

HEADS' LETTER

May 19, 2005

PARENTS INVITED TO THE ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

May 26 – THURSDAY MORNING – 8:10 a.m.

Please make sure that all students arrive to school on time to prepare for our final school ceremonies for the 2004–2005 school year.

*Eighth grade Candlelight Ceremony begins at 8:10.

*Moving-up Ceremony begins immediately following the Candlelight Ceremony!

*Yearbook presentation follows the candlelight ceremony

Graduation begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27.

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COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION GIVES THE GO AHEAD!!!

Huge kudos go to Trustee Jeff Shannon and attorney Susan Johnson Velez of Fowler White for their work in helping IDS finally receive the “go-ahead” to build our two-story Early Childhood Facility that replaces the two temporary classrooms that were removed in November. The facility will house our three kindergarten classrooms on the first floor. The second floor, with an elevator, will house spacious meeting and activity rooms and an early childhood conference and resource room. This project will further enhance this beautiful campus. Naming opportunities are plenty. Please call Sandy Rowe at 961-3087 for further information. This is a 1.2 million dollar project that began with a matching gift of \$500,000 so we will need all of the assistance possible to meet this worthy goal. This is a perfect gift to end this school year. We estimate that the building will open in February and we will soon announce the groundbreaking date.



IDS SPRING BOOK FAIR: Barnes and Noble (Carrollwood) on North Dale Mabry through **SATURDAY, MAY 21**. 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%!!!**

IDS COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL RECITAL – OPEN TO ALL!

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.

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-July1) **Piano** (June 20-July 1)

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

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL Hits Home Runs: Last Thursday, Middle School Students and their families gathered in the IDS Theatre Training Center to honor our athletes for all 10 seasonal sports—Fall Sports were soccer, cross country, and volleyball; Winter Sports were boys basketball, girls basketball, track and cheerleading; Spring sports were baseball, softball and tennis. (Note that some of our fourth and fifth graders played basketball and ran track). The coaches for each team gave great tributes to the players and their many successes. 2004-2005 was a big winning season for our athletes and their teams as they grew in sportsmanship, team spirit, and experienced a lot of major wins. Yesterday, (Wednesday) the baseball season wrapped up a tournament with area schools, as the champions winning 7 to 3. Congratulations to all! Thanks to our entire coaching staff for a great season, as well as to our PFA Boosters Chair, Dawn Schocken.

On Wednesday, once again, the Theatre Training Center was filled with **APPLAUSE**. This time, the applause came from a huge sense of awe and amazement at the talents of the middle schoolers in two of our electives: **Drama** and **Musical Theatre**. The brilliant performances of our 30 musical theatre students and 23 drama/forensics students amazed the audience and drew much laughter and great applause. Just when you think that you had enough, the next 45 minutes brought a musical Broadway Review by the musical theatre elective. Our only regret is that unless you were a parent of a middle schooler or a student in the middle school, you missed the best ticket in town. The performance was outstanding. Matching their stage magnetism was the genuine joy that their fellow middle schoolers showed for the success of each performer. Yesterday was a stellar morning for the joy that music and drama bring to both audiences and performers. Bravo to our teachers: Drama – Mr. Michael Vokoun and Mrs. Victoria Watson; Musical Theatre – Mr. Seth Travaglino, Mrs. Barbara McBride and Mrs. Barbara Grady.

BUSCH GARDENS SLEEPOVER is an amazing experience. Last week the Second Grade Top Bananas went to BG and this week the Primary Multi-age Brilliant Bugs are going. Thanks to our parent chaperones for helping to make the trips so much fun.

THIRD GRADE adds to their study of Tampa today by visiting the Plant Museum.

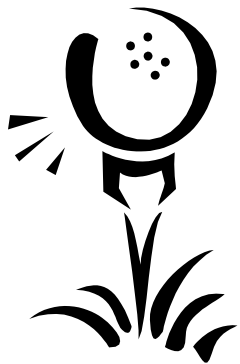
FOURTH GRADE took their annual trip to Disney World for their behind the scenes program to learn more about the American Revolution. It is always a great trip. After the educational program, the students enjoy some time in the park.

