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HEADS' LETTER

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

**MIDDLE SCHOOL *BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT*: TONIGHT
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM!**

Last week, the Pre-K3 through 5th grade classes had 90% attendance at their Back to School Night which made our teachers very proud and happy!

Parents in the Middle School, tonight is your turn to learn first hand from your teachers and administration about expectations and the inside scoop for the coming year. The Middle School faculty has worked hard to prepare informative sessions that include an overview of daily, weekly, and monthly happenings and requirements. Making connections with your teachers is key even more as your child matures with increased responsibilities and workload. We hope to see everyone there tonight! Please be sure to arrive at the gym for important information about parent help, working together, and for receiving rotation schedules that will efficiently and effectively get you to each of the classrooms.

EDU-TALK WITH “DR. JOYCE” WITH A NEW TWIST! ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 8:15 A.M. IN THE GRAND ROOM: So, what

exactly is the difference between a **Coffee Talk** and an **Edu-Talk**? A **Coffee-Talk** is an opportunity for parents to raise questions and/or discuss information about the operations of the school, daily events, policy, and/or become familiar with future plans. The agenda is set at the meeting based on what parents would like to know about. We had a wonderful Coffee Talk last week where many great issues were raised and discussed.

An **Edu-Talk** is more like a class or study group where we learn together about different strategies and techniques that we use at IDS that are also life skills for parenting and work. An Edu-Talk goes into more depth about the things that make IDS such a celebrated and effective school.

The new twist for this upcoming Edu-Talk is a great opportunity to learn about what we tell our visiting educators when they come for tours and seminars. We have a wonderful school coming to see, our book, *It's All about Kids: Every Child Deserves a Teacher of the Year* in action on Wednesday. We first give them information that is truly interesting and relevant for all of our parents and then we take a tour. Parents are welcome to join us for this opportunity for fun, to learn more about our school, and to gain a greater understanding of the skills and rationale behind what we do for an IDS education. Parents, please join us for this UNIQUE and one of a kind Edu-Talk.

AN IDS FAMILY SHARES POLITICAL DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO SCHOOLS ON TUESDAY: One of our IDS families shared the follow-

up to our questions that we sent home on Tuesday after the students heard the President's speech: *“We wanted to let you know that your questions/conversation starters were a big success at our dinner table. Our son happily interviewed us using the questions you presented and that set off a very interesting give and take on Civics in a very relevant format. Thanks for the great ideas and for bringing your educational message beyond the classroom hours and to our dinner table. Our teachers did a great job in presenting the lesson so that it lit our child's fire.”*

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY: On Monday, September 14th, IDS welcomes Mr. Sean Murphy as **Headmaster for the Day!** Everyone get ready for a great day with our new Headmaster who also will implement the Monday through Thursday dress code. Thanks for following the guidelines as established in the Student/Parent Handbook.

CAMPUS NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Congratulations to our Middle School for many reasons which include an excellent campaign run by each candidate who followed the rules for advertising, stickers and preparing thoughtful and stimulating speeches. The candidates delivered their speeches last Friday morning in front of their peers and teachers which included all sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Having practiced their deliveries, each and every one of them deserves kudos for their presentations and character. The results are as follows: **President:** Alena Joyiens, **Vice President for School Wide Activities:** Zealand Shannon, **Vice President for Middle School: Activities** Caroline Poole, **Vice President for Community Service Walker Hills,** **President's Advisor:** Nick LaVoy, **Secretary:** Pedro Lima, **Treasurer:** Brett Sokol, and **Faculty Advisors:** Mrs. Jennifer Jagdmann & Mr. Stephen Shoe.

THE MULTI-AGE 3/4 ALL-STARS AND THE THIRD GRADE NAVIGATORS held their football draft today after choosing to participate in this above and beyond activity. Students picked quarterbacks, running backs, receivers and kickers to create random football teams. Each week, using newspapers and the internet, the students will track the "stats" for their particular players. Each player earns points for completed passes, touchdowns scored, field goals, and yards gained. Students use their **reading skills and math skills to calculate** total scores for their teams each week. What a great way to connect reading skills and math skills in a fun, exciting, and contemporary way.

THE MUSIC TEAM CONNECTS MUSIC WITH HISTORY! Hello from the IDS Music department! Our theme for the 2009 - 2010 year in music class is Famous Pieces and Famous People. The theme serves as a means to study the great pieces and composers throughout history and how the culture in which they lived had an impact on their compositions.

