

independent day school Corbett Campus

HEADS' LETTER

AUGUST 25, 2005



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, September 1

SESSION I – 6:30 P.M. SESSION II – 7:45 P.M.



PARENTS: Back to School Night is your **first** important opportunity to hear from your teachers who have much to share with you. It is also a great way to meet other parents in your child's classroom. Make sure your teachers know you are there! Please introduce yourselves; also watch the time so that the teachers can be ready for each rotation. In order to provide more time with teachers and accommodate "babysitting" needs, we are using the following format:

1. *Please go directly to your classrooms.*
2. *Please note that there will be two sessions for First through Fifth Grades. Pre-K/K and Middle School will have only one session. If you have children in two divisions be sure to start at 6:30 so that you can attend both sessions. If you have children in three divisions, plan ahead and divide up your time between parents and/or caregivers.*
3. *Please **ARRIVE ON TIME** to each session so that the valuable time is honored with the teachers without interruptions.*
4. *Specials will also be available and eager to meet with our parents. They will be in the Theatre/Training Center to speak to parents individually or in small groups from 6:30-9:00. Please drop in and enjoy a special time to say hello or ask questions about their programs: Fine Arts, Sports, Spanish, Technology/Media.*

PRE-K3 through FIFTH GRADE

SESSION I: Begins promptly at 6:30 P.M. and ends at 7:30 P.M.

Pre-K3 meet in child's classroom. (One session only.)

PreK and K meet in the Theatre/Training Center Breakout Room. (One session only.)

First through Fifth meet in child's classroom.

SESSION II: Begins promptly at 7:45 P.M. and ends at 8:45 P.M. (FIRST THROUGH FIFTH ONLY!)

First through Fifth Grades meet in the child's classroom.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ONE SESSION ONLY: Begins promptly at 7:45 P.M. and ends at 9:30 P.M. in the Middle School Gym.

Middle School rotations begin in the Middle School Gymnasium promptly. Block out this time for meeting with and hearing from all middle school teachers! Please arrive at the beginning time to be placed in a rotation schedule, which the teachers and parents will follow.

PARKING: You may park on the eastside, westside, in the IDS parking lot or at the Carrollwood Elementary School parking lot. There will be two IDS buses to shuttle people back and forth to Carrollwood Elementary for overflow parking. One car per household would be so very, very much appreciated.

FIRST MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 29

Be sure your children arrive on time in their classrooms to participate in our first Monday Morning Assembly. Yearbooks from 2005 will be presented, our new gift wrap/gift company will be announced, and *SO MUCH MORE!!!* Assembly seating and etiquette will be followed. Parents are welcome to attend.



EDUTALK with “Dr. Joyce”

Understanding the Uniqueness of Each Child

Thursday, September 15 at 7 P.M.
Wednesday, September 21 at 8:15 A.M.
in the Theatre/Training Center

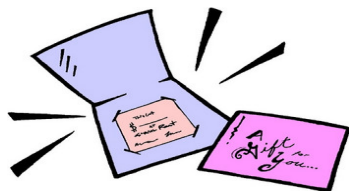
How am I the same or different from my children, spouse, friends, and co-workers? Learn how we are wired for challenge and how to build greater understanding. It’s fun and interesting – very powerful!



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12

The After School Activities brochure for Session 1 is in today’s folder. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible as these classes fill up very quickly. You’ll notice we have some new exciting activities to offer.

SCRIP



Let your favorite person choose their “perfect gift” by giving IDS general SCRIP. Order it now. We also have SCRIP cards available in the office.

GIRL SCOUTS & CUB SCOUTS



Please pick up a brochure in the Main Office if your child is interested in becoming a scout.





IDS LUNCH PROGRAM BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



YIPPEEE!!! You deserve a break. Let the school provide your lunches starting Thursday, September 1. Be sure to fill in your lunch form!

- West Campus – Tuesday Pasta Lunch Chairs needed. Please call Lisa Will, Lunch Program Coordinator at (813) 930-6252.
- Lunch Chair Training next Tuesday, August 30, at 8:15 in Dean Dining Hall
All parents are welcome. Please feel free to join us and meet some new friends and find out about the lunch program.

