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HEADS' LETTER

MAY 1, 2008



**NOON DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008**



EARLY DISMISSAL FOR TEACHER IN-SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7: Half days are packed full of lessons planned by the teachers. Please treat the morning as seriously as any other day. Extended Day is available for early release until 6:00 pm. Please call Marie Massara at (813) 961-3087, to make a reservation by Monday, May 5, 2008. There will be a \$15.00 charge unless you are on the Annual Extended Day Plan.

IF YOU CHOOSE THE EXTENDED DAY OPTION, PLEASE SEND A LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD.



**SPRING FINE ARTS PROGRAM
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008**



- ★ **FIRST SHOW – 9:00 AM**
- ★ **SECOND SHOW - 1:00 PM**
- ★ **ALL STUDENTS PERFORM IN BOTH SHOWS.**



It is important that students stay for the entire day so that they can perform for both audiences.

- ★ **All students 1.) wear their green IDS polo shirt for the day.
2.) Chorus members will be wearing their white Fine Arts polo shirts and black pants.**
- ★ **Art Exhibit will be all week. Students will be visiting during Art time. Parents can visit during the week or on Thursday before, between, and after performances.**

EIGHTH GRADE CARNATIONS SALE...

Eighth grade will be selling carnations for \$1.00 each for Teacher Appreciation Week May 5 through 9. Monday, May 5, all students are asked to bring in a flower for their teachers. The eighth grade students will be selling carnations for \$1.00 each that morning as a fundraiser for the class graduation gift to the school. If you would like to pre order your flower(s), please fill out the enclosed form with your payment in an envelope labeled "Teacher Appreciation Flowers". Please follow the guidelines with RPC's as a classroom community. Thanks for caring and supporting your RPC.



**IDS SPRING BOOK FAIR
SUNDAY, MAY 11 THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 17**



Beginning Sunday, May 11, IDS will host the Spring Book Fair at Barnes and Noble on North Dale Mabry Hwy. in Carrollwood. Students will have an opportunity to purchase their summer reading books at Barnes & Noble during their visitation. On **Wednesday, May 14, the Warriors' Pride Chorus will perform at 6:00 p.m. on Primary Night** for all students!!! Please remember to **purchase SCRIP** for your children to buy books at Barnes and Noble. The form is enclosed in your Thursday folder...9% of the SCRIP order goes directly back to IDS to benefit the IDS Laney Library. All students going on Book Fair field trips during the day with classes must wear their green IDS polo shirts on their designated day. Thanks for your support!!

UPPER PRIMARY: AN AMAZING WEEK OF TALENT AND KNOWLEDGE

BRAVO TO THE TOP BANANAS!! First grade Toucans and Second grade Monkeys brought smiles to the audience during the Top Banana drama performance. Loud and clear voices, funny lines, excellent poise and big smiles were highlighted by all as the Top Bananas performed The Rocking Horse. A huge BANANA BRAVO to teachers Mrs. Felder and Mrs. Waterman, along with drama teacher Mr. Travaglinio for creating a “*Banana Spectacular*” on stage. We learned life’s lessons while enjoying the show!

MATH MADE REAL IN “MONEY MATTERS” FOR UPPER PRIMARY: THE TEACHERS SPEAK OUT WITH PRIDE!



“Our Money Matters unit had a powerful impact on our students because it was so closely related to the real life situations and choices that people have to make regarding money. A goal that we had as teachers was for the students to be able to see the benefits of saving and budgeting their money. To achieve this goal, we felt that they needed something to save for, just like we do in the real world. The Bugs, Cats and Bananas rose to the occasion and made “money wise” decisions throughout the unit that ranged from paying bills to choosing whether or not to take part in optional spending opportunities. To culminate our study of money, Upper Primary transformed into a Retirement Center, a tropical Hawaiian paradise and an outdoor camping adventure. Depending on how much money students saved, they each got to attend one of these simulations that proved saving and budgeting your money really PAYS OFF! So many parents helped and joined in. What a great day!”

