

## **HEADS' LETTER**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2004**

### **REMINDER: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES HELD SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1**

Please refer to last week's Heads' Letter (September 23), for excellent reminders on how to prepare for conferences with your teachers. If you want a meeting with any of our **Specials Teachers**, please call the office or the teacher directly to schedule a time. There are seven areas for specials: Music, Art, Drama, Physical Education, Spanish, Computer and Library/Media. All of our Specials Teachers would be pleased to meet with you to talk about their exciting programs and of course, about your terrific children. Specials will be in their rooms. There will be a map delineating where specials are located in both the eastside and westside offices.

### **IDS BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF!**

Once again your children's school was spared from major hurricane effects. We feel so very fortunate and hope that all of you had the same good fortune. Perhaps someday, one of our children will be on a TV quiz show and will be asked the trivia question: "What are the names of the four hurricanes that hit Florida in 2004?" You can bet they will win on that question...Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne will long be in our memories.

The school lost power for a number of hours and we felt the effects of a lot of debris. There were only a very few leaks, and the excess water was captured by our excellent drainage system. On Sunday evening, it was a tough decision to make to close on Monday. After calling parents at different neighborhoods to assess power and road status, we decided to close on Monday for several reasons: 1. There was a loss of power for traffic lights all around and leading to the school. 2. Water levels were unknown in a number of places, making it difficult for our bus drivers to go safely to pick up the 70 children that ride our IDS busses. 3. There was a lot of large and small debris around the school that needed to be cleared.

By 7:00 Sunday night, all phone chains went into action for facilities, office, teachers and parents. In addition, the message was put on the school message machine, an e-mail went out to all families who had power, and the top of the home page of the web site announced the closing. Please note that when the power went out on Sunday at the school, the phone message was transferred to a cell phone in order to communicate with our parents and teachers. If you got a busy signal, that meant that many people were calling at the same time and that you needed to try again. If the phone rings and rings without the answering machine or someone picking up, that normally means the phones are temporarily out of order. By 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, messages were available all day and night by calling 961-3087.

As a reminder, there are a number of ways that we communicate with you in times of emergency ---with a message at 961-3087, by phone chains through our RPCs, by e-mail, and by posting the information on the home page of our website. Please remember that even if our power is out, we have the ability to

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transfer messages to a cell phone. Only if **all** power sources are out of commission will we resort to the TV or Radio. You might be asking yourself, "Why?" The answer is that the last thing we want to do is announce to potential looters across the bay area that we are closed. A big budget item each year is security. We already require security seven nights a week, every week of the year, to protect the school and its' many wonderful resources.

We want to thank our entire team for all of the hard work on Monday. The Facilities Team arrived to begin the clean up at 7:00 A.M. The Office Team arrived at 8:00 A.M. to begin preparation for school and clean up, and the Teachers arrived at 10:00 A.M. for meetings and planning to be ready for the arrival of our students for a beautiful Tuesday. IDS is blessed with great students and a great IDS team working on their behalf. We look forward to seeing everyone at Parent/Teacher Conferences.



### **NOTE: PICTURES RESCHEDULED FOR PRIMARY DIVISION (Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) on OCTOBER 5**

### **IDS ALUMNI SHINE!**

**Betsy Donovan (Class of 2002)**, sister of Scott Donovan, 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, lead a team of high school and college students in a yard sale to benefit the American Cancer Society last Saturday, September 25. Way to go Betsy!

Swimmer **Jeff Mueller (Class of 2001)**, set a Tampa Prep record in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:02:09 while breaking his own school record by more than two seconds. Congratulations, Jeff!

**Michael Silva (Class of 2002)**, a defending Class 2A state champion in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 breaststroke, leads the honor roll in four events, including a 59.22 in the 100 breaststroke in his first meet of the season. Silva's time of 22.05 in the 50 free at a recent meet with Plant is a second faster than any other swimmer's best in the county! WOW!

### **HELP IDS ASSIST HURRICANE VICTIMS THROUGH BOOK DONATIONS**

**(Reprinted Reminder from September 23 Heads' Letter)**

The Florida Council for Teachers of English (FCTE) will be coordinating a paperback collection to assist teachers who have lost their personal classroom libraries due to the storms. IDS English teacher, Michael Vokoun, feels the loss for these teachers especially because he has amassed a great personal library that he shares generously with his students. He, along with others throughout the state, will work with FCTE Public Relations liaison, Dr. Joan Kaywell (USF College of Education Professor of English and IDS eighth grade parent) to help restore classroom libraries destroyed by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and/or Jeanne.