The first composer we are studying is John Adams. He lives in California and is among the more prolific composers of our time. One of the pieces we will be studying is entitled "On the Transmigration of Souls", and was written as a reflection on the events surrounding 9/11/01. We have several purposes in playing this piece for the students. **First**, it shows how an artist can respond to an event of this magnitude. **Second**, students will hear how John Adams incorporates symphony orchestra, adult chorus, children's chorus, speakers, and electronic tape in this beautiful and moving composition. **Third**, students will hear the work of a living "classical music" composer. The piece won the Pulitzer Prize in music as well as several Grammy awards. In class, we will listen to about ten minutes of the piece. We will break it up into smaller sections of two to three minutes, and will discuss the music before and after each section. We will begin the study of this piece on September 17. If anyone would like to learn more about the piece please contact the music department either by phone or by email.

DRESS CODE HINT: Our wonderful students are always growing. All of a sudden they go to sleep and wake up to find themselves an inch or two taller. It happens in front of our very eyes. So please make sure that you are prepared with shorts and skirts that fit the dress code length as our students get closer and closer to the ceiling during periodic growth spurts. You have been great with the updated dress code. We do appreciate your efforts.

FRIDAY'S DRESS OPTION HONORS 9/11 With RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

The following is reprinted from the special Heads' Letter sent out by e-mail yesterday afternoon.



The IDS Middle School Student Council (see names above) would like to share their plans for September 11, 2009 with you.

1. All Students, Teachers, and Staff are requested to wear Red, White, and Blue on Friday in honor of the families who lost relatives and friends during the "911" attacks on September 11, 2001.
2. It will also be a day for purposeful "AOK's"... "Acts of Kindness" beginning at home and throughout the school day to remind all of us that good deeds will help to make this world a better place!
3. At 9:11 a.m., there will be a minute of silence for the whole school to be announced by the M.S. Student Council.
4. To encourage our red, white and blue patriotic theme, we will have a raffle in each grade level for those who honor the day in appropriate dress. Clothes with pictures, words, and colors that fit the theme will be encouraged; otherwise the Monday through Friday dress code is also acceptable.

PFA NEWS

CHARLESTON WRAPS BY JAXCO – KEEP UP THE GREAT SALES!! Please see the insert in your Thursday Folder for an additional order form for the Charleston Wraps sale AND for additional coupons that you can fill out to submit to be eligible to win a prize. The winners for the first days of the sale will be drawn during our Monday Morning Meeting on September 14, and the remainder will be drawn during October's Monday Morning Meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Jaxco fundraiser, please contact Vanessa Minick at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

IDS KIDS CLASSIC GOLF EVENT PLANNING MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14 - We look forward to seeing all of the individuals interested in volunteering on the Golf Committee at our next meeting on **Monday, September 14, at 8:15 a.m. ALL INVITED! The meeting will be held in the PFA Conference Room on the second floor of the New Building.**

IDS PARENT BOOK CLUB MEETING – SEPTEMBER 23, 2009! We are looking forward to discussing the three books we read over the summer...The Story of Edgar Sawtelle, Peony in Love and Gods in Alabama. Please join us for a delicious treat with good company and good conversation on **Wednesday, September 23, at 1:30 p.m.** in the conference room across from the Grand Room, on the second floor of the New Building. Join us even if you are still in the process of reading the books! Contact Vera Murphy Trayner at vpmurphy@comcast.net or (813) 948-4016 for more information.

PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION CONTINUES OUR SOCIAL NETWORKING! We invite all IDS parents using Facebook to join the IDS PFA page. We now have **OVER 100 members!!** If you join us, you'll be kept up to date on PFA news and events! Just search "IDS PFA".

