

IDS YES!!!

HEADS' LETTER

APRIL 6, 2006

CATCHING UP ON NEWS:

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION-- A BEAUTIFUL MORNING: The Monday Morning Assembly on April 3rd celebrated our terrific parent volunteers in attendance with applause, cheers and gratitude! All committees were recognized as well as our RPCs. The success that emanated from each event, each fundraiser, each lunch, and all classroom activities is totally due to a community of dynamic, dedicated, and devoted volunteers. If you were elsewhere that morning, we thank you as well. If you were able to join us, we once again thank you for taking the time to celebrate a great year of volunteerism.

Following the assembly, the volunteers were treated to a great breakfast from First Watch, which was arranged by Debbie Nouss, Gina Shannon, and Marie Massara. Everyone was also treated to a special surprise performance from Helen Vasiloudes. Before becoming a Mom, Helen was a real live performing comedienne. On Monday, we knew why she was so successful in her career. She had us laughing and laughing and laughing. Bravo and thanks to Helen V. for sharing her talent and giving us a perfect start to our day. We all enjoyed.

A huge thanks to President Gina Shannon and her Executive Council for leading PFA to such a successful year. We owe a debt of gratitude to Gina, and Dawn Schocken (President-elect), Jan Baskin (VP. of Fundraising) P.J. Linn (Treasurer), Lara Davis (Secretary), Lori Markman (RPC Coordinator), Hospitality (Debbie Nouss), and Past President (Jenny Stiles).

OOOOOOPS!!!! At the Monday Morning Assembly, we also celebrated April birthdays. Throughout the day, we heard comments like "I didn't get my ribbon for a March birthday." We told the first few people they needed to be at that Monday Assembly in March. But guess what...we owe a big apology. Whatever happened to March...It just "blew" by!!! All March birthdays will have special birthday recognition to honor their March birthdays. We owe them big time:)

YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE: The IDS Young Authors' Conference will be held on Friday, April 21. On that day, the entire campus will have activities that focus on writing, authors and sharing literary work. We will even have guest published authors as we have done in past years.

The University of South Florida also hosts a Young Authors' Conference for students in Grade 1 through 5. Each teacher gave our IDSers a chance to submit their literary piece to represent their class at the Conference. We invited local professors, who are also accomplished writers, to judge who would represent IDS at the Conference. All five readers received papers without names, only recognized by a student number. The readers were amazed by our students' abilities and enjoyed the work even with the large amounts they had to read.

Twenty-four of our students were chosen, based on a rubric given to the readers, to attend the USF College of Education Conference. It was held at University of Tampa this year due to construction at USF. Our students joined 718 students from 60 schools to hear authors, gain autographs, and participate in optional activities relating to writing and illustrating. We had great fun and learned a lot from the presentations of very interesting authors.

Those representing IDS were:

BRILLIANT BUGS: Alexandra Wood, 1st Grade; Brandis Linn, 2nd Grade;

COOL CATS: Jacob Velvel, 1st Grade; Lumiere Rostick, 2nd Grade.

TOP BANANAS: Max Siegman, 1st Grade; Briana Mayberry, 2nd Grade.

3RD GRADE: Avi Baskin, Katherine Bernstein, David Cortese, Jordon Fuller, Connor Marshall, and Yael Velvel.

4TH GRADE: Dante Bosnic, Teresa Chorvat, Michael Hoff, Joshua Kartheiser, Ben Leeds, Anthony Pellingra.

5TH GRADE: Kurtis Doobay, Abigail Friedman, Logan Hayes, Carly King, Emily Lewis, and Robert Shepherd



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Drama and Academics Connect for exciting performances: The Multi-Age classes combined thespian talent and their classroom studies to perform to the delight of IDSers and parents.

The week prior to Spring Break, the Brilliant Bugs (Multi-Age first and second grades with Mrs. Jones, Ms. Clark and resident Samantha Delestowicz) performed Our Heroes. In this production, the Bugs enlightened us about heroes that make great role models for society.

Last week the Cool Cats (Multi-Age first and second grades with Ms. Brockmeyer, Ms. Kanarish, and SPC intern Ann Cashen) performed Cool Cats Go Down Under. In the Cool Cats' production, the audience learned from our students all about Australia, their life styles and the animals that inhabit that part of the world. Both plays were adorable, fun and full of pride for the brilliant stage presence of our Multi-Agers.

A huge thanks to Mr. LeBlanc (Music) and Mr. Travaglino (Drama) for supporting the Multi-Age teachers in coaching these young actors. The RPCs in each class organized parents to make great scenery, costumes and all of the extras to make each performance a joy for all!!!! It was a true team effort.

Congratulations also go to the third, fourth and fifth graders who acted as superior role models for our primary students during their show-stopping performances earlier in their year. We all work together to raise the bar for what we can accomplish together. It's great to have so many outside educators who visit continuously come and praise our school, teachers and students for our energy and amazing accomplishments. What we often take for granted is a light of possibilities to others.


