



HEADS' LETTER

SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

IDS NEWS UPDATE

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:

Last Thursday seems like a lifetime away after the long, laborious Labor Day weekend here in the Tampa Bay area and throughout the state. It is still worth noting because it was a great evening. The teachers prepared informative and enthusiastic presentations to insure that parents knew all of the exciting learning opportunities afforded to their terrific children. Teachers at IDS could talk forever about what they love - teaching. Our parents were attentive, interested and appreciative audiences...Thanks so much for making the time to be here to remain informed about your child's education.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:

At Back To School Night, on our marquee, and on our voice phone message, we announced that school would be in session even though most of the rest of the world was closed. Over 90% of our students and all but one teacher were here to make Friday a day of learning. The weather turned out to provide a perfect sunny and mild day. There was a joy that emanated throughout the campus by both teachers and students during this last day together before Labor Day and Frances. Public schools often close because they act as designated potential shelters and because of bussing issues. We have the option to choose and be responsive to our parents and children by being open as promised. Therefore, we are going to provide new guidelines for emergencies and school closings later in our Heads' Letter.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

On Tuesday, the facilities team along with wonderful IDS volunteers, cleared the grounds filling over 55 truckloads of debris. It took eight members of our team two hours just to clear the east side driveway. Soon the volunteers began to arrive and help speed up the huge process. We celebrated all of their efforts with a short, but great break, with pizza and ice cream. It was truly appreciated to have these wonderful volunteers working side by side with our IDS staff to get the school ready and safe for Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the office staff was busy reviewing all of our emergency procedures, keeping those that work and planning new ones to be even better in the future. They were wonderful...Everyone's dedication is very much appreciated.

We have been soooo blessed. There were a lot of heroes to help us move forward. Our buildings withstood the storm, our power and phone lines are up and working, and the engineering of this property has kept the puddles to a minimum. We know you join us in feeling very, very grateful that your children have their school in order. We do hope that you all are also doing well. Our best wishes are being sent to all of you.

A BIG THANKS!

The administration, office staff and especially the facilities manager Robert Marquez , along with the team of Mary, Pedro, Luis, Augie, baby room team of Gertrudis, Yolanda and Ana would like to thank the following IDS volunteers who saved the clean up day on Tuesday. Our dedicated hard-working volunteers were:

Shane Couey, Emily Denison, Greg Erskine, Mary Beth Erskine, Tommy Erskine, Ashley Gairing, Clark Gairing, Bronwyn Gairing, Jillian Gairing, Juliana Harrison, Chris Hoffman, Dana Hoffman, Rachel Katz, Krissia Marquez, John McColley, Jordan Morgan, Christian Pandtle, Mindee Pandtle, Sandy Rowe, Derek Schocken, Dawn Schocken, Gina Shannon, Erika Smitten, Sophia Smitten, Ady Trigg, Brian Waksman, Karen Waksman, Garrett Walters, Savannah Walters, Jane Wetmore, Megan Wetmore, and Teachers: Debi Brockmeyer, Fran Ehrlich, Debbie Kerr, Tom McColley, Barbara McBride, Thelma Rosenberg and Judy Sobel. *A big special thanks to Middle School TEACHER Lynne Grigelevich, who helped to coordinate and lead volunteers throughout the hot and busy day...AND Scott Wetmore who supplied us with delicious donuts to energize our team.*



COFFEE TALK/EDU-TALK WITH JOYCE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:05 A.M. IN THE THEATRE/TRAINING CENTER

Calling all parents to be in the know about the new Early Childhood Facility, high school update, classroom news, potential awards to IDS, the inside scoop on what every parent needs and would like to know, and much more!

