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**HEADS' LETTER**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

**WELCOME BACK IDS EXPLORERS:  
DEVELOPING INTERNATIONALLY-MINDED CITIZENS**

**WE ARE PROUD OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: IDS GLOBAL EXPLORERS** are back from a successful trip in sensational Sweden! Together with students from nine countries and six continents, IDS students explored the global issue of water resources along with the importance of international youth leadership and collaboration. The International School Conference (ISC) lasted four days and was held in Nyköping, a city outside of Stockholm. The conference gave the students the opportunity to team with other students from around the world. Other parts of the conference included hands-on science experiments involving water, a half day excursion to Stendorren, a beautiful nature preserve bordering the archipelago in the Baltic sea, a school visit in the beautiful town of Nyköping, along with numerous cultural sharing experiences.



After the conference, IDS students traveled back to Stockholm, for four more days, where they met face to face with friends from their sister school, Vasa Real. IDS eighth graders included Avi Baskin, Reed Berlet, Katie Bernstine, Jordan Fuller, Sean Murphy, and Daniela Silva; seventh grader, Sam Goetz, and sixth graders; Morgan Graff and Gabriel Paggio. They each stayed with a host family from Vasa Real Middle School and found that their experience living with host families was even better than anticipated! Together with new friends, this group was able to explore many of Stockholm's highlights, including the Vasa Museum, the site where a salvaged Swedish war ship is displayed after being under the brackish water of the Baltic Sea for 333 years.

Our Global Explorers also spent time in Skansen, the oldest and largest outdoor museum in the world! This site is where 150 traditional homes and buildings depicting life in Sweden before the industrial era have been relocated. To make this visit even better, they were fortunate enough to experience a traditional Swedish Fall Festival in the center of Skansen! Our IDSers also spent one full day at the historic Vasa Real Middle School in the center of Stockholm, shadowing their new Swedish friends, while IDS teachers were guests in various classrooms. Ms. Fields, Mrs. Jagdmann, and Mr. Richter were able to answer questions prepared by students and teachers alike. Both IDS students and teachers enjoyed the unique opportunity to compare and contrast IDS with a middle school in Sweden!

Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m., the Explorers returned to Tampa to the cheers and smiles of waiting families, tired but exhilarated by this wonderful global adventure! We send a huge thank you to our team of teachers, Kim Fields, Jennifer Jagdmann, and Ted Richter, for providing this outstanding opportunity for our students!

**THE DALE PAYNE WARRIORS' OASIS DEDICATION**

On a beautiful Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> morning, the entire Middle School gathered on their field to dedicate the new concession stand to the memory of IDS parent Dale Payne, who was the husband of Angie Payne and the father of Jordan (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Makayla (Multi-Age Brilliant Bug). Dale was a dynamic individual and loving husband and father, as well as an adventurer. Angie donated a special storage container that she had her firm (A A American Container) transform into an amazing concession stand for IDS in Dale's honor. Parent Kim Cogar, from Allied Graphics, designed the creative sign that hangs on the concession stand, and parent Luiza Torra from Torra Photography captured the dedication with beautiful pictures.



## WHAT'S UP? ATHLETICS ARE AWESOME!!!

**FALL SPORTS BY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, ROB HELLER:** Our Fall sports' season is going tremendously. Our IDS Warriors are leading their varsity divisions in volleyball and soccer, building on a long tradition of success in the Florida West Coast League. Our second varsity teams are learning and improving while taking on varsity teams throughout our league. Our sixth grade teams have been developing great teamwork and are seeing their effort rewarded with many victories. As the season continues, many important games are coming up; we hope all IDS families know that we welcome you to come out to support our athletes as they continue to strive for success.



### **NIGHT AT THE TROP: A SPORTS FIELD TRIP WITH A GREAT WIN-WIN!!!**

What a great night! On Friday night, September 24, our coaches and teachers escorted 47 Middle Schoolers to see the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Seattle Mariners 5-3. The kids enjoyed a great afternoon of mat-ball, IDS soccer and pizza before heading for the game in an IDS bus! This was a fun filled day and night. Everyone had a smile on his/her face when we arrived back at IDS. The coaches would like to **thank** all our students and parents who contributed to help make this a wonderful night! It was a win-win because all proceeds went directly to support IDS athletic needs as well as having a great time! Please keep an eye out for our next activity which will be A Night at the St. Pete Times Forum with our Tampa Bay Lightning! The IDS Athletic Program ROCKS!



### **CROSS COUNTRY by ASST. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, ADAM CHUMBLEY:**

IDS has enjoyed a solid start to the 2010 cross country season! They are currently in the top four of every division within the Florida West Coast League (FWCL) and have had numerous personal best times, as well as several top ten individual finishes! Congratulations to Daniela Nasser who has now won back-to-back FWCL Girls Varsity Individual Titles! Congratulations also to Alivia Abraham who placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Girls Varsity, Pedro Escobar who placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Boys Varsity, and Jack Pironti who placed both 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Boys JV for the first two races. Nearly all of our IDS runners improved their time from the first meet to the second.



