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HEADS' LETTER

OCTOBER 11, 2006

CONGRATULATIONS HEADMASTER JESSICA KALIBAN!!!

On Monday, October 9, the entire school was treated to Ms./Dr. Jessica Kaliban as their Headmaster for the Day. She ran a terrific Monday Morning Assembly with grace, charm, and enthusiasm. The entire faculty and staff were beaming with pride as they enjoyed her leadership and poise! She continued the tradition of running the school, setting policies for the day, monitoring students and classrooms, and having meetings to insure the well being of admissions and the business office. Her whole **seventh grade** class had the chance to serve as her "Cabinet" during the day to help her with her duties.

SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Please enjoy some well-deserved family time, while our teachers work together to dedicate themselves to dialoguing, decision-making, documenting, and doing whatever it takes to insure that the rest of the year continues to give our students the very best in the basics, inquiry, and high level thinking. We strive for extraordinary and that takes time and attention to teamwork and planning for implementation that ranks with incredible!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!

We hear it every time visitors arrive, whether announced or unannounced. "Those teachers are amazing!" And then when you meet with them as a group, you feel an energy that openly embraces dedication and excellence. It happened again with the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Team. One of their strongest commendations was about the quality of our Middle School team and what they have been able to accomplish with our students. They kept asking, "What resistances do you get from the teachers regarding embracing learning, workshops and implementation." We could only answer none because of the excitement of everyone to live and model for our students a life-long learning mentality. The visitors witnessed that themselves!! However, there is one major gripe...and that is TIME!!! Teachers have issues with finding the time to do their homework as well ☺

Our students were their usual open and honest representatives of a dynamic learning community as they shared easily and eloquently what they are learning. We all learned a lot just by listening to them. Both our Board and PFA had representatives at meetings with the MYP visiting team. They too received commendations based on their knowledge of what our children are doing and based on the interest they showed in supporting the school in new initiatives that always raise the bar for our students. Bravo to one and all!!!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS FROM NANJING, CHINA!

Last night, six visitors arrived at the Tampa airport to make a dream come true! They hosted the International School Connection (I.S.C.) team of 12 educators from the United States, Sweden, Singapore, and Taiwan that went to China last April. IDS was the featured school at each of our presentations and meetings during the 10-day trip which gave our visitors an opportunity to ask many questions, read our book, and want to learn more. So, they are here to do just that as well as help plan the International School Summit. The I.S.C. Summit will be hosted by M.O.S.I. and Independent Day School on November 6 through 9, 2006.

BRAVO TO OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL: COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Today, Wednesday, October 11, is a special day for our Tampa Bay area community because our 176 middle schoolers and their teachers are out and about at very special places volunteering their service to help others. With their Advisories, they go in teams to "do good deeds" with a follow up and reflection opportunity built in next week to increase the impact and meaning of the service experience. Tune in next week for the report back from the day.

KEEP IN THE LOOP WITH KEY DATES AND OPPORTUNITIES....

1. **Saturday, October 21 - is a family day at IDS!!!! Remember to join in the Fun Run on the Westside of the campus and then move to the Eastside for the Fall Festival where every class will be represented as well as great outdoor picnic food!!! We hope to see everyone here!!!!**
2. **Sunday, October 29 - The Reflections Concert Series begins. Give your child/children an opportunity to experience and appreciate classical music at its best - in a magical setting.**
3. **Monday, November 13 -- Be sure to sign up for the Annual IDS Kids Classic Golf Tournament. Bring your friends for a great day and support IDS at the same time. Look around us....we have sooooo much to help our school soar...The golf tournament is a huge part of what we are able to purchase to support our classrooms and facility. Please call Angela Kaliban for information at (813) 928-5073 or the office for a brochure. You can also go on line to sign up at <http://www.idsy.es.com>. As always, thank you for your support.**

Next week...

1. Next week, look for information in the Heads' Letter about how the Intermediate Division and Primary Division are adding inquiry and international perspectives to their daily lesson plans. Can you imagine an intermediate science class where students learn about the heart by dissecting a beef heart right here at IDS? Can you imagine a first and second grader able to discuss consumerism, goods and services and relate it to their reading, writing and math skills?...There are so many things unimaginable that our teachers bring to life right here everyday at IDS.
2. Next week in the Heads Letter read about the upper primary learning about philanthropy, giving, and sacrifice as part of their initiative for a canned food drive. This was initiated by one child's idea that is being embraced as a community in their dynamic way of making things happen. **WOW!!**
3. Next week be sure to sign up for the next **After School Activities session. The brochure** is enclosed. Session II begins October 30 with some new offerings as well as the return of the favorites!!!



REMINDER!!!



SCHOOL PICTURES - OCTOBER 16 - 18, 2006

School pictures are next week, Monday, October 16 (Primary), Tuesday, October 17 (Intermediate), and Wednesday, October 18 (Middle School). See the schedule below:

Primary - Monday, October 16, 2006 (Taken on the second floor of the new building)

- 08:15 am Pre-Kindergarten 4
- 08:45 am Pre-Kindergarten 3
- 09:15 am Kindergarten
- 09:45 am Multi-Age Brilliant Bugs
- 10:15 am Top Bananas (1st and 2nd Grade)
- 10:45 am Multi-Age Cool Cats



Intermediate - Tuesday, October 17, 2006 (Taken on the second floor of the new building)

- 08:15 am Third Grade
- 09:00 am Fourth Grade
- 10:00 am Fifth Grade



Middle School - Wednesday, October 18, 2006 (Taken on the second floor, SIXTH GRADE common area)

- 08:05 am 7G
- 08:25 am 6W
- 08:45 am 8P
- 09:05 am 6G
- 09:25 am 7P
- 09:45 am 8W
- 10:05 am 8G
- 10:25 am 6P
- 10:45 am 7W



* The background for all school pictures will be blue.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2006


**LOOK
IN
YOUR
THURSDAY
FOLDER!**


**TWO NEW EXCITING
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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Beginning Monday, October 30, 2006

*IDS FUN
in the afternoon!*

-  Bake it Take It
-  Book Cooks
-  Cheerleading
-  Chess
-  Computer for Kids
-  Dance
-  Developmental Baseball & Softball
-  Disc Golf

-  Disney Delights
-  Fiesta Club
-  Flag Football
-  Garden Club
-  Jazzy Jewelry
-  Karate
-  Multi Ethnic Cooking
-  Pee Wee Basketball
-  Power of Paper Art
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KEEP THESE DATES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2006
- PFA FUN RUN AND FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2006
- REFLECTIONS CONCERT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006
- ANNUAL IDS KIDS CLASSIC GOLF
TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2006
- GRANDPARENTS DAY

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