

HEADS' LETTER

MAY 9, 2008

A BIG WEEK FOR SPORTS AND FINE ARTS!

SPORTS: On Monday afternoon, the IDS Baseball team won the Florida West Coast League Championship Tournament 10 to 5, which gave them a perfect unbeatable season! Congratulations to the Warriors for fantastic teamwork, and hats off to proud Coach Dewey and Coach Starkey for leading them to a great season.

The tennis, track and softball teams also had an excellent season. All of this will be announced and celebrated at the Athletic Awards Night where **all** of our athletes will be honored for **EVERY** sport for the year including: cheerleading, volleyball, soccer, cross country, boys basketball, girls basketball, track, tennis, softball and baseball.

ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT IS THURSDAY, MAY 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Corbett Hall. A dessert reception follows the program which is for all athletes and their parents! A special t-shirt honoring a sweep of championships this year where IDS won the league will be available for purchase, called **4 SPORTS, 4 CHAMPIONSHIPS**. You can just imagine how proud the coaches are of our young men and women and the fun, teamwork and discipline learned through athletic participation.

FINE ARTS DAY: The time was different; but the results were the same. It is a challenge to find the words to describe the major **MAGIC** that the Fine Arts team creates at both the extraordinary Art Show in Farish and the stellar performances in Corbett Hall. The variety in singing, dancing, acting, speaking, and playing an instrument kept the show moving so that 90 minutes flew by. A 45 minute slide show flashed on the screen before the show and between performances. It captured smiling faces from events during this school year.

The daytime Spring show allowed every child to both participate in the show **and** see the rest of the performance so that they too could appreciate the talent that exists in the school. Each class was able to be in Corbett Hall for one of the two performances. A huge **BRAVO** goes to the entire staff, including the teachers, facilities team, office staff, and administration, for their dedicated support to the Fine Arts Team in pulling off two shows with all details handled brilliantly.

A huge **STANDING OVATION** goes to the Fine Arts team for the gifts of poise, presence, and confidence that comes from performance. They are **music and chorus** led by Tom McColley, Michael LeBlanc, and Barbara McBride, **musical theatre** led by Seth Travaglino, Barbara McBride, Jeanne Rivera and Barbara Soulé, **band** led by Michael LeBlanc and Tom McColley, **drama** led by Seth Travaglino with support from Victoria Watson in the Middle School, and **dance** led by Lisa Kelly-Ferlita.

The Fine Arts Program was also the perfect opportunity to honor Ms. Ripple for her years of devotion, leadership, and continued love for IDS. This year marks IDS' 39th anniversary and Ms. Ripple's **30th year** in the school with **25** of them as the Associate Head of School. She enters the IDS Hall of Fame on the second floor of the New Building outside the Grand Room that will describe her continued devotion to the IDS students, teachers, and to her mentor Headmaster Bernie Haake (Headmaster from 1984 - 1990). **She promises to remain at the helm of the school for the next 25 years.** Bravo to Pam Ripple. The best part was that she was sooooooooooooo surprised and that was fun to see!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PEOPLE FAIR: by Seventh Grader Tyler Schantz

People Fair was a blast to the past! On May 8 and 9 People Fair took place with special appearances from impersonators such as Jackie Robinson to J.K. Rowling. People Fair is celebrated at IDS because there is a lot to learn from people who have made a positive impact on society. To prepare for People Fair sixth graders research a particular role model, create a museum exhibit about that person, and become that character for the presentations. Mrs. Boza, Mrs. Quin, Mrs. Thomas, and Mr. Contino guided sixth graders through this experience.

On Fine Arts Day sixth graders presented to Pre-K3 through second grade in their classroom as students waited to go on stage. Each sixth grade character presented to a small group of younger children. Then the younger students asked questions as the sixth graders cleverly stayed in character.

On Friday, the third, fourth, and fifth graders came to the Middle School on the west side to see the exhibits and hear the speeches. Parents of sixth graders also attended. It was a full house! After the speeches, they got to look at the exhibits. Sixth grader, Austin McCullers said, "It is fun and exciting, and we get to learn about people we may not have heard of." Everyone is looking forward to seeing all the new and exciting people to come next year.

IDS SPRING BOOK FAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE SUNDAY, MAY 11 THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 17 - A GREAT TIME TO PREPARE FOR SUMMER READING

A huge thanks and barrels of appreciation to volunteer parents Milene Lima, Cathy Peacock, and Lauren Mandel for their years of continued support to the library in creating successful Book Fair opportunities for the IDS Community. They work so hard behind the scenes and they make it happen!!

Wednesday, May 14 - IDS Primary Night

- 3:45 pm - Story with Señoras Morgan, Figueruelo & Izquierdo
- 4:30 pm - Story with Mrs. Jean Harrison
- 5:15 pm - Story with Mrs. Lauren Bronson
- 5:30 pm - Story with our special guest FIREFIGHTER
- 6:00 pm - Warriors' Pride Chorus performs



IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT SPORTS AWARD NIGHT - MAY 15 AT 7:00 PM

WHERE: CORBETT HALL

WHO: All fourth through eighth grade STUDENTS and their PARENTS who played sports for 2007 - 2008

DRESS: Appropriate school attire in order to be honored. All athletes will be called up on stage. Suggested attire is a school t-shirt or school team shirt. All students are expected to honor the IDS dress code.

WHAT: This is the Annual Sports Awards Night. Please plan to join us on **THURSDAY, MAY 15, AT 7:00 pm** in Corbett Hall. We will announce each athlete's participation in each sport, and celebrate with a light dessert and beverage after the awards ceremony. This is the time to celebrate our winning season with coaching, teammates and friends.

FALL: Volleyball, Soccer, and Cross Country

WINTER: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Track and Field, and Cheerleading

SPRING: Baseball, Softball, and Tennis

DUKE TIP HONORS AWARDED AT ASSEMBLY LED, WITH AMAZING LEADERSHIP, BY KINDERGARTENER TURNED HEADMASTER ON MONDAY, MAY 5

The headline should read, "Headmaster Nadia Al-Hassani shows IDS can be led effectively by a kindergartener!" Yes, it's true; Headmaster Nadia charmed the entire school audience and parents in attendance. She spoke loudly, clearly and distinctly while leading the entire assembly and spent the rest of the day taking her leadership cabinet (fellow classmates) around to honor teachers in all of the classrooms. Her leadership brought joy and smiles to everyone, as well as to the entire Al-Hassani family.

Mrs. George recognized 17 IDS seventh graders at the Monday Morning Meeting for their participation in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Each student took either the SAT or the ACT as a participant in this program. Carly King and Emily Lewis reached the State Recognition level and are invited to attend a recognition ceremony at either the University of Florida on May 15 or New College on May 28 or 29. The following students were recognized: Louis Betz, Madison Brodsky, Sean Flynn, Helen Foe, Abigail Friedman, Caitlin Herlihy, Carly King, Emily Lewis, Drew Loeffler, Lindsey Nerbonne, Adam Pearlman, Olivia Shur, Matthew Smith, Brian Stiles, Tyler Tschantz, Cody Wetmore, and Justin Williams.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday, May 3rd, nine IDS Track Team members competed in the FLrunners.com Middle School State Track & Field Championships in Clermont, FL. This is the second year in a row IDS has qualified individual athletes for the State meet! This year's qualifiers were: A.J. Beeble, Greg Erskine, Austin Ferlita, Sean Flynn, Deuce Gruden, Vincent Leto, Morgan Mills, Lauren Scallon, and Mitchell Streu. The athletes competed with great desire and heart and they represented IDS in a way that was both dignified and inspirational. The meet started and ended with new school records in the 4 x 400m and 4x800m relays, as well as the Girls Long Jump by Lauren Scallon. Morgan Mills became IDS' first ever All-State Track & Field athlete with her sixth place finish in the Girls' Discus! Congratulations to all Track & Field athletes on their record-breaking accomplishments this year!

PFA NEWS by PFA PRESIDENT AMY BOTTINI

PFA President Amy Bottini thanks all of the parents that have offered to volunteer for the 2008 - 2009 academic year. It will be IDS' 40th anniversary next year. PFA welcomes all volunteers regardless of the amount of time. There is always something you can do from home or at school. Thanks to all.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY AND BREAKFAST MONDAY, MAY 19

Please join us on

Monday, May 19, 2008

for

Independent Day School - Corbett Campus
Volunteer Appreciation Assembly and Breakfast

Volunteers will be honored

at 8:05 am in Corbett Hall
followed by a breakfast in the Grand Room

Kindly RSVP by Tuesday, May 13, 2008
by calling the IDS office at (813) 961-3087.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Trent Gephart (IDS Cool Cat) is making his mark on hockey, playing for the Mites at the Brandon Ice Sports Forum, recruited by the Mites Travel team, and invited to the USF Hockey Camp which is coached by the USF Hockey Coaches. This 3-day camp is for children 11 years and older and Trent is only eight years old! Congratulations Trent, your dedication and hard work has paid off!



COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

This is the final week of lessons for students in Music, Art and Acting. High School Musical rehearsals will continue through the performances that begin on Thursday, May 22 and Dance lessons will continue through the dance dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

Private and pair lessons are available this summer in Music, Art, Dance and Acting. Registration forms are available in the IDS Office. Please contact Tom McColley, tmccolley@idsyes.com, to schedule times for summer lessons.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Please mark your calendar for these exciting dates and join us for a performance.

CSA Music Recitals

Tuesday, May 13 - 6:00 pm

Friday, May 16 - 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 17 - 10:00 am



CSA Disney's High School Musical

Thursday, May 22 - 6:00 pm

Friday, May 23 - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 24 (three performances) - 2:00 pm, 4:30 pm, and 8:00 pm

Sunday, May 25 (three performances) - 2:00 pm, 4:30 pm, and 8:00 pm



CSA Dance Recital

Thursday, May 29 - 6:30 pm



CAMP IDS: A FRIENDLY REMINDER

It's really tough to tell our very own parents that one of our camp offerings is closed. Guess what! It's May and there are some offerings that are ready to begin waiting lists. Please call Marie to get a brochure or go online to download the registration form from <http://www.idsyees.com/summer-camps.htm>.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
JUNE 16 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2008
BROCHURES AVAILABLE NOW

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