

HEADS' LETTER

SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

CATCHING UP WITH THE IDS NEWS!!!

- **Headmaster of the Day, Allyson Moore** (8th grade) led the school with dignity and grace on September 11. She began the day by taking over the Monday Morning Assembly, appropriately combining a day of remembrance with a day of celebrations. She captured the attention of the entire assembly as she recalled her first year at IDS and the day the students were informed about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center. She also showed a professional video called **PEOPLE**, which celebrated life, valuing all human beings and appreciated differences. Her poise and presence was masterful and her delivery was exceptional. Everyone had a great day and she monitored the school closely and carefully. Lots of fun was had by all. Thanks big time to parents Jim and Linda Moore for winning this opportunity for Allyson at the Big Event Live Auction last March.
- **Back To School Night:** On **September 7**, parents poured into IDS with umbrellas, that thankfully remained closed. As the weather cleared up, we enjoyed a very wonderful Back to School Night. Teachers were well prepared to share their excitement, goals, and syllabi with their parents. The teachers work so very hard to prepare for your arrival to share with you how they plan to make this a special year for each child and for the whole classroom community. We all appreciate when our parents make the time to be there to get the information first hand and to make that initial connection. Each year at IDS we "raise the bar" so you can always expect something new, including the updated syllabi that you received. **Please remember to check in with your teachers for conferences that will be scheduled on Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29.** All eight of our Specials Teachers will also be pleased to meet with you (Music, Art, Drama, Dance, Physical Education, Spanish, Technology, and Library/Media.)
- If you drove by IDS last weekend, you may have wondered why the parking lot was filled with cars. That day marked the kick-off event for the **25th Anniversary of the University of South Florida's SunCoast Area Teacher Training Honors Program (SCATT)**. Internationally acclaimed leader and author on Character Education, **Dr. Tom Lickona** was the featured speaker. A number of our teachers joined the workshop and benefited from his wise training and wealth of information and ideas. His book **Character Matters** is outstanding, and we refer to his 10 worldwide virtues often in our trainings when speaking about frameworks for character building. The book has been purchased for all faculty members.
- **"EDU-TALK with Dr. Joyce"**, an informational seminar, was held in the Grand Room in the "New Building" after arrival on Wednesday, September 13, with a **great** response from the parents attending. Requests have been received to have another one in the evening so more people can attend. **So, on September 21, at 7:00 PM, there will be another EDU-TALK on the same topics. See Page 2 for topic reminders.**

“EDU-TALK WITH DR. JOYCE”

“EDU-TALK with Dr. Joyce” will be held in the Grand Room (second floor of the "New Building") in the evening on September 21 at 7:00 PM. This is an attempt to reach others requesting the information below in an evening forum...So we are on for next week. Topics to be covered include:

- What are the teachers busy doing with the International Baccalaureate Program?
- What is the Learner Profile, the attitudes, the AOIs, etc.? How is the middle school program different from the elementary program?
- How does all of this relate to our M.O.R.E. Approach and the International School Connection (ISC)?
- What does world-renowned character educator Tom Lickona have to tell us about character at home and at school? What are the 10 virtues and how do they relate to the IB attitudes and profile, as well as our own lives?
- Why are so many international visitors, teachers and new teachers coming to learn from your IDS faculty? How does all of that benefit our community?
- How does "our children first" and "having a positive impact on the greater community" impact our learning environment at IDS?
- What does the best seller by Thomas Friedman, "The World Is Flat" have to do with preparing our children for the world today and tomorrow?
- How do we honor the wave of internationalism while still appreciating our own roots and traditions?

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION PRODUCES A TEAM OF OFFICERS FOR 2006 - 2007

President:	Aly Blumenthal
Vice President for Middle School Activities:	Michelle Newberger
Vice President for School-Wide Activities:	Schuyler Arakawa
Vice President for Community Outreach:	Caitlin Hollander
Secretary:	Ashton Hatter
Treasurer:	Mick McColl

ENCLOSURES IN THURSDAY FOLDER

- **DIRECTORY VERIFICATION FORM...**please check to see if your name, address, and telephone number are correct. Please return any corrected information in your child's Thursday folder.
- **NEW LUNCH FORM FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER...last date to return is Friday, September 29!!!**
- **Fifth Grade fundraiser: TERRIFIC T-shirts;** with every child's name included in print. Fabulous IDS t-shirts are available for purchase. Support the fifth grade fundraiser for their traditional study trip to Charleston and Savannah. Please complete the enclosed form to show your support.
- **Fall Festival and Fun Run** information enclosed. Hold the date for “family fun” on **Saturday, October 21.**

KEY PFA NEWS...

