



## HEADS' LETTER

APRIL 7, 2005

### EDUCATORS AWED AND INSPIRED BY IDS

We were pleased to host and train teachers from private schools from all over the state for the Florida Council of Independent Schools: Academy for High Performing Teachers. The conference was held April 3 - 5 in the IDS Theatre/Training Center. The sessions began early in the morning and ended each evening as late as 9:00 P.M. Many components of the **M.O.R.E. Approach** (Multiple Options for Results in Education) were studied and even experienced through study, simulations, role-plays, presentations, and tours of our facility. More information about the M.O.R.E. Approach can be found in the IDS book, *It's All About Kids* on pages 48 - 49. All of the accolades from participants were gratifying especially to our faculty, who has used the M.O.R.E. Approach to help our students achieve and raise the bar. It is a tribute to our journey to explore the "Cape of Exceptional Learning" (see prologue) to receive evaluations at the end of the workshop that included comments such as:

**"...This is the most inspirational workshop that I have ever attended."**

*"...I am walking away with pages and pages of ideas to implement in my classroom."*

**"...The tremendous strategies learned and presented will prove most valuable for my students' learning."**

*"...The most valuable aspect is the thought of all of the wonderful possibilities we take back to our schools."*

**"...The uplifting experience is definitely going to make me a better teacher! I am so excited for tomorrow!!!"**

### PRINCIPALS FROM SPAIN HOSTED BY IDS THROUGH THE ISC - International School Connection

Six school leaders from private schools and Señor Luis Perez, Educational Consultant, arrived in Tampa this week to connect with innovative strategies found in model schools. This is coordinated through "Hubs" in various cities to strengthen international connections and cutting edge learning techniques with school leaders. The team spent Monday, April 3, in an orientation at IDS. They traveled to five schools in the Bay Area from Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough Counties recognized for innovative instructional techniques and leadership.



The Spanish Team, representing four highly respected private schools found in Castellon, Valencia and Madrid, will spend all of Thursday at IDS learning about the **M.O.R.E. APPROACH** for raising test scores and engaging students in exciting approaches to learning. They will spend a good part of the training on a "Walking Seminar Tour" to see learning in action within our classrooms. Our students may have the opportunity to practice Spanish with our visitors. They brought translators with them. We are honored and humbled to share how we work to produce a research-based, brain-compatible instructional program. We look at this training opportunity as part of extending our commitment to having an impact on the "greater community" to the international arena.

## S.A.T. NATIONAL TESTING BEGINS

### Testing Week Monday, April 11 – Friday April 15, 2005

**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 healthy 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 frame takes place from 8:15 – 10:30 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).

## AN ODE TO THE IDS FACILITIES TEAM

By the Intermediate Leadership Council (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

A puzzle has many pieces that come together to create one big picture. When you look around our campus you will find clean sidewalks, beautiful grounds, well-maintained lawns, and gorgeous surroundings. Do you ever wonder how our IDS campus gets to be so spectacular? We are so lucky to have four amazing individuals as a part of our magical IDS puzzle. These people are hard at work behind the scenes to make our campus look fantastic each day. The Intermediate Leadership Council would like to declare today, April 4, 2005, Facilities Appreciation Day!

We would like to show you how much you are appreciated by recognizing some of the many things you so willingly do everyday: Take care of our buses. Get balls off the roofs. Blow leaves. Landscaping. Paint our walls. Mow our lawns. Cleanup after our beloved peacocks. Fix our air conditioning. Fix anything that breaks. Pressure wash. Fix the boardwalk. Assist injured students. Unlock our classroom doors. Provide afternoon guidance. Help with emergency situations. Unload cars. Deliver boxes. Give many hours of your time.

