

HEADS' LETTER

APRIL 21, 2005

**THE AUDIENCE “*QUACKS UP*” WITH HONK JR.
LAST CHANCE TO SEE IT TONIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.
*PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT THE DOOR.***



Another hit...**A BIG HIT!!!** The Warriors' Pride Chorus has been divided into the green and purple casts. The purple cast will be performing the last show this evening. The casts have been receiving *standing ovations* from their admiring audiences who leave the theatre smiling and humming the great tunes! You will be amazed. Be sure to

bring your children, friends, and relatives tonight for the last performance at 7:00 P.M. in the IDS-CC Theatre/Training Center.

A special thanks to the following IDS parents; Glenn Goering for designing and building the eggs, Kristina Hoff for running the production from behind the scene, and Tom Pruitt for painting the barnyard set for us! Congratulations to our proud parent volunteers and our director and teacher Michael LeBlanc (Music) for another **SUCCESSFUL** production.

SUMMERTIME PRACTICE MATERIALS

Summertime is almost here. In the past, parents have requested summer practice materials for their children. The book contains 30 lessons and is designed to be used three times a week for ten weeks. Using this regime will give your child the optimal exposure in relatively short spurts over the entire summer recess. When deciding which grade level to purchase, the company recommends the student's current grade placement. The books are designed for a review of taught subject matter.



This year, we are selling these books on a **first come, first serve** basis. We have a surplus of books from last year's order. The following books are available: *1st - 5th Grade Language Arts*, *K - 5th Grade Math*, and *Pre-Algebra/Algebra*. The cost of a book is **\$15.00**. If you are interested, please visit the office on the East or West side of the IDS campus. They will be available starting Monday, April 25, 2005.

BON VOYAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL: NEW HORIZONS WEEK



Is it that time already? The Middle Schoolers are preparing for one of the highlights of each year, as they pack up to experience trips that are a tradition that everyone enjoys for a lifetime. **BRAVO** to all of our Middle School Teachers and Special Teachers who make this happen!

Sixth grade will attend Pathfinders, an outdoor science educational program at Cedarkirk. **Seventh grade** will be decked out in hiking shoes and backpacks as they experience a 20-plus year tradition at IDS. **Eighth grade** heads to our nation's capital, Washington D.C., for their culminating trip before their graduation. You may have been to Washington D.C. 100 times, but when you see it with IDS teachers, it is another once in a lifetime opportunity. All **59** of our eighth graders will be attending!!!

All of the trips have assignments connected to our academic standards and benchmarks and help bring meaningful connections to learning. We wish them a terrific journey.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL UPDATE

Our storytellers were AWESOME! On Saturday, April 16th, our students won an award for having the most quality storytellers from an independent school. It was announced at the opening ceremonies, and we received a beautiful award made out of glass and wood.



The students were scheduled at different times in different rooms AND the best part was that some of the best storytellers really needed a chance to shine. Mr. Travaglino deserves many kudos for his help with this event! He met with kids on his own time to offer coaching. The kids really went above and beyond on this because most of the practicing was up to them at home with their parents.

Just to give credit to all who helped: Linda Wenzel helped with the early organizational steps, Sharon Harrison and Vilma Silva ran copies of stories for EVERY intermediate student and helped with the paperwork, Seth Travaglino and Matt Melnick were extremely flexible during our intermediate rotations to allow for some extra practice time, and our parents were responsible for getting them to the festival and helping them practice! A **BIG THANK YOU** to Bettyann Pitti for making this happen for our students.

The following IDS students were participants of the 25th Annual Tampa Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival: 3rd Graders; **Madeline Baruch, Jake Caldevilla, Teresa Chorvat, Emily Davison, Pedro Lima, Kayla Lloyd, Lily McAvoy, Lindsey Pearl, Zealand Shannon, Amelia Stach, Garrett Walters,** 4th Graders; **Andrea Bronstein, Courtney Ellis, Helen Foe, Abigail Friedman, Caitlin Herlihy, Olivia Houston, Shelby James, Emily Lewis, Rebecca Liller, Emily McMahan, Matthew Montefusco, Morgan Renaldo, Gabby Shaikh, Geoffrey Steiner, Kelsey Tillotson, Chase Wehrle,** 5th Graders; **Austin Brady, Luke Blankenship, Paolo Concepcion, Morgan Mills, Quinn Pruitt, Cortney Spagnuolo, Alicia Vernick, and Megan Will.**