INNISBROOK: ALL GIFT WRAP ORDERS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

- ❖ What are the **Ten Reasons to Sell, Sell Sell?**
- ❖ Read page **four** to find out all Ten Reasons!!!

**TIME'S
RUNNING
OUT...**



IDS BIG EVENT:

- **WHAT:** FIRST BIG EVENT MEETING
- **WHEN:** **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** at 8:15 AM
- **WHO:** **YOU!!!** Anyone and everyone interested in learning about helping with the school's biggest fundraiser and fun-raiser is invited. Bring your ideas and friends for coffee, bagels, and brainstorming about the 2006 - 2007 Big Event. Questions? Contact Julie Salek, Big Event Chairperson at (813) 382-2525 or jsalek@prutropical.com.
- **WHERE:** **GRAND ROOM** on the 2nd floor of the New Building.



IDS ANNUAL FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL:

- *Old Fashion - Down to Earth Family Fun* on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21!!!**
- We are planning an action packed day of Festivities, Frolic, Folly, and Fun ☺
- The day begins with a beautiful Fun Run on our Westside Campus, continues with an old fashion gathering of class sponsored activities and culminating with a delicious lunch donated by the Hoff Family.
- As well as: Moon Bouncing, Games, and friendship gathering!
Time: 8:30 - Fun Run
10:30 - Fall Festival
- Complete the enclosed flyer today and return to the main office by **Monday, October 9, 2006**. Come join the IDS community's largest family event of the year!

THE KIDS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT IS COMING SOON:

- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13** is the date for our golf tournament.
- As your children and grandchildren attend IDS, you know what a wonderful opportunity this fall fundraiser provides. Did you know that last year the tournament raised \$34,000 to benefit our technology, academic, and athletic programs? Did you know that over half of that amount comes from our sponsorships and nearly a quarter comes from our silent and live auctions?
- You can benefit the tournament and IDS in the coming weeks by signing up to play. We really need your help now with sponsorships and donations. As parents, you are encouraged to sponsor a tee or green sign with your family's name for just \$100.
- In the past, parents have also donated auction items such as event tickets or rounds of golf at their golf clubs.
- For those of you with businesses or connections, we welcome everything from gift certificates (which can be auctioned at the event), to goodie bag donations, to major sponsorships. Each provides a great way to promote a business to the IDS and golf communities.
- To sponsor or donate to the event, please contact Angela Kaliban, Golf Chairperson at (813) 928-5073.



All Innisbrook Wrap Order Forms Due THIS MONDAY, September 18th

Congratulations to Daniela Nasser (4th grade) for winning \$25 cash award for finding the certificate in her Innisbrook packet in honor of Innisbrook's 25th anniversary.

Top 10 Reasons to Keep Selling the Innisbrook Gift Wrap

10. Family, friends, and neighbors will be receiving a great product and delicious chocolates.
9. The Innisbrook website has a much better selection of gift wrap in addition to classic books, workbooks, joke books, books on drawing, sortable socks, and garden flags. They take credit cards, the items are shipped directly to your house, out of state relatives can buy items, and your child still receives the credit toward the prizes.
8. Magazine subscriptions are much cheaper than the newsstand prices and make great gifts.
7. If your child sells 10 items, he/she will receive a flashing finger ring or a scented pencil.
6. If your child sells 25 items, he/she will get to "jump for money". We will have a line of dollar bills on the floor, your child will jump as far as they can, and all they get to keep all of the money behind them.
5. The top seller will receive an awesome party at Gameworks with 9 friends complete with games, food, and drinks (Grand Prize – top selling \$ amount raised).
4. The top participating grade will be invited to a celebration party at IDS with a D.J., dancing, games, and ice cream sundaes.
3. A chance to win a Tuition Credit Opportunity raffle ticket. For every 10 items sold by your child, he/she will have an opportunity to have his/her name placed in the Tuition Credit Opportunity raffle (which will give them a chance to win \$5,000 off their tuition for next year).
2. In addition to all the fabulous Innisbrook prizes your child could win, IDS will receive 50% of all sales, which goes directly toward making our children's education even better.

...and the **NUMBER 1** reason to keep selling the Innisbrook Gift Wrap is that if IDS reaches our goal of making \$25,000, Dr. Swartzman will put on a swimsuit and go tubing behind a boat in Lake Lipsey!!

For more information, call Jenny Stiles (813) 624-3726 or Janee Murphy (813) 503-7391).

So, log on today and check out all the great items that Innisbrook has to offer.

So let's rock and roll to reach our goal!! Please return all forms into the office or order on the internet at <http://www.innisbrook.com> and enter our school code: 104937 by THIS Monday, September 18!