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Regarding school closings:

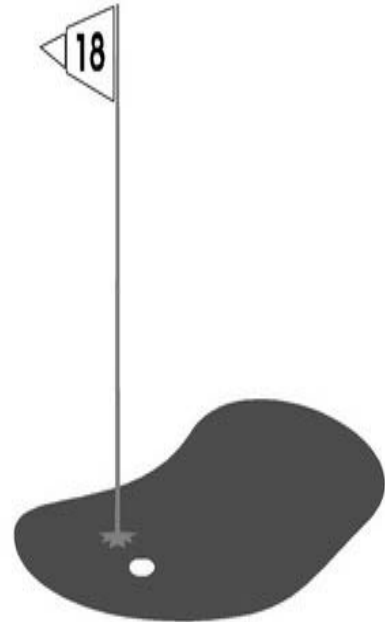
1. If our e-mail is working, we will e-mail to every family.
2. If our phones are working, we will leave a message for you on our answering machine.
3. If our phones are out, as soon as we can, we will reroute the message to another phone line. Please keep calling the (813) 961-3087 for periodic updates.
4. Alert the RPC phone chain to contact all working telephone numbers.
5. If there is a question, call your RPCs who will contact the RPC Chair who has our numbers to clarify status of school openings or closings...
6. If necessary, we will call radio and tv with our information as a last option.
7. Our goal is to always stay open as long as it is safe for our population.



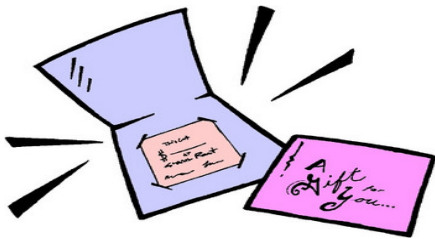
IDS GOLF BENEFIT

IDS 10th Annual Kid's Classic Golf Benefit

Nov. 15, 2004 – Join us for an exciting day of fun and fundraising! We are currently seeking donations of all kinds for our Live/Silent Auctions and Raffle. Clean out your gift closet; ask your favorite restaurant, beauty shop, car detailer, etc. to donate a gift certificate that will generate revenue for their business and our school!! Do you have a connection with a large Corporation? We are also seeking Sponsorships at all levels, beginning at only \$100 for Tee & Green Sponsors. Donor forms are available in the IDS office or call Georgette at (813) 910-8195. Revenue generated from our tournament will support the purchase of a safe, new **Field Trip Bus** for all ages Pre-K thru 8th grade!! Be a part of this great committee. Our next meeting is Friday, September 17, 2004 8:15 A.M. in the Theatre Training Center Breakout Room.



SCRIP



If you have any last minute purchases, please check to see if we may have a SCRIP in stock for you to purchase especially Home Depot or such...

IDS PARENTS ARE READING...



The **ParentNet Book Club** survey forms poured in and the votes have been counted. IDS Parents are reading, “**How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk**” by Arlene Faber and Elaine Mazlish. Order SCRIP to buy your copy from Barnes and Noble today. Join us for the first book club discussion on **Tuesday, October 12th** at 8:15 A.M. Interested in helping plan or facilitate book club meetings? Volunteer training is Tuesday, September 21 at 8:15 A.M. RSVP for training with Jim Moore at (813) 909-4272.

SALLY FOSTER



This Thursday marks the kickoff for Sally Foster! Please look for your booklets in this Thursday Folder. This year, Sally Foster gives you the option of ordering items online or by using the attached order sheet in your booklet. *The Sally Foster internet order number is 308754.* All online orders are delivered straight to your door, and Sally Foster picks up the shipping charges! Online and booklet ordering information is included in the Sally Foster booklet.

KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER 9 SALLY FOSTER GIFT WRAP SALE BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 13 COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL OPENS

SEPTEMBER 15



**COFFEE TALK/EDUTALK
WITH THE HEADMASTER
IN THE IDS THEATRE/TRAINING
CENTER**



SEPTEMBER 17 SNO-CONE DAY EAST SIDE
SEPTEMBER 24 SNO-CONE DAY WEST SIDE
SEPTEMBER 27 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
SEPTEMBER 28 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
SEPTEMBER 29 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
SEPTEMBER 30 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 1 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES