

HEADS' LETTER

May 12, 2005

HUGE THANKS....

Parents and students, on behalf of the whole faculty and staff, we thank you for making Teacher Appreciation Week so special. Everyone enjoyed the surprises throughout the week, making all feel very special, in the same way we work to do with your children each and every day. The children also enjoyed making it a bright week with flowers everywhere! RPCs deserve huge accolades for their creativity and organizational skills in planning a perfect week. Special thanks go to RPC Chair, Billie Valloreo for her leadership in this endeavor.

A HUGE BRAVO....

Thanks so much to all of you who attended the Spring Fine Arts Performance and Art Exhibit. Once again, we heard, "This was the best ever." That puts a lot of pressure on music, art and drama, as each event raises the bar and allows all of our students to SHINE through the arts. We thank the whole Fine Arts Team for a great, uplifting, and joyous evening that was completed by 8:15 p.m. The weather even cooperated.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that over 600 educators visited our school and classrooms this year? They came from schools throughout Florida and as far away as Spain and Russia. They included visitors from both private and public schools. We had to turn away people for the end of the year because of our own tight schedule. Why do they come to IDS? The *MORE Approach* is one reason. Our teachers continue to apply and explore "Multiple Options for Results in Education." Visiting educators are also amazed at the amount of "time on task" they observe and the high energy for learning by both students and teachers. This accounts for some of the reasons the school exceeds the mean in the top 10% of the country, according to the testing calculations from CAPE that were submitted for the Blue Ribbon Award application last year. There is still much to explore. Our journey feels like it is just beginning. The more we seem to learn about learning, the more we realize there is to know. Perhaps this is the same way parents feel as they raise their children. There is always "MORE" to learn.

COFFEE TALK in REVIEW

We came to *Coffee Talk* prepared to talk about our exciting educational focus for inquiry and learning about the world and our relationships to it. We came prepared to talk about our connection with international schools. We came to talk about what is going on in our classrooms and to take questions regarding next year's classes, etc.

Instead, we focused on people's concerns about the current mood throughout our country for safety. To let everyone know, we have purchased special shirts for our facilities and extended day team, so everyone on campus knows who is part of the IDS team. All members of extended day now have walkie-talkies, so they are able to reach students easily and safely, especially during pick-up times. We are looking into fencing options for the front of the school. We are closely monitoring that people who stay to volunteer on campus remember to check in with the office for a nametag and **sign in**, so we know they are here. We will be putting into place a number of policies and procedures for next year to allow everyone to feel comfortable. Most important, we greatly appreciate our four facilities team members who monitor our campus all day long and remind visitors and volunteers to always wear a nametag. Thanks for cooperating with them.

Issues about teaching kids to speak to each other with dignity and respect at all times were also discussed, as well as, options for handling such situations. We will be working to share with parents our multiple behavior management approach, so that we are all on the same page and can work together with common language and support, both at home and at school. In August, we will kick off this update so we can all begin with similar goals.

WHAT: ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT

WHEN: TONIGHT – May 12, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: THEATER/TRAINING CENTER

WHO: For all fourth through eighth grade student athletes and their parents

WHY: Honoring all:

FALL SPORTS: Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country

WINTER SPORTS: Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Track, Cheerleading

SPRING SPORTS: Baseball, Softball, Tennis



REMINDER: LAST DAY OF LUNCHESES – FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2005

REMINDER: THANKS FOR REMEMBERING THAT TUITION IS DUE FOR 2005 – 2006 ON MAY 15.

WHAT: IDS SPRING BOOK FAIR

WHERE: Barnes and Noble (Carrollwood) on North Dale Mabry

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 15 THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2005.

WHY: Prepare for summer reading and support IDS. IDS will receive **20–25%** for every book or item purchased. All proceeds go directly to purchase books and technology for our IDS William and Virginia Laney Library. If you use SCRIP to make your purchases, IDS will receive another **10%!!!**

Please look for the enclosed SCRIP order form in your Thursday folder.

WHO: All IDS students, families, and friends can help make this a successful event.



IDS COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL RECITAL

Friday, May 20, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. OR at 7:30 p.m.



Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 23, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.



IT IS FREE!!!

The summer time is approaching quickly and we will have available summer music camps.

Band (June 6-17) **String** (June 6-17) **Musical Theatre** (June 6-July 1) **Piano** (June 20-July 1)

For more information, please contact Mr. Tom McColley at (813) 961-3087.

ART PICK-UP SCHEDULE

The art from this year's art show will be sent home next week according to the following schedule:

	Monday May 16	Tuesday May 17	Wednesday May 18	Thursday May 19	Friday May 20
East Side	5 th Grade	Pre-K/Kindergarten	Upper Primary	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade
West Side			6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade

Art will be distributed **at dismissal**. If your child is in extended day, you will be able to pick up their art in the office on that day. Otherwise, the art will be returned to the art room and you can make arrangements with the art teachers to personally pick up the beautiful art pieces that contributed to a wonderful art show.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSERS

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

The zone winners of the Optimist Club's "*Just Say No*" to *Substance Abuse* poster contest were:

- 5th grade: **Morgan Miller** – 1st place
Samantha Beller – 2nd
Jamie Rice – 3rd
Morgan Klein – honorable mention
- 4th grade: **Emily McMahon** – 1st
Andrea Bronstein – 2nd
Abigail Freidman – 3rd
Shannon Birmingham – honorable mention

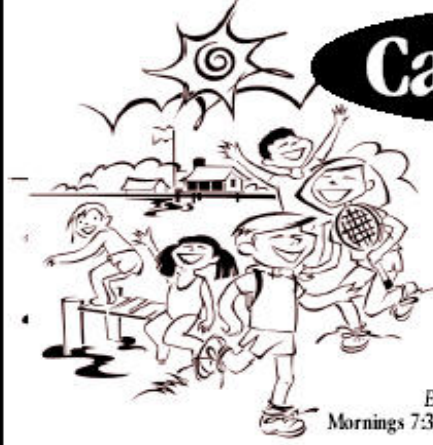
These individuals then qualified for the district contest that was held last weekend. **Morgan Miller** and **Emily McMahon** both received an "honorable mention" award.

CAMP DATES: (See website for more information or call the office for registration forms.)

- June 6–10 French Camp
 June 6–17 Community Music School String and Band Camps
 June 6–July 1 Community Music School Musical Theater Camp
 June 13–17 Wilderness Extreme – MS Sports Camps – Math, MS Math, Reading, and MS Writing Camps
 French Camp
 June 20–24 IDS Summer Camp Week One
 June 20–July 1 Community Music School Piano Camp
 June 27–July 1 IDS Summer Camp Week Two
 July 5–8 IDS Summer Camp Week Three
 July 11–15 IDS Summer Camp Week Four
 July 18–22 IDS Summer Camp Week Five
 July 25–29 Wilderness Extreme – MS Sports Camps – Math, MS Math, Reading, and MS Writing Camps

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE: THURSDAY FOLDER ENCLOSURES

- **BARNES AND NOBLE SCRIP** – Use for the IDS Spring Book Fair at
- **SPRING BOOK FAIR INFORMATION** – Carrollwood Barnes and Noble, May 15 – 21, 2005.



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**

- Please remember that CAMP IDS is a “Hot Item” for the whole community.
- Reserve *NOW* to insure a spot.
- See our website for more information, including French Camp, Wilderness Camp, and Academic Camps, etc.

IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS EVERY CHILD DESERVES A TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Have you shared the excitement of learning and soaring

- academically,
- emotionally,
- socially,
- and physically

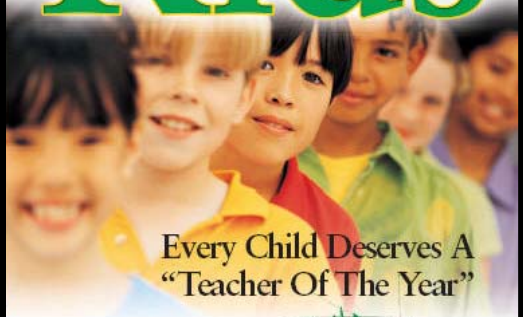
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