IDS Golf Benefit

**IDS 11th Annual Kids Classic Golf Benefit
Monday, November 14, 2005**

Emerald Greens Golf & Country Club

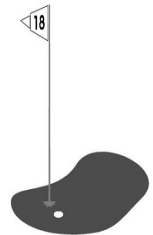
Join us for an exciting day of fun and fundraising. Do you have a connection with a large corporation? We are also seeking Sponsorships at all levels, beginning at only \$100 for Tee and Green Sponsors. Donor forms are available in the IDS office or call

Mark Nouss, at (813) 963-3309 (h), (813) 240-7037 (c), mnouss@tampabay.rr.com

Leann Rowe, at (813) 909-7170 (h), (813) 965-9323 (c), rrowe7@tampabay.rr.com

Gina Shannon, at (813) 264-5783 (h), (813) 245-3175 (c), jazshan@tampabay.rr.com

Revenue generated from our tournament will benefit every student at IDS. Be a part of this great committee. Our next meeting is August 31, in the PFA office.



IDS will “Rock & Roll” with Innisbrook Wrap



The PFA will be starting its first fundraiser of the year. We are happy to announce that we have switched vendors for our giftwrap fundraiser to *Innisbrook Wraps*. In addition to giftwrap, gourmet chocolates, and wonderful gifts, *Innisbrook* sells magazine subscriptions, cookie dough, cheesecakes, and a variety of other delicious food items. The theme this year is “Rock and Roll”.

The kick off for the *Innisbrook* fundraiser will be held at the Monday Morning Meeting on August 29, where the IDS students will get to see all the wonderful prizes they can win! There will be 10 students who will receive a “golden ticket” in their packet. If your child has the “golden ticket” they will win a prize! So, be sure to check next Thursday’s folder for your *Innisbrook* packet!

PARENT SCHOOL ETIQUETTE

MODELS GREAT BEHAVIOR FOR OUR IDSers

1. Please arrive at school before 8:00 A.M. Classes begin promptly at 8:00 A.M. When you arrive at 8:05 A.M., and the child gets to class at 8:10 A.M., that is 10 minutes a day times 5 days, or a loss of 50 minutes of on task time in class each week.
2. Please note that this year Specials teachers, on morning duty at Corbett Hall and Dean Dining Hall, all return to prepare for their day at 8:01 A.M. Parents arriving late must park and sign in their children in both the eastside and westside offices.
3. Parking along the Middle School sidewalk during the day blocks two-way traffic. Please only use designated parking areas.
4. Dismissal on the eastside...if you are in front of the line, please pull up behind the buses to allow the maximum number of cars to move off Orange Grove Drive.
5. At dismissal, please keep all name cards visible both in line and as you approach Corbett Hall. This will be so helpful in moving the car line safely and efficiently! Thanks.
6. Eastside and Westside – **REMEMBER RIGHT TURNS ONLY** at arrival and dismissal! It shows you care for safety in keeping traffic moving smoothly.

Key Dates

Monday	Aug. 29	First Monday Morning Meeting
Thursday	Sept. 1	First Day for Lunch Program Back to School Night
Monday	Sept. 5	Labor Day – School Holiday
Monday	Sept. 12	Headmaster of the Day – Ben Peacock
Tuesday	Sept. 13	8 th Grade Parent Meeting, 7 P.M.
Thursday	Sept. 15	EduTalk with “Dr. Joyce” <i>Understanding the Uniqueness of Each Child</i> , 7 P.M.
Wednesday	Sept. 21	EduTalk with “Dr. Joyce” <i>Understanding the Uniqueness of Each Child</i> , 8:15 A.M. Noon Dismissal/Teacher In-service
Thursday	Sept. 22	Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Friday	Sept. 23	Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Wednesday	Oct. 5	School Pictures – Middle School Division
Thursday	Oct. 6	School Pictures – Intermediate Division
Friday	Oct. 7	School Pictures – Primary Division
Saturday	Oct. 8	PFA Fall Festival
Monday	Nov. 14	IDS Annual Kids Classic Golf Benefit