

**Heads-up About Next Week**

**1. Headmaster of the Day**, Mr. Brandon Flittner, on Monday, October 3, will announce the results of the *Innisbrook* Fundraiser during Monday Morning Assembly. Will hair be turned to purple and green???? We await the news!!!

**2. On Wednesday morning, October 5**, the PFA Council meets the IDS Board of Trustees at 8:05 a.m. This has become an **annual** opportunity to get acquainted and take the time to keep up to date with what each group is busy doing on behalf of the school. **Sooooooooooooo** many volunteer hours contribute to our daily success. We are all very fortunate to be here. **Everyone** is invited to join the PFA Council for this meeting.

**3. School Pictures Already???** *Yes, it's that time again...so bring big smiles, especially on these days:*



**Wednesday**, Middle School Pictures

**Thursday**, Intermediate Division—grades 3,4 and 5 **PLUS** Pre-K 3's

**Friday**, Primary Division—grades Pre-K4 through 2nd

**4. On Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.**, IDS is hosting 10 independent **high schools** who are sending their admissions teams to recruit current eighth graders for high schools for the 2006-2007 school year. This event is being coordinated through Florida Council of Independent Schools. **Eighth Graders** from the entire Tampa Bay Area will be invited to attend. It is a great opportunity for our eighth grade families to check out each school at this time. High Schools represented are Academy at the Lakes, Admiral Farragut, Bayshore Christian School, Berkeley Preparatory, Cambridge School, Canterbury, Genesis Preparatory, Shorecrest Preparatory and Tampa Preparatory. The meeting will be held in the IDS Middle School.

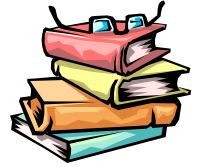
**5. Friday, October 7**, Jacksonville Country Day School's Faculty and Staff will come to IDS for their in-service day. They will arrive Thursday night and join us for the day on Friday. Approximately 50 members of their school will be here. I know you will join us in welcoming them as we share the **MORE Approach** that catapults schooling into a new level for teaching and learning.



**6. Where do you want to be Saturday, October 8? The answer is an easy one!!! At IDS for the Annual Family Fall Festival from 10:00-1:00 and the Fun Run from 8:30 till 10:00.** This great event is a down-to-earth, fun opportunity to hang out with your kids, meet other parents, see people you wish you had more time to see, and for the students to enjoy a day of games, activities and food. It's an old fashioned gathering in a new age, that could use some basic family and fun time. The Fun Run is also an annual event that pumps the adrenaline and celebrates physical fitness opportunities.

## IDS NEWS UPDATE

**PARENTNET Book Club** met this week with a terrific group of parents who shared ideas gained from a very good book that is recommended for everyone—*The Unwritten Rules of Friendship: Simple Strategies to Help Your Child Make Friends* by Natalie Elman. Everyone had smiles and walked away from the Book Club session feeling the time was well spent. Tune in for the next book and date. A huge thanks to parent coordinators Pam Latimer, Jim Moore, and Marcie Mueller.



**Edu-seminars**, held over the last two weeks, were a smash hit with two hours and thirty minutes of getting to know more about how people interact at work, home and in every walk of life. We laughed and learned together, and it was great! Over the two sessions, 38 parents took time to give themselves this gift of time to unlock many of the secrets of how people are wired for life!!! A big thanks to the PFA for sponsoring the seminars. They are already asking for Part II. Date to come soon...

**Parent Teacher Conferences** held last week were so well attended that we need to give both a Bravo and an IDS APPLAUSE to our IDS parents and teachers for such a great job. Our teachers worked for hours and hours preparing for their conferences, and our parents came ready to learn and share for the benefit of their children. We believe that we reached over 90% of our families. Thanks for helping us make these valuable connections.

**Farewell to our Hurricane Friends from the Brilliant Bugs:** The Robichaux family returns to New Orleans this weekend, eager to return to their home. Dad returned last weekend and is working as a ferry boat captain transporting military personnel back and forth from the east bank to New Orleans for the clean-up. Their school, where Mom (Alyson Robichaux) works as an early childhood teacher, is called Arden Hill Academy. They are waiting for her return to help get the school reopened. We will miss Matthew; he made such a great transition to the Brilliant Bugs Multi-Age class. The following letter is to our entire community from Matthew's family:

September 29, 2005

Dear I.D.S.,

Our family would like to thank you for opening your arms and hearts to us at this time. The experience with your wonderful school, Dr. Joyce, the teachers, and the children were more than we expected. You will always have a special place in our hearts. God Bless You.

The Robichaux Family  
Alvin, Alyson, Matthew, Nicholas, and Elizabeth

## KEY ENCLOSURES IN THIS WEEK'S THURSDAY FOLDER

1. **Enclosure: YOUR IDS 2005–2006 SCHOOL DIRECTORY.** One big reminder: This is for IDS parents and students only! Also enclosed is the October calendar. There is a \$5 charge for lost or additional directories.
2. **Enclosure: Fun Run Registration Form.** The October 8 Fun Run will be immediately followed by the Family Fall Festival.
3. **Enclosure: Reflections Concert Ticket Order Form.** Halloween Spectacular, October 30 at 3:00 p.m., Timeless Voices, January 22, and Soldier's Tale, April 2.

## PFA NEWS



Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping us get the Big Event off to a great start! Thanks to you, our first meeting was a great success, and we are really rocking and rolling our way to a fantastic event!

Our next meeting will be **October 18 at 8:15 a.m.** We will let you know which room at school is available in our reminder email closer to the date. Mark your calendars and ask a friend or new parent to join us in this meeting!

Julie Salek (813) 382-2525 and Kathy von Thaden (813) 695-6784, PFA Big Event Co-Chairs 2006.