PFA NEWS: MORE OPTIONS

CASH 4 CLAS\$ – REMINDER!! This program is now in progress! Beginning **September 1st**, each dollar that a customer spends at the Citrus Park Westfield Shoppingtown can be turned into a point for IDS. See the flyer that is attached online under this week's Heads' Letter for more information. Last year we came in fourth place, and we would love to grab first this year and bring IDS the GRAND prize of \$10,000! If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Minick at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE - Shop For A Cause gives you the opportunity to help IDS by purchasing a \$5 Shopping Pass for exclusive savings and special offers that can be used at any Macy's store on Saturday, October 17th. As a participating charity, **we keep 100% of the proceeds** from the sale of each pass. The passes include: coupon for 25% off one item, savings of 10 - 20% off of nearly everything else in the store, ticket for a raffle to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card. Come together with Macy's and us, and while you're out, enjoy a day of shopping and great savings; you'll be helping our community at the same time. As an added bonus, this shopping day falls within the Cash 4 Class competition times, so if you shop at Westfield Citrus Park Mall, you will be able to take your receipts from Shop for a Cause to the Westfield Concierge to help IDS earn additional points towards the \$10,000 prize! You can purchase these passes for yourself as well as for your friends and family! The order form is available online attached to the September 3rd Head's Letter. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Mocsari at (813) 269-9286.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – Keep the orders coming in strong! For clarification, if you or your friends and family would like to purchase a Tampa area Entertainment Book, please be sure to order it through the office. If you attempt to order the local books online, it will be more expensive because the price includes shipping and handling. These great books are packed with savings! For only \$20, you will receive hundreds of money-saving offers! For any questions, please contact Vanessa Minick at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

SUNNY D – Does your family drink Sunny D? If so, be sure to collect the UPC labels off of those products. The UPC labels can come from the large bottles (16 - 128 ounces) or from the packs of smaller bottles/boxes. You can send the UPC labels in a bag or envelope marked with your teacher's name to the office. For every **20 labels** collected by a class, we will be able to submit those to receive **20 books** for that classroom in return! Each class may only make one submission for books, so any extra UPC labels will be shared with other classes to help them reach their goal of 20 labels. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Minick at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

PARENT EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

PFA COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2009, in the New Building on the second floor at 8:15 a.m. Please join us for all of the news from the PFA Leadership. This meeting is open to **all** parents!



NETWORKING NIGHT is around the corner on **Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.** Thanks to those of you who have registered to attend! We are going to have a great turnout. If you have yet to register, complete the registration form that is attached to this week's online Heads' Letter. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet and network within our own business community. For more information contact Marcie Mueller at perform@tampabay.rr.com.



SAVE THE DATE MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 AND SUPPORT THE IDS GOLF TOURNAMENT - IT'S ALWAYS EXCITING AND THE PLACE TO BE!



- **CALLING ALL SPONSORS!!** There are many sponsorship opportunities still available! See the insert included in last week's Thursday folder or look at last week's online Heads' Letter.
- **CALLING ALL GOLFERS!!** Please take this opportunity to sign up your foursome, threesome, twosome or even yourself for a great day of golf on Monday, October 19, 2009, at Avila Golf and Country Club. We have some exciting activities planned, as well as some surprises, to make your day's experience one to remember. Please see the enclosed registration form.
- **CALLING ALL NON-GOLFERS!!** Please join us at Avila for an evening to remember at our Golf Social and Auction. This is your chance to join the golfers as well as other IDS parents for dinner, socializing, and a fabulous silent auction. The evening social starts at 5:00 p.m. and is \$30.00 per ticket. So get with your fellow class parents and lock in your reservation early before we fill up! Babysitting will be available to IDS families for a small fee. For more information on the IDS Kids Class Golf Event, please contact Steven Riddle, Golf Chairperson, at (813) 404-6700 or info@DynSigns.com.

IDS-CC BOUTIQUE & BRUNCH – DECEMBER 4, 2009: Please mark your calendars for the fourth annual IDS-CC Boutique and Brunch to be held on December 4, 2009. The Boutique will feature many local vendors offering home decor, jewelry, toys, clothing, accessories and more! This is a wonderful opportunity to shop with friends while enjoying a delicious brunch elegantly prepared by our own Chef Garret. The Boutique will take place in the Farish Center. We welcome any IDS-CC families who would like to participate as a **VENDOR**. Please contact Cindy Wendell (813-527-1239, dwcl@aol.com) if you are interested.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers

TO OUR IDS FAMILIES, PLEASE SHARE SPECIAL MOMENTS SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY WITH YOU.

Aurelien Boulangeat (7th Grade) competed with his Fusion U13 boys soccer team in the fusion Labor Day Tournament. His team won the championship after being victorious in five games over three days.



Jack Tolliver (5th Grade) and his teammates from the South Pasco Predators Pee Wee Football Team (Pop Warner) had an exciting opportunity at last week's Pre-Season Tampa Bay Buccaneer game. The kids led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers onto the field before they played the Miami Dolphins. And at half time...Jack and his teammates played a game against another area Pop Warner Team. What an honor!



