

IDS YES!!!

**HEADS' LETTER**

**MAY 18, 2006**

**PARENTS INVITED  
TO THE ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY  
THURSDAY, MAY 25 - 8:10 A.M.**

Please make sure that all students arrive to school on time to prepare for our terrific school ceremonies for this final week of a fantastic 2005 - 2006 school year. **Eighth grade Candlelight Ceremony** begins at 8:10 A.M. **Moving Up Ceremony** begins immediately following the Candlelight Ceremony! The Moving Up Ceremony is a joyful celebration. It marks a passage from one level to another for each IDSer. As the 8<sup>th</sup> grade leaves, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and all the way through Pre-K3 take their new position for the next year. This tradition at IDS celebrates the present and rings in excitement for a bright future. Parents love being there! Bring your cameras!!!

**GRADUATION: MAY 26, 2006 IN CORBETT HALL  
BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 P.M.**

***HEADMASTERS OF THE DAY 2006 - 2007***

We are pleased to announce and congratulate the NEW IDS Headmasters of the Day for the 2006 - 2007 school year. Each student will have his/her own day to govern all of IDS in the Fall and Winter. They received this honor during the Live Auction at *Big Event* 2006.

- **Julian Cohn** representing the Primary Division
- **Brianna Nicker, Jade Cohn** representing the Intermediate Division
- **Jessica Kaliban, Allyson Moore** representing the Middle School

**NOON DISMISSAL - FRIDAY, MAY 26**

There will be noon dismissal on Friday, May 26, 2006. Please pick up your child promptly. If you need to have Extended Day, RSVP with Ms. Marie at (813) 961-3087. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD FOR EXTENDED DAY.**

**TOMORROW, MAY 19, IS THE LAST DAY OF THE  
2005 – 2006 LUNCH PROGRAM!!!**  
***PLEASE BE SURE TO PACK  
A SCHOOL LUNCH NEXT WEEK FOR YOUR CHILD!***

## **IDS SPRING BOOK FAIR UPDATE**

Barnes & Noble of Carrollwood will accept our IDS vouchers until the end of May. All items throughout the store (except the café) are now included in our sales total. IDS benefits from any of your purchases. Thanks for your help (voucher for Barnes & Noble enclosed).

## **TAMPA BAY AREA WRITING PROJECT**

The Tampa Bay Area Writing Project, a local site of the National Writing Project, is pleased to announce its Annual Young Writers' Camp to be held at Independent Day School, July 10 - 21 from 8:30 A.M. till 3:00 P.M. The camp is open to students who have finished the second grade through those who have yet to graduate from high school. All facilitators are National Writing Project trained teachers in best practices of teaching writing. The deadline for registration is Thursday, June 1 and the cost is \$300 for the ten-day camp. Some scholarships are available. An application can be downloaded from the website for the Tampa Bay Area Writing Project at [www.coedu.usf.edu/tbawp](http://www.coedu.usf.edu/tbawp). For additional information please contact Camp Director Jennifer Albritton, at [avalon242@aol.com](mailto:avalon242@aol.com) or call her at (813) 831-8497.

## **KINDERGARTENERS' POND CLEAN UP...**

The three kindergarten classes participated in projects related to our IB unit entitled "Living Together in Harmony". In this unit, the children were encouraged to study the ecosystem of the IDS pond. Each child or group of children chose areas to study that were of interest to others. There were many projects chosen including a group that was interested in cleaning up the pond water. These children wrote letters to parents asking them to assist in cleaning up the trash that was in the waters of our pond. Our parents donned life jackets, jumped in canoes and braved the pond. All of our kindergarten students were invited to share in the thrill of collecting the trash in bags on the shoreline. Thank you to all of *Funtastic Frogs* for their caring, cleaning nature!!! Remember to keep our pond clean! Save our animals!!!

## **UPPER PRIMARY POND DAY**

Last week was the scene of an incredible scientific investigation when all 101 first and second graders were involved in measuring the IDS pond. Each team on a canoe set out to find out the depth of the pond, and the temperature for all four directions. Armed with thermometers and their own homemade depth finders, they were able to accomplish this goal. During their investigations, they were able to observe common pond plants and animals as well. In the afternoon, all students were able to reflect through writing and sharing on their experience. They were all proud of their own ability to take risks and to communicate during this awesome hands-on experience. Teachers and parents enjoyed the student support.