**YOU DO EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING!!! YOU DO IT ALL!!!**

## IDS FACULTY SPONSOR TRIP TO SPAIN



Get your passports ready and grab your "maleta" (suitcase). Join Señora Figueruelo and Señora Jennings as they adventure to Spain for two weeks this June. Travelers can expect to engage in wonderful sightseeing, cultural experiences, and great food. Everyone will be talking about this trip. For more information, please contact Senora Figueruelo and Senora Jennings at (813) 961-3087 at extensions 308 or 364.

## PFA NEWS

### REMINDER TO STEP UP TO THE HONOR OF SERVICE:



**PFA LEADERSHIP: 2005 – 2006:** IDS thrives because of the teamwork with our Parent Faculty Association (PFA). PFA is currently looking for volunteers and committee 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.



### PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDERS

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

Congratulations to Third Grader **Anthony Bellini** and his Futbol Club Tampa Mutiny U-9 soccer team! Anthony's team won the Southwest Florida Youth Soccer Association title (Region C), allowing them to advance to the final Florida State championship tournament in May. They will play the three other regional winners from Florida to decide the best U9 soccer team in the state. Go Mutiny!



### IDS MATH FEST Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Wednesday, April 6, the Primary Division hosted the first annual Math Fest for Pre-K through fifth grade. Younger and older students were paired up and experienced math related activities on the east side of our campus. Activities revolved around: geometry, place value, number sense, money, coordinate math, and more. The students were excited to have the opportunity to review and explore math concepts in a fun, experimental, and unique way. Smiles and happiness filled our campus with children expressing joy at developing friendships with older and younger students, as well as embracing math in a joyful way. An IDS applause and thank you to all our many parents who helped make the day such a success!

### PLEASE NOTE KEY DATES

**S.A.T. TESTING – APRIL 11 – APRIL 15:** 8:15 - 10:30 A.M. daily.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15 – NOON DISMISSAL:** *If you need Extended Day, please call Marie at (813) 961-3087 to reserve a place for your child.* Please send lunch if your child is attending Extended Day.



**SUNDAY, APRIL 17 at 3:00 p.m. – REFLECTIONS CONCERT:** Tasteful Trios in the Theater/Training Center. Please see enclosed ticket order form for more information.

**MONDAY, APRIL 18 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY:** Enjoy a touch of spring!



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 and 21 – HONK JR.:** There will be two performances each day at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. **Tickets are \$5.00 each and go on sale this week.**


**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 – COFFEE TALK WITH JOYCE:** Please join us at 8:15 A.M. to seek answers to your questions and gain additional insights about what is happening at IDS.

**REFLECTIONS CONCERTS** are inspiring...and activate the brain waves with an appreciation for positive experiences...share them with your family.

PROFESSIONAL CONCERT SERIES



**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 17, 2005**  
**3:00 PM**



*Carmen Bannon*  
*Flute*

*Stacey McColley*  
*Clarinet*

*Maurizio Venturini*  
*Bassoon*

*Felicia Brunell*  
*Violin*

*Olga Glick*  
*Piano*

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TICKETS CONTACT  
 Tom McColley or Michael LeBlanc 961-3087  
 tmccolley@idsyes.com

**ALL TICKETS \$5.00**

The IDS Community Music School will be hosting an Instrument Petting Zoo following the concert. Children of all ages, including adults, will be able to try out a variety of instruments.



**TAMPA BAY AREA  
 I.C.E. WRITERS' CAMP**

The Tampa Bay Area Writing Project at the University of South Florida is proud to announce its fourth consecutive young writers' camp. This year's I.C.E. Writers will again meet at Independent Day School – Corbett Campus. Camp will be from July 11 - 14 and July 18 - 21 from 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. each of the eight days. The cost is \$250.00 per participant. Scholarships are available. Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through seniors in high school are eligible to apply. Campers from previous years are welcome to apply again, as the curriculum is changed every year.