If you have paperback books of any level (elementary thru adult) at home and you would like to donate, please send them to the office. **Mr. Vokoun will take them to the FCTE Conference on October 14-16**, where they hope to distribute the books to teachers in need. Thanks a million for helping!

# PFA NEWS

## STUDENT/FACULTY VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE



Friday, October 8 at 1:30 P.M., we will be hosting our **Student/Faculty Challenge in Corbett Hall**. All students will be attending this terrific event☺. Students can get ready to cheer the teachers and students for a dynamic and exciting volleyball challenge. Parents are encouraged to attend this terrific opportunity as well. See you there!

## FUN RUN AND FALL FESTIVAL FOR FAMILY FUN – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

**FUN RUN:** All you runners get your running shoes ready! We will have our *Annual IDS-CC Fun Run* on Saturday, **October 23** beginning at **8:30 A.M.** on the Buchanan Sports Field (IDS Soccer Field). There will be water, Gatorade and snacks for all of our wonderful runners. The race will be through our beautiful campus, and prizes will go to the top runners in four categories! **MARK THE DATE, GET READY, AND LET'S RUN!** Watch for the registration forms in next week's Heads' Letter☺. All proceeds go to Boosters to help fund new sports uniforms.



**IDS FALL FESTIVAL:** This event will take place immediately afterwards, from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. There will be games, food and fun for all!!! This is a perfect time for families to gather with their children for fun and camaraderie on the IDS eastside playground.

## SALLY FOSTER DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 4! Keep those orders coming!



**We're doing better every day! We need you!!!**

## SNO-CONE SALE – Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade TO BENEFIT FINE ARTS – Friday, October 8 at Lunch

Our PFA volunteers will be selling the Sno-Cones. Cost \$1.00 – all proceeds go to Fine Arts.



## PARENTNET BOOK CLUB MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 at 8:15 A.M.

**Books available at Barnes & Noble's front counter - Keep on reading!**

*How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk*

# PROFESSIONAL CONCERT SERIES

The first Reflections concert of the season will be “**Halloween Spectacular,**” held on Halloween day, October 31, from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. in the IDS Theatre. The audience members, children and adults, are encouraged to attend in costume. Treats will be provided for everyone. At the end of the concert, the children in the audience will be invited to parade across the stage in costume. This is a great seasonal program that the whole family can enjoy together. The Ticket Order Form is enclosed in this Thursday’s folder.

## PROFESSIONAL CONCERT SERIES

# REFLECTIONS

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2004

3:00 PM

*Stewart Kitts*  
*Violin*

*Alan Glick*  
*Bass*

*Stacey McColley*  
*Clarinet*

*Maurizio Venturini*  
*Bassoon*

*Todd Craven*  
*Trumpet*

*Laurie Penpraze*  
*Trombone*

*Kurt Grissom*  
*Percussion*

*Olga Glick*  
*Piano*

*John Bannon*  
*Conductor*

ALL TICKETS \$5.00



*HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR*  
*COME IN COSTUME—TREATS FOR EVERYONE*

*“DEAD ELVIS” - Daugherty*

*“L'HISTOIRE DU SOLDAT” - Stravinsky*

*“AUTUMN” - Vivaldi*

*“FUNERAL MARCH” - Chopin*

### THEATER

INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL  
CORBETT CAMPUS  
12015 ORANGE GROVE DRIVE  
TAMPA, FL 33618

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

Tom McColley or Michael LeBlanc 961-3087

# REFLECTIONS

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**ALL CONCERTS  
3:00 PM  
IDS THEATER**

SUNDAY

October 31, 2004

Halloween Spectacular  
Come in Costume

SUNDAY

February 13, 2005

Mostly Mozart

SUNDAY

April 17, 2005

Classic Trios



### Ticket Order Form

Concert date	Number of tickets	Ticket price	Subtotal
10/31/2003		\$5.00	
2/13/2004		\$5.00	
4/17/2004		\$5.00	

I would also like to support Reflections with my donation at the following level:

Series Sponsor (\$15,000) \_\_\_\_\_

Concert Sponsor (\$5,000) \_\_\_\_\_

Platinum Baton (\$1,000+) \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Baton (\$500+) \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Baton (\$250+) \_\_\_\_\_

Bronze Baton (100+) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
Independent Day School — Corbett Campus.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**independent  
day school  
Corbett Campus**

Student's Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

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