## FYI: ODDS AND ENDS...

### **DID YOU REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR CHEF GARRET'S LUNCH PROGRAM?**

How many of us cut fresh fruit and vegetables for our children's lunches everyday? Well, we are happy to report that our lunch team purchases and prepares fresh fruit and vegetables for our IDSers for every lunch. They even cut up the fruit for a delicious fresh fruit salad AND easy eating. Hats off to Chef Garret, Daylin, and Damaris for all the TLC (tender loving care) that they put into our lunches and lunch service.



**HOLIDAY PUMPKINS** will be available for purchase at IDS beginning Monday, October 11, 2010, at *Chef Garret's Pumpkin Patch* on the east side campus deck heading toward the Bell Tower. Freshly delivered pumpkins in all sizes and shapes will be on display and for sale until Halloween.



**Dr. Swarzman Speaks out:** "So, I had 160 chairs set up for the internet safety meeting, and I was actually worried that we would need more chairs. Hmmm...I imagine I was overly optimistic because there were actually around 40 people who attended. Our guest speaker thought that was great because in her past experience parents rarely show-up."

"Perhaps my expectations were too high. However, for those in attendance, it was an excellent, outstanding and highly informative evening. INTERNET SAFETY Special Agent Marie Wright has been a member of the FBI for eleven years and with the Tampa Division for three years. She is the **Task Force Coordinator and Full Time Innocent Images Investigator** for the FBI Tampa Division. She was extremely knowledgeable and direct. She encouraged attendees to monitor children's social network sites and text messages regularly. She also demonstrated how with private settings there is really very little privacy. Next year, we will invite her back again to remain updated. The information is always evolving just as the technology keeps rolling out.



# PFA NEWS

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME BOO-TIQUE TOMORROW – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1!!!

Join us in the PFA Conference Room upstairs in the New Building from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. to choose from a selection of gently used Halloween costumes and accessories for the whole family! Costumes will be \$5 each. If you need another time to view the costumes on Friday, please call or text Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at (813) 629-1630.



**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS DUE NOW** - Your child brought home an Entertainment Book for your perusal on September 2nd. Please either return that book to the office (you can drop it off or send it in with your child), OR send in \$25 per book if you wish to keep it at home! Thanks so much for your help and support of this fundraiser!



## SPAGHETTI DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15:

Remember that this family evening is by **presale only**, so turn in your ticket orders, included in this week's Thursday Folder, as soon as possible. We will enjoy an evening filled with good food, fun, friends, and an entertaining movie, *How to Train Your Dragon*. **Many** volunteers are needed to help make the night a success!!! If you can help set-up, serve dinner, or sell concessions, please contact Vanessa Minick at [vminick@hotmail.com](mailto:vminick@hotmail.com) or (813) 629-1630.



## EARNING FOR LEARNING – WE'VE MOVED FROM 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE TO 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE!

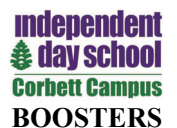
Please support IDS by doing any necessary shopping at WestShore Plaza by Friday, October 15! Also, hold onto those receipts from business meals at the restaurants there as well as your receipts from the AMC Theatre ticket and concession sales! All of those things add up for IDS! You are welcome to drop-off any receipts you may have at the office, we will submit them for you, and we can return them to you. \$10,000 goes a long way, so let's set our sights high! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vanessa Minick, PFA Fundraising Project Manager, at [vminick@hotmail.com](mailto:vminick@hotmail.com) (813) 629-1630.



**BOOSTERS:** View your athlete in action! Parent Doyle Harrell has been taking awesome pictures of all of the fall sports teams. You may view and purchase the pictures at <http://www.zero1photo.com/>.

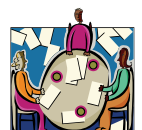


Join us for the Athletic Booster meeting on Tuesday, October 12 at 8:15 a.m. in the conference room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the New Building. We are gearing up for the Sports Faculty Challenge that will be held on Friday, January 7, 2011. Come and join the fun!



## BIG EVENT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010, at 8:15 a.m.:

We cordially invite all IDS parents to come join us for the first meeting for our biggest fundraiser of the year! We will be in the PFA Conference located on the second floor of the New Building right above Kindergarten next door to the Grand Room.



# KEY REMINDERS

## EXTENDED DAY OFFERED

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010, FOR EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:00  
TIMES FOR EXTENDED DAY: 12:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

In order to accommodate IDS parents and faculty members, we will have Extended Day on Wednesday, October 6, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. due to early dismissal for Faculty In-service. We will be working on our school-wide USF Graduate Masters' Course session on Gifted Education. Many of our Tuesdays and Wednesdays are devoted to this project.



**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.**

**REMINDER: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES AND STUDENT HOLIDAY: NEXT WEEK:** Students have “school-free days” on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, while teachers meet and update parents on student progress. Be sure to schedule your appointments with your teachers. They will work their hardest to accommodate your times.