Imaginative Creative Explorers Writers' Camp is for the talented writers who want to hone their writing skills through creative methods, stressing best writing practice approaches. Students will be assigned to grade appropriate writing groups of approximately six writers with a teacher consultant of the Tampa Bay Area Writing Project. Students will submit at least two pieces to the final anthology that will be shared with parents, friends, and teachers on Thursday, July 21. If you want an application, please call (813) 961-3087 for more information.

**COMMUNITY  
 ADVERTISEMENT**

If you are interested in running an advertisement in the *Heads' Letter*, please contact: Celeste Ross at (813) 961-3087.

**CAMP IDS**



**Camp IDS**  
 at Independent Day School  
 Corbett Campus

A Variety of Camp Activities Available from  
**June 6 - July 29**  
 8:30am - 3:00pm

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 Mornings 7:30 am - 8:30 am • Afternoons 3-6 pm

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Boys Basketball Sports Camp	Math Enrichment Camp	Trail Blazers
Broadcasting	Model Rocketry	Volleyball Sports Camp
Cheerleading Sports Camp	Musical Theatre	Web Page Design
Community Music School	Newspaper-Peacock Chronicle	Wilderness Extreme
Computer for Kids	Photography	Writing Camp
Cooking	Piano	

Check our website for more information and registration forms:  
**www.idsyes.com**  
 Independent Day School - Corbett Campus  
 12015 Orange Grove Drive Tampa, FL 33618 **961-3087**



4507 Gunn Hwy  
 (813) 908-3340

**Children's Dance  
 Class**

commencing

**Saturday, April 9**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**

**\$7.00 per person**

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# PRESS RELEASE



## ***IDS Students Honor Facilities Team***

*For immediate release April 7, 2005 Tampa, Fla.*

Long before students show up or the sun has risen, members of the Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) facilities team are on campus blowing the leaves away and cleaning the sidewalks. Other members of the team greet the sunrise as they drive school buses across town to pick up precious cargo. And then after most students have gone home, they're still there, crisscrossing the campus with brooms and rakes and cleaning supplies, making sure the grounds and facilities are perfect for the next day.

Every day for the IDS facilities team, comprised of Robert Marquez, Mary Davis, Pedro Jorge and Federico Hilario starts early and ends late. And every day is always chockfull of tasks, completed with smile or a friendly nod, that benefit every student, parent, teacher, administrator, staff person and IDS visitor.

So when the IDS community, led by the Intermediate Leadership Council, declared April 4<sup>th</sup> Facilities Appreciation Day at this week's Monday morning meeting, it was done with enthusiastic words, as well as actions aimed at expressing sincere gratitude.

"One of the goals of the Intermediate Leadership Council is to focus on the IDS community," said fifth grade teacher and council advisor Amy Lewis. "Our facilities people are amazing people who are integral parts of the IDS puzzle."

"They are truly unsung heroes of IDS," said third grade teacher and also council advisor Jaclyn Kanarish.

Third, fourth and fifth grade students, members of the Intermediate Leadership Council, recognized the foursome during the meeting by creating a giant floor puzzle depicting the numerous things they do, from landscaping, painting and pressure washing, to rescuing balls off roofs and providing extra assistance to students whenever they need it.

The visual sign of appreciation was followed by a more vocal one as students from Jean Harrison's kindergarten class demonstrated special class cheers in honor of the facilities team.

And since actions speak even louder than words, all primary and intermediate students participated in a campus clean up, working together to scan the grounds for litter as well as dusting their classroom shelves and polishing their windows. In addition, the facilities team received a special lunch, and the students decided to plant a tree in the team's honor.

"Our facilities team keeps our campus looking like the true 'Magic Kingdom' that it is," said IDS-CC Headmaster Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman. "They deserve this special day."

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited independent school located in northwest Hillsborough County educating students from Pre-K through 8th grade. A 2004 National Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award school, IDS-CC features superior academic programs, small class size, and leading edge fine arts, sports and technology programs. IDS-CC balances a nurturing learning environment with high standards and expectations. For more information about IDS visit [www.idsy.com](http://www.idsy.com).

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