- Sammi Borosh & Jen Jones, *Brilliant Bugs*

“One part of our Money Matters unit was a culminating reflection. We are amazed by the ability of our Cats, Bugs and Bananas to reflect upon their choices. It is evident that all “Up”town citizens have learned a lot about saving, wants versus needs and making responsible choices. All the children had a great time learning about getting a paycheck, paying bills, earning bonuses, and surviving emergency bills! Bravo “Up”town for all their hard work!”

- Debi Brockmeyer & Liz Kennedy, *Cool Cats*

“Decision-making was also an important factor, as they had to decide how to spend their money and have enough left to do what they wanted to do in the end. All in all, each child had a fabulous time either in retirement, Hawaii, or camping. Everyone learned and confirmed that teaching children about the importance of managing their money, even at an early age, enables them to become responsible adults later in life while sharpening their math skills as they added and subtracted in their bank registers.”

- Ande Felder & Teresa Waterman, *Top Bananas*



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Nirja Patel (IDS Sixth Grade), on Saturday, April 19, participated in a major long course swim meet held at North Shore Pool, in St. Petersburg, FL. Nirja came in second place for the age 11 – 12 group in 50m breaststroke, finishing in 41.30 seconds and beating the Florida State Junior Olympics qualifying time by 0.89 seconds. Currently, Nirja is seeded seventh in the state of Florida. Congratulations Nirja!



PRESS RELEASE AND ENCLOSURES

1. **Press Release**
 - a. Spanish Exchange Student Study Tour A Huge Success
 - b. WIDS Students Experience Major Network News
 - c. All of Us ARE Stronger than One of Us!
2. **Enclosure:**
 - a. Eighth grade flower sale order form
 - b. Barnes & Noble Scrip order form



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

Spanish Exchange Student Study Tour A Huge Success

For immediate release: April 16, 2008

Tampa, Fla.

Eight students from Independent Day School - Corbett Campus' (IDS-CC) Middle School kicked off their 2008 spring break in a rather unusual way – they went back to school! But this time they brought their families to attend the special farewell dinner party in honor of the eight exchange students from Colegio Ramon y Cajal of Madrid, Spain, who had been their friends, classmates, and houseguests for the past three weeks. The Spanish students – six girls and two boys – were selected to participate in the exchange program based on their excellence in academics and citizenship in addition to having achieved a fair command of the English language. Each Spanish student was placed with a volunteer host family, who had an IDS student of about the same age.

The exchange students and their IDS American hosts quickly formed strong friendships. Colegio Ramon y Cajal coordinator, Paloma Sanz, who accompanied the students to Tampa, was really pleased that every one of her students would have liked to extend her/his stay.



Laughter, hugs and bittersweet tears filled the hearts of the students, parents and teachers who attended the farewell dinner for the visitors from Colegio Ramon y Cajal of Madrid, Spain.

At the farewell dinner, amiable 12-year-old student Alvaro, who was hosted by IDS seventh grader Brian Stiles and his family, stated that he had traveled internationally to Rome, Portugal and France with his parents, but had never been to the United States prior to coming to Tampa. He was very impressed with America and not ready to leave.

Likewise, 14-year-old Carlos wanted to lengthen his stay. While staying with the family of Gregory Tomlin, Carlos had quickly revealed his proficiency for playing both pool and ping-pong. According to Gregory's father, John Tomlin, Greg and the whole family enjoyed having the opportunity to learn about Spain through Carlos and tried to respond to him using the Spanish they had learned. Before leaving, Carlos set up a Skype account on the Tomlins' computer, so they can continue to stay in touch at no charge through the wonders of technology.

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Spanish Exchange Student Study Tour A Huge Success

IDS student Caleigh Cogar and her family hosted 13-year-old exchange student Nur. Caleigh's dad, Larry, related how wonderful it was the day the IDS kids and their families first met the Spanish teens and their two teacher/chaperones at Tampa International Airport. Caleigh and Nur had formed an immediate bond, walking hand-in-hand together out of the airport.