**Please see
"All School"
enclosures also
found in
Thursday Folder.**

15th Annual Kids Classic
IDS CORBETT CAMPUS 2009

Registration



Due by Wednesday, October 7, 2009

October 19, 2009

~ AVILA Golf & Country Club ~

943 Guisando de Avila
 Tampa, FL 33613
 813.961.1770 (Main Clubhouse)

~ Schedule of Events ~

Registration & Lunch: 11am - 12:15 pm
 Shotgun Start: 12:30pm
 (Scramble Format)
 Dinner, Auction, & Awards: 5:00pm

~ Invitation for Non-Golfers ~

Encourage additional guests to join us for dinner and auction following the tournament.

For additional information contact:
 Steven Riddle - 813.404.6700

Appropriate Attire Requested

Name : _____

Address : _____

Home# : _____ Work# : _____

Cell# : _____ email : _____

Names of Foursome : _____ Phone Numbers : _____ Handicaps: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Non-Golfer reservation for dinner, \$30 due by October 7, 2009

Guest _____ Guest _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

Entry Fee

Individual : \$225

Foursome : \$850

Make Checks Payable to IDS-CC

Credit Cards Also Accepted

Credit Card Information:

Name on Card: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

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Networking Night

Tuesday, October 6 from 6:15pm - 8:15 p.m., IDS-CC

Calling all bankers, artists, stockbrokers, attorneys, tutors, doctors, home builders, engineers, technology gurus, realtors, investment brokers, decorators, photographers, business owners and those in every other profession who want to create an IDS community which supports each other in business! With over 500 parents, faculty/staff, and Board Members, the Independent Day School community is a vibrant group including entrepreneurs, business leaders, and professionals working in major corporations.

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet other business professionals, learn about local companies, or market your own business. The event is cost-free and has been well attended in prior years.

Networking Night includes informal networking time to meet others and socialize as well as structured networking time during which participants will rotate through small groups. Uncomfortable networking? Please come! We will have a brief session on Networking Tips to make this event easy and enjoyable for all!

Join our **first committee planning meeting on 9/9 at 8:05 a.m.** above Kindergarten. For questions, contact Marcie Mueller at perform@tampabay.rr.com.

To register for the Networking Event, please complete and return the form below by **9/23/09**.

Networking Night Registration Form

Your Name: _____ Email: _____

Student's Name/Grade: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation/Profession: _____

Business Name: _____ Type of Business: _____

Business address (optional): _____

Display Space: Attendees may request up to 1/2 of a six foot table to display business cards, brochures, photos of sample work, logo items / giveaways etc. A description and sample of display items will be submitted in advance to the Chair. Space available on a first registered basis.

Would you like to display material at the event?

_____ Check for Yes.

If yes, please provide a description of materials to be displayed.

Please respond:

Will you attend the committee planning meeting on Wed. 9/9 at 8:05 a.m.?

_____ Check for Yes.

Will you donate refreshments or snacks for Networking Night?

_____ Check for Yes.

Help IDS win \$10,000!



Cash4Class is a program sponsored by Westfield Town Centers. Participating schools will receive one point for every dollar spent from September 1st through November 1st. **Double** points can be earned by shopping on Wednesdays and

by purchasing Westfield gift cards. An additional **100** bonus points can be earned by submitting a Cash4Class coupon (see attached). The school with the

most points earned by November 1st wins **\$10,000!**

IDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Helping IDS win \$10,000 is easy.....Go Shopping!

Go to any Westfield Town Center and after shopping and eating, present your receipts to the concierge. This is a great time to purchase gift cards for holiday shopping or to give as gifts.

Remember to submit the Cash4Class coupon (attached) to the concierge for an extra **100** bonus points. Additional coupons are available online at www.westfield.com. Please only one coupon per person.

For your convenience, you may submit your receipts to IDS in the attached envelope with the form at the bottom of this page and the receipts will be submitted for you.

For more information, please contact Tammy Torres or Vanessa Minick.

Tammy Torres (813) 961-8280 or ttorres25@tampabay.rr.com

Vanessa Minick (813) 629-1630 or vminick@hotmail.com

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Parent Name _____

of receipts _____

Would you like the receipts returned to you? Circle YES NO



All receipts will be shredded and thrown away.

Parents wanting receipts returned will receive them in the Thursday folder.



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MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE GREATER COMMUNITY THROUGH TRAVEL.

China

JUNE 30 - JULY 14, 2010

Picture yourself tiptoeing through an imperial city that was once forbidden to anyone but royalty.