## **THIRD GRADE TRAVELS TO ST. AUGUSTINE**

Welcome back to our third grade travelers who returned from their two-day trip to St. Augustine. Our students combined their study of Florida with their study of ancient civilizations. How did they do that? Easy...The students are learning to make comparisons with systems developed during the early explorations of Florida with the development of systems in ancient civilizations.

In addition, they are making connections with the exploration of Florida and the IB Learner Profile. This allows them to identify qualities that explorers would need to leave the safety of home to discover new places and things. Risk takers, inquirers, communicators, and more were shown to be key elements to honor and admire.

The third grade teachers appreciated all of the many chaperones that accompanied this trip. They were attentive to the students, fun to be with, and all had a great time. For third grade parent Nan Gutierrez, this was her third St. Augustine trip. She reports seeing the evolution of the trip, and how each time gets to be better and better. Her first trip for her son Max, who is a junior in high school, was only a day trip. The second trip was overnight with son Alec who is now in seventh grade. This year's third grade trip, with daughter Elise, provided better accommodations and a smooth run throughout. I guess Nan is a witness to the "best getting better" where we are always growing and improving through each and every experience.

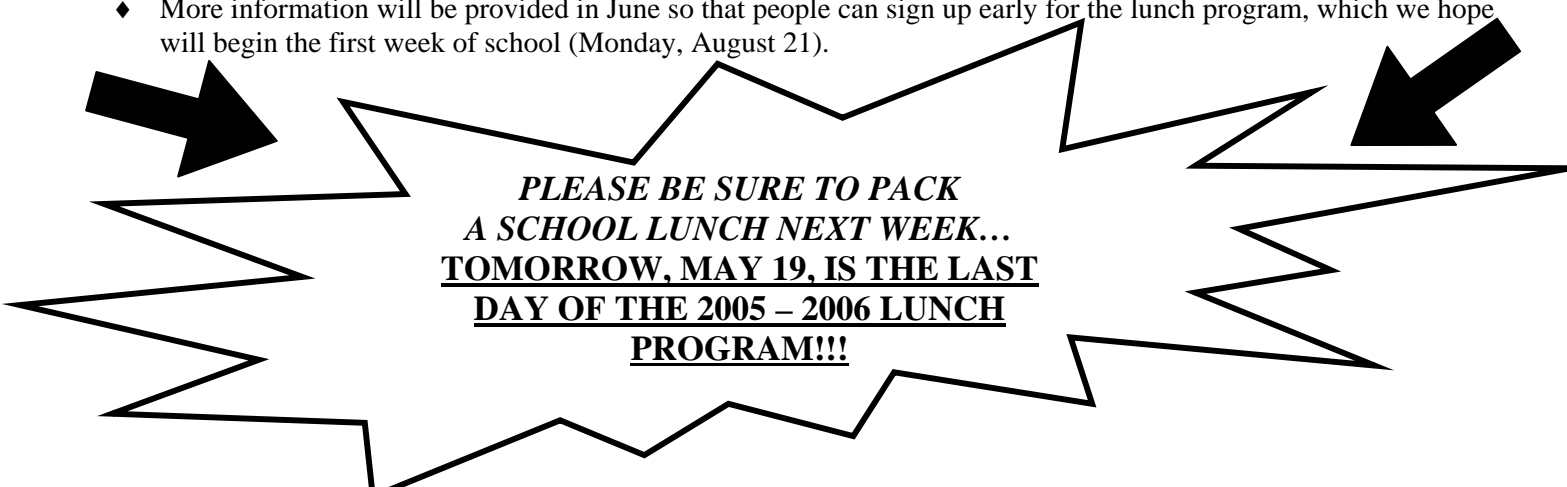
## PFA NEWS...