IDS TEACHERS TRAVEL FOR IB WORKSHOPS!!! Huge Kudos to 10 faculty members who traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah last weekend for more International Baccalaureate workshops. They are: Fran Ehrlich and Jen Jones for Primary, Jeanne Rivera and Jill Pomet for Third grade, Kim Rostick, Fourth grade, Fifth grade Michelle Hill and Linda Wenzel. Betty Ann Pitti represented Specials and Middle School was represented by Betty George and Linda Boza. This weekend five Middle School Teachers are traveling to Corning, New York for additional Middle Years training. They include Betty George, Division Leader, English Teachers, Lynne Grigelevich and Michael Vokoun, and Math Teachers, Thelma Rosenberg and Tom Bronson. We appreciate the willingness of our faculty to make the time to learn and learn. And they appreciate the Board of Trustees for their willingness to support a budget that allows this training to occur. In the end, our students are all the winners.

One of the reasons that we have pursued IB for our school is to gain the benefits of their training with inquiry, unit planning, assessment and internationalism. Sure we already do all of that. But just like you buy a new updated car, or new updated computer, IDS always is adding, refining and updating. That's one of the reasons we remain on the cutting edge. We combine all of what we do into the **M.O.R.E. Approach** giving us increased and "**more**" options to reach all of our students in as many ways as possible. IB Coordinators for IDS are Betty George and Lynne Grigelevich (Assistant coordinator) for MYP and Linda Wenzel and Kim Fowler (Assistant Coordinator) for PYP. MYP is the middle years program and PYP is the Primary Years Program.

THE NEW BUILDING: Wait until you see the new building! **Just wait until you see the new building!!!** The outside is fun. The inside is perfect for our needs. The first floor will be for our Kindergarten classes. It has everything including space for resources!!! The second floor is the GRAND ROOM just waiting to be named. The Grand Room can hold up to 200 people and is perfect for all of our students to use during the day for bringing together divisions or for classes when the divider is used. Afternoon activities will also enjoy the Grand Room. On the second floor is another room which will be a perfect meeting room for PFA and other committee meetings held on campus. The views from all directions give a retreat atmosphere. The building is really a gem. The architects Fleischmann and Garcia and our builders *J.O. DeLotto & Sons* have done an excellent job.

The grand opening will be as soon as the Certificate of Occupancy has been received from County Inspectors. **WOW!** There sure is a lot of red tape before we can get to our ribbon cutting. But, we are almost there!!! **HURRAH!**

PFA NEWS:




COME ONE, COME ALL - There will be a PFA meeting on Wednesday, April 12th at 8:15 a.m. in the TTC Breakout Room. All PFA volunteers need to attend this *very important meeting*.


ParentNet - Please note, the ParentNet meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 has been rescheduled for the following Tuesday, April 18. Parents are encouraged to bring your favorite book that you would like to recommend to other parents for summer reading.

PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers


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




Catherine (Cat) Bornscheuer (5th Grade) was awarded the Champion Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation Award for age 11 to 13 at the Tampa Horse Show Association, Florida State Fairgrounds in early March. She was also the Reserve Champion in the Walk/Trot/Canter Showmanship for her age group. Cat also was presented with awards for her outstanding performances for 2004-2005. Great job, Cat!




Jessica Brewer (5th Grade) participated in a Prep Optional level 7 State meet at Lightning City Gymnastics on March 18th and 19th. She took 1st place on Vault with her all time highest score of **9.675!** **Jessica also won the Gold Medal.** Jessica got her personal highest score in this level - a 36.875. She also had a perfect back handspring on the high beam. Congratulations, Jessica! You can also see Jessica in Bealls' ads.




Andie Lloyd (5th Grade) competed in the Pro-Am Charity Horse Show in Georgia. Participants came from all over the eastern United States to compete. Andie competed in the Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving Classes for youth and adults. Andie earned reserve champion in the youth division and placed in a class of 13 adults. In addition, she earned champion in her age division for riding in her two previous horse shows.



Alumni News: Michael Newberger (Alum 2004) will be performing in Gaither High School's production of "Bye Bye Birdie" on Thursday, April 27th and Friday, April 28th to be held at 7:00 p.m. in Gaither's auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each, available at the door. Congratulations, Michael!



Tom Bronson (Middle School Math Teacher) will be singing the National Anthem for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on April 12th (Day 3 of the season). We know many students go to the games, so please look for this familiar face on the field. Out of only 10 acts, Tom was chosen as an individual and the group from the Big Event, Polyfonix (**Michael LeBlanc, Tom Bronson, Charlie Nelson, and Matt Nelson**) was also chosen. Polyfonix hasn't gotten any dates yet, but we'll let you know.



Who is Mrs. Borosh? Welcome back to the former Sammi Clark, Multi-Age Teacher, who returned today from her honeymoon as Mrs. Sammi Borosh.

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