

HEADS' LETTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

EDU-SEMINAR FOR IDS PARENTS

Understanding the Uniqueness of Each Child: A Myth or Reality?
TONIGHT – THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 15 at 7:00-9:00 P.M.
or WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 21 at 8:15-10:15 A.M.
IDS 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! Our speaker, Dr. Swarzman, is busy sharing this knowledge with others in training sessions from Florida to Spain. It's now our turn for a seminar with Joyce that others find extraordinarily helpful and sometimes "life changing." The time will fly by and you will leave wanting more!

**EXTENDED DAY OFFERED FOR EARLY DISMISSAL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

In order to accommodate IDS parents and faculty members, we will have Extended Day on Wednesday, September 21 from 12:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. due to the early dismissal for Faculty In-service.

Activities will be based in the Extended Day Room and an afternoon snack of fresh fruit, chips and juice will be provided. We also will arrange for quiet time so that students can do their homework. The cost for the afternoon will be \$15.00, regardless of the length of stay (unless you are on the Yearly-Extended Day Plan). **NOTE: PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND A LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD IF HE/SHE WILL BE STAYING FOR EXTENDED DAY.**

Parents interested in taking advantage of this special extended day session on September 21 **must register** with Marie Massara either by phone at (813) 961-3087 or in person in the office by Monday, September 19. In order to provide adequate staff for the afternoon, we need an official count.

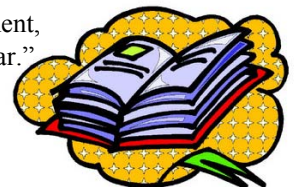
**"SCHOOL-FREE DAYS" FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23**

Students have "school free days" while teachers meet and update parents on their child's progress. In some cases there will be student-led conferences. The conferences are designed for both parents and teachers to learn more about their children. By exchanging information, we set the stage for two-way conversations to benefit our IDSers throughout the school year. **Because time is limited, we suggest that you jot down and prioritize key questions to discuss, so you feel that you have addressed the issues important to you.** For example:

- Information I want the teacher to know about my child...
- Questions I would like answered...
- How are my child's work habits?
- How does he/she use his/her time?
- What are the expectations for homework?
- What can I do at home to help my child succeed at school?

Teachers will share:

- Student strengths,
- Areas needing improvement,
- And ways to "raise the bar."



Our goal at IDS is to keep our students moving forward. Together, in cooperation, we can all be very successful! We look forward to seeing you next week!

IDS NEWS UPDATE

“SET SAIL” CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION ARRIVES IN MAIL!!! Talk about timing that needs to be better.... **Here we are** building a beautiful new facility on the east side of the campus to house our Kindergarten program on the first floor and a multi-purpose room on the second floor for all of us at IDS.... **Here we are** preparing to ask for your generosity to complete this vital project.... **Here we are** doing what all schools do to soar and that is count on community contributions to make sure our children have a wonderful facility...

Well, **here we are** asking for your help, at the same time, there are huge needs that we see across our TV screens daily. The lesson here is that timing is everything. Regardless, if our timing is off, we still have needs at home; and frankly, we need your help. Please read your mail carefully and learn about the many ways you can leave a legacy for the generations to follow as well as for our current students. All of us are living in an incredible environment because of the giants that preceded us with their generosity. We fortunately have an initial \$500,000 matching gift, which will need to be matched on the way to our 1.25 million dollar goal for the facility.

HEADMASTER OF THE DAY MR./DR. BEN PEACOCK MODELS GREAT LEADERSHIP: Seventh grader, **Ben Peacock**, easily took the helm at the Monday Morning Assembly, on September 12, as he facilitated the entire morning program. He also announced his plans and expectations for the day, which thrilled the student body and received interesting smiles and looks among teachers. All knew who was in charge; this wonderful young man did a great job leading the entire school. We all took pride in his confidence, poise and success. Thanks to Cathy and Nick Peacock for giving their son this great opportunity.