**PFA LUNCH** co-chairs Gina Shannon and Sandy McCullin would like to thank Dawn Dobish, PFA Lunch Supplies Chair, Lori Stambo, PFA Lunch Billing Chair, and DeeDee Swope, PFA Lunch Data Entry for a fantastic year and to extend kudos to the 2005 - 2006 lunch volunteers who helped make miracles on campus:

Shalimar Allen	Joyce Baiss	Lana Bellini	Genny Berube	Ann Cashen
Sherri Cherry	Mari Cordell	Terry Couey	Dawn Dobish	Cindy Donovan
Nancy Evanoff	Linda Everett	Patti Ferlita	Linda Gallagher	Jennifer Gamache
Laura Goering	Mary Anne Hamilton	Avis Harrison	Theresa Hays	Lisa Herscovici
Robin Katz	Stacy Leeds	Reva Lerner	PJ Linn	Sandy McCullin
Lori Markman	Sandy Moore	Rachele Mayberry	Carol Murphy	Uyen Nguyen
Debbie Nous	Brenda Okulski	Peg Ostrenko	Chris Otten	Mindee Pandtle
Mina Patel	Harriet Pautler	Cathy Peacock	Jennifer Risey	Bob Rocco
Donna Rocco	Kim Rogers	Leann Rowe	Sandy Rowe	Dawn Schocken
Gina Shannon	Colleen Smith	Lori Stambo	Sherri Stanley	Shari Stern
Jenny Stiles	Billie Valloreo	Rita Walker	Dinah Yarborough	

**New and exciting changes for the lunch program for next year!!!** IDS will be bringing in SLA Management who will be preparing and serving all lunches right here on campus! The following are some highlights of the new lunch program:

- ◆ All lunches will be a COMPLETE, WELL-BALANCED meal with an entrée, side dish, dessert, and a choice of beverages (water, juices, or milk) included in one price.
- ◆ SLA Management has a wide selection of food items, providing variety for our students.
- ◆ The new company will be responsible for serving the lunch and caring for the kitchen. Parent volunteers will assist with checking names off lists, writing down charged lunches, and having more time to spend with children.
- ◆ More information will be provided in June so that people can sign up early for the lunch program, which we hope will begin the first week of school (Monday, August 21).



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### PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers

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



**Carmela Nunez** (K) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the backstroke and 4<sup>th</sup> in freestyle for the 6 and under division as a member of the Tampa Palms' Tiger Shark swim team on May 2, 2006. Way to go Carmela!

**Claire Blumenthal** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) and her parents were on stage in a production with Broadway stars from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Rent*, *Wicked*, and others during the Metropolitan Ministries Annual Bridge Builders Event at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. The event raises funds to assist homeless families. Claire also met Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio. Congratulations Claire!

**Jessica Riddle** (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) competed at the Florida State Games Competition in the figure skating at Coral Springs, FL., on May 12 and 13. Jessica placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her Technical Freeskate and 4<sup>th</sup> for Showcase/Artistic program. Jessica has earned an invitation to compete at the State Games of America in Colorado Springs next July! Congratulations to Jessica for this achievement!

# CAMP IDS

**THE WORD IS OUT** in the community - - For a great summer camp experience **CAMP IDS IS THE PLACE TO BE!** To insure that IDS students get their choice of camp options, please be sure to register **NOW!!!** See the website or call for a brochure to register.



Adventure Camp  
Archery  
Art in Nature  
Bake-It Take-It  
Band  
Boys Basketball  
Broadcasting  
Fiesta Camp  
Cheerleading Camp  
Community Music School  
Computer for Kids  
Cooking  
Crafts & Chords  
Digital Video  
Drama  
Flag Football  
French  
Girls Basketball  
Golf

Karate & Street Smarts  
Lacrosse  
Math  
Model Rocketry  
Musical Theatre  
Newspaper-Peacock Chronicle  
Photography  
Piano  
Reading  
Recreation Camps  
Soccer  
Sports Games  
Teen Rec  
Trail Blazers  
Volleyball  
Web Page Design  
Wilderness Extreme  
Writing Camp

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## Corbett Campus

### June 5 - July 28

8:30am - 3:00pm

*Extended Care Available.*

Rising Pre-K – 8th Grade  
One Week Sessions

Half-Day and Full-Day Sessions

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