CHAPERONE REMINDERS: With all of our upcoming trips, we will have many chaperones joining us to be with their children, assist with other people's children, and enjoy the great educational trips right along with the students. IDS is known for being very welcoming to our parents in terms of participation. Many schools find it easier to have fewer parents involved and the reasons for that are many. We prefer to involve our families so that you can be as excited about the education IDSers receive as we are! A recent trip has caused us to ask every parent to please review the chaperone guidelines before agreeing to go on a trip. To help you do that, we have enclosed the guidelines as a reminder that chaperoning is an honor and a privilege and comes with expectations for all. Thanks for taking the time to review the enclosed Chaperone Guidelines.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE: THURSDAY FOLDER ENCLOSURES

- **CHAPERONE GUIDELINES** – Please read the guidelines before your next chaperone trip. Thank you.
- **PRESS RELEASE** –Duke TIP Press Release enclosed.

PFA NEWS



PFA GOLF TOURNAMENT 2005: We thank the Golf Committee for already thinking ahead! The 2005 IDS Golf Benefit has now been scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2005 at Emerald Greens Golf and Country Club (the new Carrollwood course). This is an awesome opportunity to boost your company's name recognition in the IDS community and North Tampa area with the TITLE sponsorship. The company sponsor's name will be prominently displayed on all promotional marketing prior to the event, including monthly mentions in the Thursday folder, all signage, all golfer gifts, all banners and numerous other displays on the day of the event. In addition to all that, the title sponsor receives free entry into the tournament for four golfers. Please contact one of the following and thanks for your support of IDS and our kids: Leann Rowe at rowe7@tampabay.rr.com or 909-7170 (h) or 695-9323 (c); Mark Nouss at mnouss@tampabay.rr.com or 963-3309; Gina Shannon at jazshan@tampabay.rr.com or 264-5783 (h) or 245-3175 (c)

PFA BIG EVENT 2006 chooses theme and prepares for a gala evening!

“Rock Around the Clock – A Flashback to the Fabulous 50’s”

Thanks to all the people who have already assumed Chair positions for 2006. We are currently recruiting volunteers for the following committees: Database Coordinator, Set-up, Clean Up, Acquisitions, TCO/Raffle, Invitations, Registration, Checkout, and Thank You's. Please call our 2006 Big Event Co-Chairs Julie Salek at 382-2525 or Kathy von Thaden 695-6784 if you have questions or wish to volunteer.

STOCK UP FOR SUMMER WITH *PFA SCRIP*: Let your favorite person choose their “perfect gift” by giving IDS general SCRIP. Also, we always have many different SCRIP cards available in the office ready for your summer needs.

PFA LUNCH PROGRAM TRIUMPHS AS A *LABOR of LOVE*: Okay parents, we know you appreciate our lunch parent and grandparent volunteers. Every morning that you are saved from making those lunches deserves a thanks to a very dedicated set of volunteers led by this year's quintessential PFA Lunch Chair Sandy McCullin. She watched over every detail working with parents and vendors to raise the bar on more healthy choices and streamline the process. She organized a great team of volunteer chairs listed below. When you see these volunteers at parties or out and about, be sure to thank them for the great service they provide to the school and our children consistently every day...Oh yes, please call us and let us know how you would like to help for next year!!!

Deena Agliano
Lisa Chapkis
Nancy Evanoff
Avis Harrison
Reva Lerner
Uyen Nguyen
Susan Robinson
Shari Stern

Shalimar Allen
Sherri Cherry
Linda Everett
Lisa Herscovici
Milene Lima
Brenda Okulski
Kim Rogers
Jenny Stiles

Kathy Baruch
Tracy Ciocia
Kelly Everson
Dana Hoffman
Georgette Loeffler
Mindee Pandtle
Dawn Schocken
Peg Stringer

Lana Bellini
Terri Couey
Jennifer Gamache
Robin Katz
Lori Markman
Cathy Peacock
Beatriz Stach
Mari Truitt-Cordell

Genny Berube
Dawn Dobish
Mary Ann Hamilton
Stacy Leeds
Rachel Mayberry
Lynne Poole
Sheri Stanley

**BE SURE TO PACK A LUNCH FOR SCHOOL NEXT WEEK...
TOMORROW, MAY 20 IS THE LAST DAY OF THE LUNCH PROGRAM**

HEARTFELT GOODBYES AND JOYFUL BEGINNINGS

Do you know the expression “Life Happens”? So it is at IDS. We say bittersweet goodbyes to some wonderful faculty as we proudly announce and welcome new members to our IDS family.