Specials also play a huge role in developing the whole child. All of our eight specials teachers will also be available to meet on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail them directly or call the office to connect with Music, Art, Drama, Dance, Physical Education, Library, Spanish, and Technology.

During the conference, teachers will share student strengths, areas needing improvement, and ways to “raise the bar.” Because time is limited, we suggest that you identify and prioritize your key questions or information that you want to share in order to feel you have addressed the areas important to you. Some examples may be:

1. Be prepared to share any additional information that you want the teacher to know about your child...
2. Sample Questions may include:



- How effective 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?



**SCHOOL PICTURES: OCTOBER 12, 13, and 14:** Can you believe it is already time for school pictures? These pictures are such special memories every year, and the photo goes directly into our yearbook! So, please remember the school dress code to insure a great picture day. These pictures will be in the 2010 – 2011 Yearbook. Picture dates are:



1. **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12: MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> GRADES)**
2. **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13: INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> GRADES)**
3. **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14: PRIMARY DIVISION (PK3 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADES)**



**Please see  
"All School"  
enclosures also  
found in  
Thursday Folder.**

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**THE EVENT WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR:**

**THE THIRD ANNUAL FAMILY**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT!**



**WHEN:**

Friday, October 15, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Independent Day School – Corbett Campus

**WHAT:**

Spaghetti dinner catered by Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, followed by the all new DreamWorks movie *How to Train Your Dragon!*



**COST:**

**\$9.00 per person PRE-SALES ONLY.**

**ALL ORDERS DUE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- Dinner will include delicious spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and a beverage.
- Popcorn and extra drinks will also be for sale during the movie.
- Dinner will be served from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The movie will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. All tickets will be available for pick-up at the dinner.
- **RITA'S WATER ICE** is also available for pre-order – **make selection below.**
- COME JOIN US AS WE ENJOY GREAT FOOD, FRIENDS, AND A FUN MOVIE!
- Please contact Vanessa Minick at 629-1630 or [vminick@hotmail.com](mailto:vminick@hotmail.com) with any questions!

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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO THE IDS-CC OFFICE

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher or classroom:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **at \$9.00 each**      **TICKET TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify your spaghetti preference with the number needed next to the option below:

\_\_\_ Plain, buttered pasta      \_\_\_ Pasta with meat sauce      \_\_\_ Pasta with marinara (no meat)

\_\_\_ **YES**, we would also like to pre-order Rita's Water Ice for the event (**\$2.00 each**)!

\_\_\_ Cookies & Cream    \_\_\_ Mango    \_\_\_ Lemon      **TOTAL AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **YES**, I would love to volunteer to help: \_\_\_ set-up      \_\_\_ serve at the event

Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number or email address)



# WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

October 1-8, 2010

Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location of game	Pick-Up	Pick-up/Comments
Fri 10/1	3:00	Volleyball-Purple Team	Practice/Pictures	Corbett Hall	5:00	Uniform Need
	3:00	Volleyball-Green Team	Practice/Pictures	Corbett Hall	5:00	Uniform Need
	3:00	Volleyball-Silver Team	Pictures	MS Gym	3:45	Uniform Need
	Off	Soccer-Purple Team	Off			
	4:00	Soccer-Silver Team	Trinity	Buchanan Field	5:00	
	5:00	Soccer-Green Team	Trinity	Buchanan Field	6:00	
	Off	Cross Country Team	Off			
Mon. 10/4	4:00	Volleyball-Purple Team	AHN	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Volleyball-Green Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	3:45	
	4:00	Volleyball-Silver Team	AHN	MS Gym	5:00	
	4:00	Soccer-Green Team	TCMS	TCMS	5:45	
	3:00	Soccer-Purple Team	Practice	Buchanan Field	5:00	
	3:00	Soccer-Silver Team	Practice	Buchanan Field	5:00	
	4:00	Cross Country Team	FWCL Meet	CDS	5:30	8th Grade Deck
Tues. 10/5	Off	Athletes Day Off	Off			
Wed. 10/6	Off	All Athletes	Off			Parent-Teacher Conf.
Thur. 10/7	Off	All Athletes	Off			Parent-Teacher Conf.
Fri. 10/8	Off	All Athletes	Off			Parent-Teacher Conf

**CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL: 1515 W. Bearss Avenue: 920-2288 (for Cross Country meets; try to get here after 3:30 if possible because otherwise, you will get in the dismissal crowd.) We have 2 entrances off Bearss Ave. and either one is ok to enter and park (buses may have more room and be easier to park if you enter on the East side, which would be the one closest to Florida Ave.). You will see parking spaces as you come in...park where you can. Meeting area will be north of the school.**

TERRACE COMMUNITY SCHOOL/TEMPLE TERRACE RECREATION CENTER: 987-6555. South on Orange Grove Dr. to Busch. Left onto Busch. Left onto 56th St. Travel approximately 1 mile and take a right onto Whiteway (light). The recreation center will be on the left, basketball is played here. To get to the soccer field continue on Whiteway to Gillette. Take a left onto Gillette. Take a right onto 113th St. The soccer field is on the right.