### **PFA Dinner Done Fundraiser:** BE ONE OF THE FIRST 14 TO SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWEST MONTHLY FUNDRAISER

- WANT TO MINGLE WITH OTHER IDS PARENTS?
- HAVE YOUR FAMILY'S MEALS FOR A WEEK OR MORE ALREADY PREPARED?
- AND RAISE MONEY FOR **IDS** AT THE SAME TIME?



Through the generosity of **Audra and Dan Nasser** (Owners of *DINNER DONE* nearby on North Dale Mabry and **IDS PARENTS**), this year the PFA plan to do "Dinner Done" fundraisers.

What is "Dinner Done"? They take the work out of dinner preparation and add the fun. Do you often end up grabbing fast food, or spending a lot of money going out to eat? Wish that your family sat down for homemade meals more often? Let *Dinner Done* help bring dinner home. Sign up for a session and come to their energizing professional kitchen and prepare 8 or 12 family-sized meals in just two hours. Or let their surrogate chef prepare them for you.

To sign up, go to [www.Dinnerdone.com](http://www.Dinnerdone.com), look for *Dinner Done* at 10330 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, click on "sign up" find your session using the dates below. We are listed as a private session on those dates. Click on the date and enter the password **IDSYES**, (case sensitive). You are in and ready for fun.

- If you have children in grades PreK thru 2<sup>nd</sup>, sign up for FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, at 11:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. (sign up TODAY!)
- If you have children in grades 3 thru 5, sign up for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, at 5 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. (sign up online after Oct 1 or call *Dinner Done*, 264-7700).
- If you have children in Middle School sign up for WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, at 7:45 P.M. TO 10 P.M. (sign up online after November 1 or call *Dinner Done*, 264-7700).

*Dinner Done* is donating a percentage of everyone's session fee and IDS PFA will collect an additional \$20 at the door. Those in attendance will be entered in a raffle for a door prize. Food and drink will also be provided. Come to meet parents, come to cook and come be a part of this newest and "fun" fundraiser. You'll come home with new friends, new meals for your family and maybe even a prize or two! For additional information call Karen Blumenthal at 972-3499 or 495-6606

## PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers



Congratulations to **Sami Reiss**, a veteran Cool Cat, who won two blue ribbons and the champion's blue ribbon in the walk/trot division at the Keilyn Horse Show in August.

On September 11, **Maddy** and **Zachary Brodsky** and their two friends from New York, had a fresh squeezed lemonade, chocolate chip cookie and brownie stand and raised \$151.04 for the Hurricane Relief Fund. These young entrepreneurs sent their donation to the Red Cross.

**Jessica Brewer's** gym, Lightning City, was the sponsor for the USA Aloha Invitational meet. She received the award for the best vault from the judges and won 1<sup>st</sup> place All Around, 1<sup>st</sup> on bars, 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the beam, and 5<sup>th</sup> place in floor exercise. Way to go Jessica!

**Arielle Paull**, 6th grade, competed in the Suncoast Gymnastics State Qualifier Gymnastics meet Saturday, September 17. She received the highest overall score and was awarded the coveted 1st place All-Around award for her routines on bars, vault, beam and floor. She also received medals in ALL of her individual events including a 1st place for her bar routine. Fantastic!

Attention Buccaneer fans! Look for two of our very own IDS students, **Brandon Noriega** in 3rd grade and **Adam Lewis** in 2nd grade Multi-age, during half time of this week's Buccaneers vs Lions game. Their team, the Carrollwood Hurricanes Mighty Mites, has been selected to play a scrimmage game during half time against the Winston Park Warriors. Brandon is #32 and Adam is #10. Look for them at half time!



# SIGN UP NOW!



11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
IDS Kids Classic  
Golf & Tennis Benefit

Entry Fee (Reduced)  
\$600 Foursome  
\$150 Single



Tennis Entry Fee  
\$45 Single  
\$80 Doubles



  
*Emerald Greens*  
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



Monday, November 14

## EASY WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL



- ◆ Remember to **RECYCLE** your empty inkjet and laser jet cartridges by dropping them off at the IDS office. We collect them and turn them into cash as we help the environment through recycling.
- ◆ Remember to buy **SCRIP** from the IDS office before shopping at local area places like Home Depot, Barnes and Noble, Bed Bath and Beyond, Staples, or eating at Chili's etc. etc. etc. It costs you the same price except that IDS will receive 4-10% depending on the place. Thanks to parents Linda Everett and Sandy McCullin who stopped by today to pick-up SCRIP valued at \$800.
- ◆ The *Set Sail for the Cape of Exceptional Learning Capital Campaign* to build the new Early Childhood Center is moving quickly and is calling for your help. Please look carefully at the materials mailed to every IDS family and let us know how you are willing to leave a great legacy for students. Do what others did before you...make it happen. Thanks ahead of time to all of you who responded already. Coming next week, read about our International Maritime Signal Flag System...*it's really cool!!*

## COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENT



Interested in a wonderful night of entertainment for the whole family???

THE ACADEMY CHORUS with the special internationally recognized quartet **Wheelhouse**.

- Members include IDS faculty: Tom Bronson, Michael Le Blanc, and Michael J. Vokoun; IDS Parent: Mark Pinals, Brian Mason, son of our Business Mgr., Mrs. JoAnne Mason, and Alex Holder, IDS alum.
- This night of great fun takes place at the Friday Morning Musicale located at 809 Horatio Street, Tampa, FL. **on Saturday, October 22, 2005 at 8:00 P.M.**

Tickets are available for \$20.00 for general seating; please contact Michael J. Vokoun at (813) 486-9426 or [mvlakoun@idsyes.com](mailto:mvlakoun@idsyes.com).

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