Imagine yourself able to read a

Chinese inscription carved into a temple wall over two thousand years ago. This summer, Mr. Freeman and IDS are proud to

provide our students a cultural immersion trip to China. This 15 day adventure will include an exciting, interactive course in Mandarin Chinese that encourages participants to put their newly acquired language skills to work immediately. Explore China's ancient past and modern present as you journey through this inside look at how China is rapidly growing in importance to the world. This is a chance of a lifetime for those students who are interested in preparing themselves for the world of tomorrow.



WHO: The first 15 students grade 3 and up are invited to join us. Students in grade 3 through 5 are welcome to join us with at least one parent. Students in grade 6 and up may sign up without being accompanied by a parent and will be assigned to an IDS chaperone. Space is limited to the first 15 participants.

QUESTIONS: Please direct further questions to the trip leader and language instructor, Mr. Dave Freeman, 6th grade Social Studies and Chinese Teacher.

dfreeman@idsyes.com

Peru

MARCH 13 - MARCH 22, 2010

An amazing international travel opportunity is being offered to IDS middle school families. Join Mr. Richter and Global Explorers for this 10-day adventure of pink river dolphins, howler monkeys, piranhas, walking the great canopy, learning ethnobotany from a shaman and so much more. This workshop will open your eyes to the diversity of the Amazon through hands-on science explorations with field scientists, meaningful visits to local communities with time to soak in the beauty and magic of the rainforest. This three-phase program

immerses you in the culture, environment and history of the Amazon. You'll dive into field science, community service and cross-cultural experiences that will change your life.

WHO: Students in grade 6 and up may sign up with or without being accompanied by a parent.

QUESTIONS: Please direct further questions to the trip leader, Mr. Theodore Richter, Upper Primary Resource and Multi-Age Science Teacher.

trichter@idsyes.com



Sweden

APRIL 16 - APRIL 25, 2010

Join Mr. Mel as we travel to the the 2010 International School Connection Youth World Conference at the host school, Nyköping Gymnasium, where students from various countries, will work together to develop positive leadership skills and foster global citizenship. Participants will explore the issue of diminishing access to and preservation of clean drinking water. This global concern will be explored in a variety of ways culminating with the creation of action plans so participants can make a local or global impact upon their return to their own communities. This trip is sure to inspire young people to discover the possibilities that are born from working as part of a global community!

WHO: Students ages 11 – 19 are invited to join youth from around the world for fun, friendship, and active learning.

QUESTIONS: Please direct further questions to the trip leader Mr. Mel, Technology Teacher and IDS International Coordinator or go to www.iscweb.org for more information on travel and the summit.

mmelnick@idsyes.com



WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

September 14-18, 2009

Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School playing	Location of game	Pick-Up	Pick Up/Comments
Mon. 9/14	3:00	Volleyball Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
	3:00	Volleyball Green Team	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	
	3:00	Volleyball Silver Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
	4:00	Soccer Purple Team	St. Mary's	Buchanan Soccer Field	5:00	
	5:00	Soccer Green Team	St. Mary's	Buchanan Soccer Field	6:00	
	3:00	Cross Country	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	Lake Park
Tues. 9/15	3:30	Cross Country	CDS	CDS	6:00	
Weds.	6:00	Volleyball Purple Team	St. John's (E)	St. John's (E)	7:30	MS Gym
9/16	5:00	Volleyball Green Team	St. John's (E)	St. John's (E)	6:45	MS Gym
	4:00	Volleyball Silver Team	St. John's (E)	St. John's (E)	6:45	MS Gym
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	3:00	Soccer Green Team	Practice	Buchanan Soccer Field	4:30	
	3:00	Cross Country	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	IDS
Thur.	4:00	Volleyball Purple Team	TCMS	Corbett Hall	5:00	
9/17	4:00	Volleyball Green Team	TCMS	MS Gym	5:00	
	off	Volleyball Silver Team	off			
	4:00	Soccer Purple Team	Tampa Prep	Tampa Prep	6:45	
	5:00	Soccer Green Team	Tampa Prep	Tampa Prep	6:45	
	3:00	Cross Country	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	IDS
Fri.	3:00	Volleyball Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
9/18	3:00	Volleyball Green Team	Practice	MS Gym	4:30	
	3:00	Volleyball Silver team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
	3:00	Soccer Purple Team	Practice	Buchanan Soccer Field	3:45	
	4:00	Soccer Green Team	St. John's Greek	Buchanan Soccer Field	5:00	
	3:00	Cross Country	Practice	8th Grade Deck	4:45	Country Place Park (E)