Center)

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

Family Dinner by the lake following the concert.

Dinner: Catered by Crispers

See insert for costs and other details.

For additional information and tickets contact: Tom McColley or Michael LeBlanc, tmccolley@idsyes.com or (813) 961-3087 x335.



*Please look for the enclosed order form in your Thursday folder
for more details for ticket and food information.*

S.A.T. NATIONAL TESTING BEGINS TESTING WEEK TUESDAY APRIL 4 THROUGH TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2006

Question: Parents, do you want to know how you can prepare your child for testing?

Answer: That's easy! Simply get them to school: **1.** on time, **2.** with a smile, **3.** a hug, **4.** an "*I LOVE YOU*", **5.** a good breakfast (if they choose to rebel over food, just pack a bigger and healthier snack), and **6.** lots of sleep. **REMEMBER** to have them go to bed early or at a very respectable "sleep time".

Note Key Testing Points:

- The testing time takes place from 8:15 - 10:15 A.M.
- Make-up times create a hardship for students as well as the school.
- Late students (8:05 A.M.) must report to the office in order to be admitted during testing.
- Late students may need to make up a test. Please be early or prompt.

Please, work together with us and follow the advice above for T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care).



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

The days before Spring Break were filled with bringing everyday Math to life throughout the campus:

1. Middle School held its **Annual PI Day** on March 14. Ask any middle schooler and they can tell you that there are numerous ways you can interact with the concept of Pi. This event is held on March 14 because Pi is defined as a transcendental number, approximately **3.1459** (3-14) that express the ratio of a circumference to the diameter of a circle. The day was a blast for all, even turning Pi into pie contests...
2. The **Second Annual Math Fest** was also held on March 14 on the east side for Pre-K through 5th grade. Older intermediate students buddied with younger students to complete a long list of activities throughout the campus giving joy to working with numbers. Congratulations to the Primary Division Teachers (Pre -K through 2nd grade) for creating a great morning for our east side students and adding to an appreciation for fun with numbers! Also, a huge thanks to the many, many parent volunteers who assisted in the success of the Math Fest!!!
3. **Did you know?** Did you ever wonder how these great celebrations of academic concepts throughout the school year get planned? Answer: All of our big student events take a lot of work and each division takes responsibility to make them happen. For example, Multicultural World Cafe is planned for the whole school by the Middle School Division Teachers. The IDS Young Authors' Day is planned by the Intermediate Division Teachers, and Math Fest is planned by the Primary Division Teachers. Our teachers work in teams to model for students' excellent teamwork, organizational skills, and a strong work ethic.
4. **The Fourth Grade Trip to Tallahassee.** They asked for the best weather possible and got it! Bright sunny skies and smiling faces greeted the 97 students, parents, and teachers who experienced an amazing trip to Tallahassee this year. The students were independent learners, exhibiting appreciation, knowledge, and cooperation all along the way!!

Shainy Seidner exclaimed, "We learned more history by going to the city of Tallahassee! It was a great place and trip that we all enjoyed." Melissa Mainzer reflected on our visit to the Florida Supreme Court, "We acted out a court case. It was awesome!" Some of the highlights to this year's trip included: **1.** Meeting Governor Jeb Bush, **2.** viewing our state's capitol and **3.** WOWING Representative Kevin Ambler with their insightful questions and knowledge of the three branches of government and US and Florida Constitutions.

The three-day tour included viewing the executive branch in action as many resolutions were passed. Students were able to sit in on the Florida Senate and stood with poise and presence as they were recognized and welcomed by Senate President Tom Lee and the entire Chamber. In the House of Representatives chambers they reviewed a mock Supreme Court case. "It was exciting doing the mock session debating a bill. We got to do things that adults get to do!" Colin Pomet stated. The study tour was a great example of hands-on learning! In the words of Max Lerner who summed up our experience, "We learned things about our government **AND** we had FUN!"