The **Pre-K teams** for 2005-2006 will remain **Jennifer Euliano**, **Michelle Robson** and **Kristine Want**. They will be joined by Mrs. Harrison’s (kdg.) intern and resident **Mary Ann Bocek**, who graduated from St. Pete College in April. We are proud to grow our own and are very excited to have both Mrs. Want and Ms. Bocek remain with our IDS family.

The **Kindergarten team** of **Jean Harrison** and **Roberta Lipschutz** sadly say goodbye, for a while, to **Cindy Brown** who will soon have her baby, a future IDSer of course. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. L. are very happy to have **Jessica Moore** join their Kindergarten team. Three years ago, she began as an intern and then as a resident with the Pre-K and Kindergarten teams. Mrs. Moore now moves from two years in Pre-K to go back to her Kindergarten roots.

The **First Grade Cool Cats** consisting of tigers and leopards will now become the cats and the cubs as they move to becoming a multi-age class for grades one and two. Division Leader, **Debi Brockmeyer** chose **Jaelyn Kanarish** to work with her to build this new multi-age community. Ms. Kanarish began with IDS four years ago as an intern in that very same classroom. She then spent a year studying multi-age with our Brilliant Bugs team as a resident. Last year she worked for Pasco County teaching a K/1 multi-age class. This year she returned to IDS as part of our third grade team. Now she returns back to her roots to join Ms. B.’s **Cool Cats** and the **Brilliant Bugs** in providing the multi-age option for first and second grade students. We are pleased that, Cool Cat First grade teacher, **Karen Kuers** will launch our brand new **Pre-K three class**.

The **Primary Multi-age Brilliant Bugs** sadly say goodbye to **Michele Carlo**, who has taken a leave from teaching to accept a job in the business world. The Brilliant Bug team of **Jen Jones** and **Sammi Clark** join all of us in wishing Ms. Carlo much success in her new venture. Next year, Ms. Clark will enter her third year as a Brilliant Bug but has had many years as an IDSer, since she is an IDS graduate from the class of...(you can ask her). Both Mrs. Jones and Ms. Clark, along with their students, look forward to welcoming a new set of Brilliant Bugs next year.

The **Second Grade Top Bananas** will look different next year. **Fran Ehrlich** sadly says goodbye to **Tammy Bird**, her wonderful partner of two years. Mrs. Bird will be re-entering the business world and spending more time with her family. Mrs. Ehrlich will continue as our second grade teacher, but the other half of her classroom will become a first grade class. Joining her for the first grade will be **Diane Hansen**, who did her internship here two years ago and then taught first grade in Pasco County. Mrs. Ehrlich and the Upper Primary Division chose Mrs. Hansen to be part of the Top Bananas because of her great enthusiasm for teaching, her dream to have a home with the IDS Upper Primary Division, and her experience both at IDS and elsewhere working with first grade.

The **Third Grade** team of **Kim Fowler**, **Jeanne Rivera**, and **Judy Sobel** welcome **Jill Pomet** to third grade as they wish their partner Ms. Kanarish good luck as she returns to her love of primary grades. Mrs. Pomet completed her IDS Fellowship with the Cool Cats this year. She has been a teacher in both regular and special education for over 16 years with most of her experience teaching in New Orleans.

The **Fourth Grade team** of **Vickii Ausburn** and **Kim Rostick** sadly say goodbye to **Lisa Hutchinson** who has been a part of IDS for the last 7 years. Mrs. Hutchinson’s family is relocating to Lakeland due to a new venture with her father and husband. We wish them much success and will miss the many years of service that she gave to IDS and the fourth grade. We will soon announce our new addition to the fourth grade team. As soon as we decide among a number of great options, we will let you know. Thanks for your patience.