HOW DOES YOUR CHILD GET TO BE A HEADMASTER OF THE DAY like Ben Peacock, Brandon Flittner and Mimi Coto? **HOW DO I GET A STREET NAMED AFTER ME** like Karli Mezo and Brandon Noriega? **HOW DO I GET A BRIDGE NAMED AFTER ME** like Jessica Riddle? **HOW DO I GET MY OWN RESERVED PARKING SPOT AT IDS?** The place to get all of that is at our Spring Big Event Auction. All of these items and **so much more** will once again become available through either a live or silent auction on March 11, 2006. Our theme this year is **Rock Around the Clock**; please see page 4 for more information about this event.

HURRICANE RELIEF ASSISTANCE: HERE’S THE SCOOP! On September 9, at the Annual Retreat of the Board of Trustees, a **TEMPORARY** policy change was made to accommodate students that evacuated the hurricane area in and around New Orleans. Because IDS is currently at capacity, we have agreed to stretch, if necessary, one student per class to add to the effort in assisting those in need.

This is only a **temporary** measure that lasts for this school year. Most of these students are coming to our area without records, books and in need of finding a school to call home for a short time. We are accommodating others as if it could have happened to us. Therefore, only students who are coming from private schools will be admitted. We are assisting others that call in finding an appropriate public school. Other private schools are also taking private school students if necessary. Currently, we have been delighted to welcome two new families to our school, one young man in the Brilliant Bug Multi-age class and one young lady into Third Grade. I know you will join us in giving them a warm IDS welcome.



WE ARE SMILING: IDS was featured in the Tampa Tribune on September 8, 2005. See the article inside your child’s Thursday folder or on our web site <http://www.idsyas.com>.

IDS VOLUNTEER LUNCH PROGRAM DESERVES A STANDING OVATION!!!!

Even as we ask for your understanding, we must also thank our hard-working, amazing parent and grandparent volunteers for running a lunch program for 500 plus students, as well as for many teachers and staff. We thank last year’s Lunch Chair, Sandy McCullin, for “raising the bar” by creating a computer program to handle the volume of requests. We thank new Lunch Chair, Lisa Will, for her patience with all of the calls that come during the first couple of weeks, while getting all of this working smoothly. We thank current PFA President Gina Shannon and Past PFA President Jenny Stiles for jumping in to help with this big task, and we **Applaud** all of the volunteers who have been willing to serve our children lunch daily. We need more of you, and we also need you to send some thanks to everyone who is willing to be on campus to help make this program work. The lunch offerings are good and varied. Soooooooo, please let us know “kindly” when errors need to be corrected and changes need to be made.



PFA NEWS



Rock and Roll with Innisbrook Wrap Due MONDAY, September 19



Congratulations to Caroline Pomet, who won an IDS sweatshirt and Mick McColl, who won a blow-up guitar and a \$20 gift card to Barnes and Noble. They won the Guitar Guess Game that we did at lunchtime last week. There were 388 guitars on the roll of wrapping paper!

See the list inside your Thursday folder for all of the students who have become members of our “flashing guitar” club by selling at least six items. Keep selling for more great prizes and get that flashing fun guitar pin. Remember as soon as you sell 6 items, hand in your “flashing guitar” certificate – these guitar pins have been a real hit with the our students.

In addition to *Innisbrook* prizes, the following are IDS prizes:

1. Lunch for you and 10 friends in a Hummer Limo! (Grand Prize)
2. Get “back stage passes” to an awesome D.J. party complete with dancing, games, and malted milkshakes (top participating class).
3. Be in a drawing to win an acoustic guitar! (sell 20 items)
4. Be in a drawing to win an iPod shuffle! (sell 10 items – Middle schoolers only)
5. Be in a drawing to win dinner and a movie for your family. (sell \$250 of items)
6. Be in a drawing to win \$5,000 off next year’s tuition. (See *Innisbrook* packet for more details!!!)

Keep selling, and remember 10% of our profits (up to our goal of \$25,000) and 75% above our goal will go toward the Hurricane Relief Fund. Also, if we reach our goal, Dr. Swarzman will dye her hair green and purple for a day. If we make \$30,000, she will keep it that way for a week!

