

## HEADS' LETTER

## SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

**EDU-TALK FOR IDS PARENTS  
TONIGHT AT 7:00 P.M. (September 21)  
ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE NEW BUILDING  
(see email reminder for topics to be covered)**

**EXTENDED DAY OFFERED FOR EARLY DISMISSAL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2006**

In order to accommodate IDS parents and faculty members, we will have Extended Day on Wednesday, September 27 from 12:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. due to 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 (except for those 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 27 **must register** with Marie Massara either by phone at (813) 961-3087 or in person in the office by **Monday, September 25**. 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 28 and 29**



Students have “school-free days” on September 28 and 29, 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. Our goal at IDS is to keep our students moving forward to achieve success. Be sure to sign up for your conference times! We look forward to seeing you next week!

**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:**

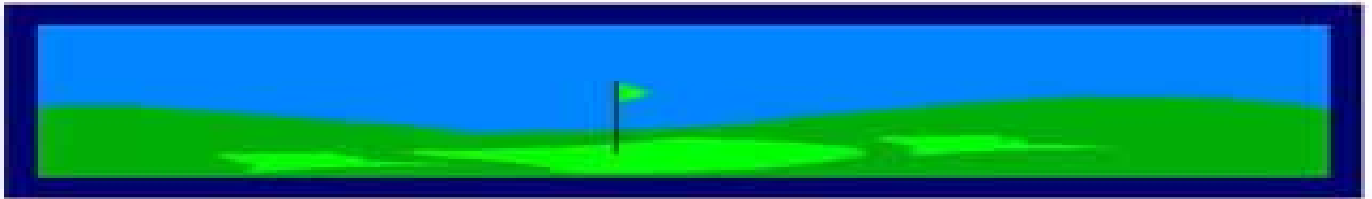
- Student strengths,
- Areas needing improvement,
- And ways to “raise the bar.”

## PFA NEWS and REMINDERS

**Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sales** are coming in everyday. Please make your **LAST MINUTE** purchases and turn in by tomorrow or order online. Remember IDS receives 50% of all purchases. Innisbrook sales help us purchase important "stuff" to give our teachers a leading edge in working with our students. A huge thanks to Jenny Stiles and Janee Murphy for organizing this important fundraiser. They appreciate your support!



**IDS KIDS CLASSIC GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, September 25 at 8:15 A.M.** Everyone is invited to join the golf committee meeting and share in the fun of planning and preparing for the big day for the tournament to be held on November 13. Please contact Golf Chairperson, Angela Kaliban, for more information or just join in at the meeting. **THE PLACE FOR THE MEETING ON MONDAY IS THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE NEW BUILDING!** Also checkout <http://www.idsyees.com> for information about sponsorship and donation forms.



**IDS ANNUAL FUN RUN and FALL FESTIVAL COMING SOON. OCTOBER 21. Please plan to attend for a terrific family day!!**



**LUNCH UPDATE FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:** As a reminder, our second cycle of lunch forms are due in the IDS office by **Friday, September 29**. Great news for all our pasta lovers! For our second lunch offering, when a mixed pasta entrée is served, students will have the option of either choosing the mixed entrée selection or a plain pasta entrée serving. The plain pasta serving will be lightly buttered.



As students walk up for lunch service, they may select the mixed pasta (macaroni and tomato beef or alfredo with cheese) or the plain lightly buttered pasta. We believe this will provide another option for many of our students. Should you have any questions regarding the menu items in our second offering, feel free to call Sandy McCullin, lunch chair, at (813) 991-6322 or via email at [smccullin@verizon.net](mailto:smccullin@verizon.net).



## TRAFFIC ON EASTSIDE DRIVE NEEDS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:



**SAFETY REQUIRES EVERYONE TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES...  
HEADS-UP BEGINNING TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

We have waited four weeks to give people a chance to understand and live by the procedures for drop-off in the morning. If you are an eastside (Pre-K3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) family, then you have one of two choices for drop-off.

1. You may drop off your child at Corbett Hall from 7:30 on, or
2. You may park and walk your child to class.



**That's it...Those two choices are it!!!** Do you realize that when you drop off your child in the space after the office you are endangering lives, you are teaching your children to disrespect any rules designed for smoothness and safety, you're putting your children in a position to break rules that are inconvenient for them, and you are often blocking the handicapped spot? That's really how it is. We really care about everyone. Please help us all be successful by following the two procedures above.

Please share this information with anyone who brings your child(ren) to school in the mornings. Ms. Ripple and Ms. Ross begin to monitor this beginning **tomorrow, Friday, September 22.**



## PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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



**Garrett Walters**, fifth grade, had a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish out of 41 "Green Fleet" entries in the Treasure Island Sailing Regatta held last weekend. After attending sailing camp this summer, Garrett was invited to join the Davis Island Racing Team and was thrilled to reach the top ten in his second regatta.



**Emily Baruch**, Multi-Age Brilliant Bug, and **Madeline Baruch**, fifth grade, competed in a horse show at Barrington Hills in Dade City on Saturday, September 9. Emily competed in the walk/trot/poles division, winning two second place and a third place ribbon, and Madeline won grand champion in her pre-short/long stirrup division. Both girls were riding their horse, Hunter.



**IDS Alums Meagan Cherry** ('06), **Michele Vernick** ('06), and **Jessica Magrill** ('05) of the Tampa Prep JV Volleyball Team won the 2006 Academy of Holy Names Tournament this weekend against Sickles High School, Leto High School, Plant High School, Academy of the Holy Names, Tampa Catholic, Cambridge, and Berkeley Prep. The tournament start was fast paced and very exciting for our alum girls...their first huge tournament win!!"



**Summer Wiles**, seventh grade, was in New York City this past summer where she competed with 1,500 contestants for acting, dancing, modeling and singing. She received top 10 in Modeling and Commercial print and was invited to go to California by Wilhelmina Modeling during the month of August. While in California, she was signed by Carter Entertainment and Diverse Talent Agencies. She has been asked to return to California in January 2007 for more modeling and acting opportunities.

# **PFA COUNCIL MEETING**

## **"Meet the IDS Board of Trustees"**

*All IDS families are  
invited and welcome!*

*Tuesday, October 3*

*Grand Room*

*(2nd floor of the New Building 8:05 A.M.)*