Check out the Library:

1. We now have an open library for our students so that during the day, when a student needs to use the library, teachers can send them for assistance and guidance to do their work or find a resource.
2. We are also opening the library Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 A.M. for students who want to come in with their parents and spend some time reading or looking for books together before school starts.
3. We are able to do #1 and #2 above because we have added a new face to our library. Goldie Shear joins our library with Bettyann Pitti, in order to increase library options for our teachers, students and families.
4. There are numerous exhibits in the library for you to see... a beautiful tribute from the primary art classes on the windows, amazing projects from the third grade study of ancient civilizations, and the upper primary dioramas depicting wild life habitats. Please take time and come and enjoy our library!!!

PFA NEWS FROM THE BIG EVENT CHAIRS



From Your Big Event Co-Chairs and Rock Around the Clock Pink Ladies,
JULIE SALEK and KATHY von THADEN

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

While the parents and staff had a great time dining, bidding and twisting the night away at the Big Event, our kids are the big winners because they will benefit from all of the money IDS was able to raise! The Big Event Chairpersons (also known as "The Pink Ladies") want to say a few special thank you's for helping make the 2006 Big Event such a huge success.

- Thank you to the fabulous RPC's volunteers for all you do all year to help with the creations and the baskets. This is a big job, but the pay off is huge, and we appreciate all of your dedication and organization!
- Thank you to all of the teachers for generously donating their time for once in a lifetime experiences for the kids. The various lunches, picnics, dinners etc. donated by teachers raised a ton of cash for the school!
- Thank you to the art department for the auction paddles.
- Thank you to the IDS Facilities Team for always going above and beyond to make this committee successful. When you see Robert, Pedro, Mary and Federico, thank them personally. They worked all week helping make the Middle School look its very best!
- Thank you to the Administration and Office Staff for being so supportive and helpful all year. They are the true angels of this school!
- Thank you to our fantastic "Doo-Wop" singers, Polyfonix, (which includes Michael LeBlanc, Tom Bronson, Brian Mason, Matt Nelson, and Charlie Nelson) for entertaining us all with their fabulous 50's tunes. You guys are great!
- Thank you to all of the families, businesses and individuals who donated to the auction. Whether you gave items for a class basket, helped the kids with their creations, donated to the live and silent auctions, or gave money as an underwriter, it was because of YOU that the school will have a new field trip bus and a fence, and so much more! Thank you so much!
- Thank you to all of the guests at the Big Event. The new bidding and checkout process was embraced and enjoyed, which made the night run smoothly. Thank you for bidding often and bidding high, and thanks for having such a great time! It made all of our work so worthwhile to see you each enjoying the night so much!
- Finally, a HUGE thank you to the entire committee for your imagination, determination and dedication. Because of you, our jobs were easier and a whole lot of FUN! We love and appreciate each and every one of you! A million thanks!

Dollars Raised this Year!!

The PFA fundraisers have been overwhelmingly successful this year. Remember that we promised that 10% of all dollars will go to help hurricane victims. Well now, while many others have forgotten about hurricanes, our students will be deciding in May where their dollars will be going to assist where help is still needed and very critical. The exact amount will be announced when all results are in for the year. Events contributing to this are Golf Tournament, Giftwrap, Big Event, Lunch, and all of the other smaller but key fundraisers that do soooooo much for the school. This year many will benefit from the overwhelming generosity of our community where **EVERYONE COUNTS!!!!**

Student and Class Fundraisers:

1. **ICEES** for sale on Friday for \$1.00. Proceeds collected go to the Third Grade trip to St. Augustine to study the origins of our state and of course 10% will be designated for the hurricane relief effort. Thanks to third grader Ethan Luster's parents who have donated all ICEES for all of these icee days.
2. **THE TOP BANANA CHOCOLATE FACTORY** order form is enclosed. All proceeds (except for the 10% to hurricane relief efforts) go directly to the The Spring of Tampa Bay.
3. **ART TO REMEMBER:** The order form is enclosed. Support Fine Arts and receive your child's art back in a form that is a lifetime treasure!!! Enjoy, the results are well worth the time to fill out the form.

OTHER ENCLOSURES



1. **April 2006 Calendar** (*Class Pictures Tues. April 11 and Wed. April 12*).
2. **The Top Banana Chocolate Factory** order form.
3. **Reflections** ticket and dinner order form for Sunday, April 2 concert.
4. **Class Picture** order form.
5. **SCRIP order form...***new vendors have been added.*
6. **Art to Remember** order form.

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