IDS YOUNG AUTHORS' CELEBRATION



Tomorrow is IDS Young Authors' Celebration. This year our featured genre will be tall tales! Primary and Intermediate students will have the opportunity to hear Shana Banana, a nationally known presenter. Middle School students will enjoy a presentation by Venus Jones, a local poet and an author speak and a book signing opportunity with Adrian Fogelin, the author of "*Crossing Jordan*". IDS "Bigs" and "Littles" will be paired to write a tall tale and to share stories that they have created during the year. The morning will conclude in Corbett Hall with a special story time tale called "*The Swamp Angel*". Be sure to ask your child to share the events about this exciting day!

IDS FORENSICS TEAM UPDATE

The **FORENSICS TEAM** (an extension of the middle school drama elective) had its fourth and last meet of the year on April 20, 2005. At this competition, drama/forensics students who chose to be part of this elective competed against eight other public and private schools. "This team has worked hard all year, and I am impressed with their work ethic," said Mr. Vokoun.



Ms. Watson commented, "It was impressive how much dedication each student brought to each piece."

Ten of the twenty-five students who competed in the competition placed in the top five of their category. The team as a whole has earned 41 trophies out of 160 possible for the year. This means that out of the nine teams that competed throughout the year, IDS won one trophy for every four that were handed out. This is an **amazing accomplishment!**

The following are the results from this past competition: **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

Brian Barraqueta fourth place in *Oral Interpretation of Poetry*, **Alyssa Blumenthal** second place in *Impromptu*, **Garrett Dyer** and **Nima Iranmanesh** fourth place in *Duo Interpretation of Drama*, **Michael Fields** first place in *Impromptu*, **Tori Godfrey** fourth place in *Impromptu*, **Natasha Kurji** first place in *Oral Interpretation of Drama*, **Ben Lagos** and **Max Landwirth** second place in *Duo Interpretation of Drama*, and **Cameron Taylor** fifth place in *Oral Interpretation of Drama*

TOP BANANAS (2nd GRADE) CHOCOLATE FACTORY

The Top Bananas in 2nd Grade will be selling chocolate pops for one last time. Be sure to place your order with them. The chocolate pops are \$1.50 each. All the proceeds will go to The Spring of Tampa Bay, a home for battered women and children. The Top Bananas are excited to be participating in this awesome community project. Thank you for all your support!



BOYS BASEBALL NEWS...



Congratulations to the boys' Red baseball team for winning season. IDS will be hosting a Baseball Tournament of Champions the first week in May. St. Lawrence Academy, Trinity School and Academy of the Holy Names will participate. All of these schools have enjoyed a great deal of baseball success this year so the tournament should be an entertaining and enjoyable event for everyone. IDS will play their first game on Tuesday, May 3rd at 4:00 P.M. Come out and support your IDS Warriors!

REMINDER...ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT



Thursday, May 12, 2005 is the Athletic Awards Night. Please look in your Thursday folder for details.

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MAY and **JUNE 2005** school calendar is enclosed. Please look at the important events coming up soon!



A NEW CAMP ADDED...we have just added a French Camp for 3rd through 8th graders. Please look inside for details! *C'est magnifique!*

2nd GRADE CHOCOLATE FACTORY ORDER FORM. Get your chocolate pops now before we run out.



CELEBRATE OUR NATIONAL HONOR AS A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AND ORDER YOUR OWN T-SHIRT. If you would like to join in our celebration for this prestigious honor, please fill out the t-shirt order form in your Thursday folder.

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

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

Rising Pre-K - 8th Grade
One Week Sessions • Half-Day and Full Day Sessions

Adventure Camp	Crafts & Chords	Reading Enrichment
Archery	Drama	Recreation Camps
Art in Nature	Flag Football	Soccer Sports Camp
Bake-It Take-It	Girls Basketball Sports Camp	Spanish Culture
Band	Karate	Sports Games
Boards & Chords	Lacrosse	Teen Rec
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**

Many campers are already enrolled in IDS Camp 2005.

What about YOU?

Please consider registering *NOW* so your child/ren will have more choices open to them.

As expected, certain activities fill up quickly. While there are many options for a happy summer at CAMP IDS, registration is open to families from other schools as well.

Decide to fill out the registration today!