For more information, call Jenny Stiles (624-3726) or Sandy McCullin (404-7714)

So let’s rock and roll to reach our goal!! Please return all forms to the office or order on the Internet at www.innisbrook.com by Monday, September 19.

PARENTNET BOOK CLUB – SEPTEMBER 28 AT 8:15 A.M.

Love to read? Enjoy discussing ideas with other parents? Join the ParentNet Book Club. This parent-led group meets three times per year to discuss contemporary parenting topics. It’s a good opportunity to meet other parents and share best practices.

Building and maintaining friendships is a life-skill, which impacts all of our children from PK 3 through the middle school years and beyond. Join us in reading *“The Unwritten Rules of Friendship: Simple Strategies to Help Your Child Make Friends”* by Natalie Elman.

The Book Club discussion will take place at **8:15 a.m. on September 28**. Barnes and Noble has copies of this book on hold at their front register. You may also order your book online from amazon.com.

Start reading today! See you on September 28! For questions or suggestions, please contact Pam Latimer (948-3141), Jim Moore (909-4272), or Marcie Mueller (964-0982).



Family Fall Festival and Fun Run Saturday, October 8, 2005

The Family Fall Festival is a great day to enjoy family, friends, and community with old-fashioned down-to-earth games, booths, food, and camaraderie! The Fun Run begins at 8:30 a.m. prior to the Family Fall Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fun Run: Attention all runners. The Annual IDS-CC Fun Run, sponsored by the PFA Boosters, is right around the corner! We are looking for runners of all ages to come to our beautiful campus and participate in this great healthy fantastic event! **Look for your flyer enclosed and send in your reply.** Each runner will receive a T-shirt and goodie bag. For additional information, please call Dawn Schocken at (813) 417-0075.

ATTENTION GOLFERS AND DUFFERS!!!



The 11th ANNUAL IDS KIDS CLASSIC GOLF AND TENNIS BENEFIT is coming soon!!! Due to rising fuel prices and Hurricane Relief efforts, the golf committee felt it would also help the current situation by adjusting our entry fees.

Foursomes \$600. (were \$750)

Singles \$150. (were \$190)



Mark your calendars - **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005**

Location - **EMERALD GREENS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

- ◆ Field is limited to 120 players
- ◆ Sign up early by contacting Pam Barfield at (813) 961-3087

Join us for a day of fun and camaraderie!!! In addition to having fun and helping our school and students, you'll be helping others. Through all of our fundraisers, **10%** of our proceeds will be donated to the Hurricane Relief effort. To help with the golf tournament, please contact one of the following Leann Rowe; (813) 909-7170 rrowe7@tampabay.rr.com, Mark Nouss (813) 963-3309 mnouss@tampabay.rr.com, Penny Jo Brickson (813) 765-1602 pjpi@aol.com

FORE!!! Watch your Thursday folder for formal invitations coming soon.

Rock Around The Clock
A Flashback to the Fabulous 50's



Wop bop a loo bop a wop bam boom...Let's get together very soon!

Your Big Event Committee Chairpersons are planning the first meeting of the year. We would love to see you all for a short meeting after drop off on Tuesday, September 20, at 8:15 A.M. in the Theatre/Training Center Breakout Room. Please mark your calendars!

Thanks for your excitement about the **BIG EVENT** to be held on **MARCH 11, 2006**. We look forward to seeing you to help plan. For more information, contact Julie Salek (813) 382-2525 or Kathy von Thaden (813) 695-6784, PFA Big Event Co-Chairs.

COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENT

At FasTrackKids No-School-Day Camps

Camps include: exercise, excerpts from the FasTrackKids program, lunch & supervised play at Chuck E Cheese's, and arts & crafts! Both a healthy mid-morning snack, and an afternoon treat are provided for each child, along with lunch and tokens for play.



We are located at 14308-B N Dale Mabry Hwy (next to Chuck E Cheese's) Call (813) 908-KIDS (5437) for more information, or visit us at www.legendarykids.com. Tampa@FasTrackKids.com

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