There were plenty of hugs, laughs, and tears at the farewell dinner – at times, not a dry eye in the house. After enjoying a delicious dinner each IDS host student presented her/his family's Spanish guest with a gift bag containing, among other items, tee-shirts imprinted with the group photo and the words: "Spanish Exchange Student Study Tour 2008." The IDS students had also received the shirts and within a few minutes, most of the students had put the tee shirts on over their other clothes, in yet another sign of their emotional solidarity. The Spanish students had a special gift for their hosts as well: personal letters of thanks they had written to their American families and read aloud at the farewell dinner.

In addition to attending classes at IDS each weekday, the exchange students also managed to find time to go bowling and boating, and to visit Disney World, Tampa's Museum of Science and Industry, Ybor City and The Florida Aquarium.

The exchange student program was made possible through planning and communication between IDS Headmaster, Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman and IDS teachers Betty Norlin, Sonia Morgan, and Odette Figueruelo. They connected with Paloma Sanz, whose grandfather, José Luis Sanz Sánchez, founded the family-owned Colegio Ramon y Cajal in 1961. Sanz first visited IDS a few years ago, after her father approached her about coming to work as a teacher in his school. Before beginning, she agreed to spend a month in Tampa with Dr. Swarzman, to learn how to create a program utilizing the school's MORE Approach, Multiple Options for Results in Education. Upon her return to Spain from IDS, Paloma began to create a similar program in Madrid, tearing down walls to combine a few classrooms, pairing teachers, and developing a cooperative learning program. Initially the new program involved only the youngest grade levels at the school, but each year the program has advanced with the students, so that now a significant number of students are involved.

Judging from the tremendous success of Colegio Ramon y Cajal's 2008 Study Tour visit to IDS, Multiple Options for Results in Education will continue to yield a fine return for both schools.

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WIDS Students Experience Major Network News

For immediate release: April 14, 2008

Tampa, Fla.

Tampa's NBC affiliated station, WFLA-TV, recently hosted Independent Day School – Corbett Campus' (IDS-CC) WIDS student newscasters in the News Channel 8 newsroom.

Touring the various departments at the News Center has become an annual tradition for the IDS middle school broadcast students – one that offers an excellent understanding of how the news is televised, and a new respect for the TV equipment the students use themselves in IDS' very own WIDS TV Studio.

The WIDS students represented IDS with poise and presence as they toured the studio. They saw the state-of-the-art equipment up close and had the chance to sit behind the Anchor Desk and stand before the green screen. But the crème de la crème this year was getting to meet a former American Idol star, who was being interviewed at the time!



WIDS middle school students at WFLA.

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All of Us ARE Stronger than One of Us!



A show of strength! (l to r): Maddi Thomas, Ibrahim ElChaar, Tyler Jones, Jake Vildostegui, Julia Martin

Recently, when Coach Renee Holden and the members of Independent Day School - Corbett Campus's three-year-old Pre-kindergarten class entered the Corbett Hall Gymnasium for Physical Education class, they found several fiberglass **boulders** that had been used for the **IDS Warriors Pride** production of ***Sleeping Beauty***.

As Coach Holden started to move the boulders out of the way, several of the three-year-olds commented, "WOW! You're strong!" Quickly realizing that the students thought that the boulders were real, the coach laughed and, telling the young students that she thought they were pretty strong too, asked them to help her move them!

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Barnes & Noble Scrip Order Form

(IDS receives 10% on Scrip orders.)

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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

May 5-9, 2008

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon.	4:00	Baseball-Red Team	TBA	Baseball Field	6:00	
5/5	4:00	Baseball-White Team	TBA	Baseball Field	6:00	Optional participation
	off	Tennis	off			Season over
	off	Softball	off			Season over
Tues. 5/6		Athletes' Day off				
Weds.		Athletes' Day off - Noon Dismissal				
5/7						
Thur.	3:00	Softball Party		TBA	5:00	
5/8	3:00	Baseball Party/Game		Baseball Field	5:00	Parents & Staff welcome
Fri.	3:00	Tennis Party		CiCi's	4:30	
5/9						