The **Fifth Grade team** of **Linda Wenzel**, **Michelle Hill** and **Amy Lewis** sadly say goodbye to **Randie Specter**, who joined IDS from Hillel School two years ago, where she was involved in admissions for many years. She returns home to Hillel armed with a lot of training, great new teaming experiences, and an opportunity to teach where she set her roots. We look forward to working with her in other ways in the future. We are pleased to welcome back to IDS, Holly Ralph as she leaves Orlando to return to Tampa. Seven years ago, Holly Ralph was an outstanding intern in fourth grade and a graduate of the SCATT Honors Program. She married and moved to Orlando where she has taught fifth grade. We have been working to bring Holly back ever since she left, and the timing is perfect.

The **Middle School** remains the same with one new addition. We are pleased to finally have **Chris Thomas** join the **IDS Middle School Social Studies Department**. This year she was runner-up for Teacher of the Year for all of Pasco County Schools. She has a long list of accomplishments and brings much talent with her to IDS including her two children. **Mrs. Boza** and **Mrs. Grady** thank **Rob Heller** for a great year, but we need him full-time in PE. We are increasing our PE team to four full-time teachers. Currently, Mr. Heller works part time in PE and part time in Social Studies. The Middle School is also pleased that **Jenn Jادmann** will remain with IDS as a TEACHER. She joined us in the Fall as an intern, then completed the year as a resident. Next year, she will remain with both our **English** and **Math Departments**. Everyone is excited to have her remain as a part of our MS program.

Our Specials team has one change to announce. **Señora Juliana Cooper** will be working with afternoon programs and summer programs with **French**. We are very excited about her French Camp at IDS Camp this summer. Our **Spanish team** of **Señora Odette Figueruelo** and **Señora Charmaine Jennings** welcome back **Señora Sonia Morgan**. Our native speakers will be working with our younger students to hear the language so that they can learn to formulate appropriate sounds at an early age. Señora Cooper will offer the same opportunities with French for after school programs and perhaps for adults if there is enough interest.

Twenty-Six IDS-CC Students Selected For Duke TIP

For immediate release May 18, 2005

Tampa, Fla.

Twenty-six students from Independent Day School - Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) recently participated in the 25th Annual Scholastic Talent Search sponsored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). Qualifying for the program enabled these seventh grade middle school students to take the College Board's SAT I test – a test usually taken by high school juniors and seniors.

The IDS-CC students qualified for the Duke TIP program by scoring at or above the 95th percentile on a standardized achievement test with national norms in the areas of Total Reading, Reading Comprehension, Total Math, Math Problem Solving or Language Expression. The highest of either the fifth or sixth grade scores determined their eligibility.

After taking the SAT exam, six of these IDS-CC students received state-level recognition from Duke TIP by scoring between 510 and 649 on either the math or verbal portion of the test, or at least 500 on both portions: Michael Evanoff, Lisa Hernandez, Rachel Klausner, Luiz Lima, Christian Pandtle, and Kaley Pellingra. Other IDS-CC students who participated in the Duke TIP included: Dylan Attal, Brian Barraqueta, Holland Bittick, Molly DeLattre, Devon Diaz, Hannah Goering, Will Hamilton, Derek Herscovici, Shelby Houston, Kyle Kortum, Natasha Kurji, Jake Lange, Helen Latimer, Willi Martin, Desiree Meyncke, Kathryn Okulski, Erin Pearlman, Fernanda Pierre, Spencer Sinkiewicz, and Michele Vernick.

Duke TIP is a non-profit educational organization established with the premise that the future of this nation depends on the fullest development of our best intellectual resources. The objectives of the program are to identify the very bright among our youngsters at an early age; to facilitate the education of these students; to follow and nurture their talent through the critical middle and high school years; and to develop an effective research effort to help understand the nature of academically talented students.

“We commend these students for choosing to go above and beyond our expectations academically and extend our appreciation for representing our school so well,” said Betty George, IDS-CC middle school director of studies.

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School - Corbett Campus is a fully accredited independent school located in northwest Hillsborough County educating students from Pre-K through 8th grade. A 2004 National Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award school, IDS-CC features superior academic programs, small class size, and leading edge fine arts, sports and technology programs. IDS-CC balances a nurturing learning environment with high standards and expectations. For more information about IDS visit <http://www.idsy.com>.

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