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HEADS' LETTER

OCTOBER 16, 2008

CONGRATULATIONS IDS!

This week we received official notification that Independent Day School - Corbett Campus has earned accreditation from SACS/CASI (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/ Council of Accreditation and School Improvement). Do you remember last March, when the accreditation evaluation team visit from (FCIS) Florida Council of Independent Schools and FKC (Florida Kindergarten Council) took place? That reaccreditation process takes place every five years and we were once again so pleased with our results and feedback. This time we took a big leap, with even a lot more work, and went through the additional process to achieve a SACS accreditation. We appreciate all of our parent support from last year's visit, and of course this is another tribute to the hard work and dynamic energy of our faculty and staff.



THE IDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Did you know?

Did you know that the **Annual Giving: Fair Share Campaign** is part of our yearly budget and is allocated for salaries and keeping this school looking like the "Magic Kingdom?" The Annual Giving Campaign began last week and the Phon-a-thon will begin on Thursday, October 23. A big part of the responsibility of the IDS Board of Trustees is to insure that the school meets its yearly budget. Each Board member, as well as each teacher, is asked to give generously to the Annual Giving Fund. The goal is for 100% of our Board and faculty to **model** giving to the Annual Giving Fund in the hope that 100% of our community will also be responsive in contributing generously at a level of comfort. Annual Giving is a long-time independent and private school tradition. Parent and "alum" generosity have always served to support the excellence that a tuition-driven school can provide. The ability to provide the many "plusses" that are so evident around campus are due to the donations that exceed tuition. When we exceed the budgeted amount for Annual Giving, the remainder combines with PFA fundraisers to allow us to provide first class technology and resources inside and outside the classrooms.

So, a huge thanks to all of you who have already responded to the Annual Giving request. And to the rest of us: **1.)** Please save our Trustees some time in calling over 400 plus families and respond as soon as possible and **2.)** When the school calls during the Annual Giving Phonation, please answer and thank our Trustees for all they do for IDS as **volunteer** Board members. By the way, our Board is fortunate to have a balance of current parents and alum parents represented. Our alum parents volunteer out of appreciation and knowledge of the power of an IDS education, while both current parents and alum parents are on the board because they believe in service and making a difference.

The ANNUAL FALL REFLECTIONS CONCERT



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th AT 3:00 P.M.



FEATURING "THE HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR" AND "PETER AND THE WOLF"

Peter and the Wolf, the classic Russian folk tale, is the featured piece for the Reflections Concert on Sunday, October 26th. The Halloween Spectacular has become an IDS tradition! Kids of all ages (this means the adults, too) are invited to come to the concert in costume. All of the children receive a goodie bag as they model their costumes **during the parade at the end of the concert.** Following the concert, we have a reception with treats for everyone in the pavilion. The concert is under an hour and is designed so that children and adults can enjoy great music together. Please order your tickets in advance so that we have enough food for everyone. The order form is in today's Thursday folder. Tickets will also be available at the door.

EDU-NEWS AROUND CAMPUS

Here is a peek at some highlights around campus in and out of classrooms. There is so much to see and do at IDS, as people learn when they take one of “Joyce’s two hour plus” Ed-Tours in and out of the classrooms. Below are some highlights that teachers are sharing.



1. **FORENSICS** Middle School Forensics Elective: An amazing opportunity to gain presence, poise, and communicate with passion and purpose. The **FORENSICS TEAM** (an extension of the middle school drama elective) had its first meet of the year yesterday afternoon at Berkeley Preparatory School. At this competition, drama/forensics students who chose to be part of this elective competed against seven other public and private schools. "I appreciate all the time and perseverance of this team," said Mr. Vokoun. "I am proud of their accomplishments."

Four of the twelve students who competed in the competition placed in the top five of their category. Seventh grader **Teresa Chorvat** earned a third place for her *Original Oratory*. This is especially impressive due to the fact that she wrote her own speech for this meet! Sixth grader **Reed Forehand** earned a second place trophy for his *Oral Interpretation of Drama*. What is most impressive about both Reed and Teresa is that this was their first forensics meet! Seventh graders **Quintin Kauchick** and **Garrett Walters** teamed to earn second place for their *Duo Interpretation of Drama*.

Ms. Watson added, "It was impressive how much dedication all the students brought to their pieces." Congratulations to all!

2. **LIBRARY HAPPENINGS** from Ms. Fields, IDS Librarian/Media Specialist. Library Volunteers Rock! Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Irma Schultz we have nearly every time slot for library classes filled! Library volunteers help with book check-in and check-out, shelve returned books, scan and straighten the shelves for mislocated items. I am so grateful for every single minute the volunteers spend in the library; so many volunteers allows me to spend more quality time assisting students with finding just the right book, doing just the right activity (such as our recent Dewey Detective activity), or reading aloud just the right book to Early Primary.

Letters About Literature is a contest open to students from fourth grade up, and is sponsored by the Library of Congress and Target. To enter, readers write a letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre-fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves. State winners win a \$50 Target gift card. Winners on a national level can win Target gift cards ranging from \$100 - \$500, along with LAL grants for their community or school library that range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. All students fourth grade up are being encouraged to enter!

3. **MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY** - Mr. McColley and Mrs. Morey took their advisory groups to the Headstart School by MOSI. Our students spent the morning with their young friends playing games, reading stories and having fun on the playground. When we got on the bus to leave, the children lined up along the playground fence to wave good-by and be sure we knew that they wanted us to come back soon.



Ms. Robinson and Mrs. Thomas’s advisory groups visited Westshore Senior Center for Community Service Day. The students were split up into groups, socializing with the senior citizens doing a variety of activities including coloring, craft-making, painting nails, discussing current events, and even leading a group aerobics session. Their youthful energy and excitement was definitely a treat for this group of seniors.

The advisories of Mr. Shoe and Mr. Freeman went to the Lake Carroll Baptist Learning Center VPK. The IDS Students were leaders, assisting the VPK teachers with many classroom duties, including story time, answering questions, putting on shoes, and assisting with materials. The IDS students were offered permanent teaching assistant positions (as soon as they turn 16), based on their poise, presence and willingness to jump right in and work with the younger children. IDS Students worked with children ages 1 year to 4 years. All students from both schools were smiling and enjoyed the ability to work together.

Every Middle Schoolers participated in many different volunteer opportunities. **BRAVO to all of them!!!**

PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION (PFA)

1. **INNISBROOK FUNDRAISER MEETS GOAL!** At the Monday Morning Assembly, everyone cheered as Innisbrook Chairs Stephanie Georgiadis, Brenda Okulski and Lynne Poole announced to the student body that \$40,000 worth of gift wrap was sold which will give IDS \$20,000 toward **boosting** the payment for all of the laptops, desktops and smart boards purchased for this year. As they congratulated the winners, and announced that Dr. Swarzman would in deed be slimed, she turned very pale and could be heard saying, "I think that I'm going to faint!"



2. **FALL FESTIVAL** - Sign up now for volunteering at this year's exciting Fall Festival to be held on November 22. We have many opportunities for all parents and are in need of any time you have to offer. Please contact Debbie Nouss at (813) 963-3309 or Gina Shannon at (813) 264-5783 to get on the list.



Also, we are in need of many 10' x 10' canopies or 8' x 8' canopies that we can borrow for the day of Fall Festival. Please contact Amy Bottini at (813) 472-6531 to let her know you are able to lend your canopy to the day's events.



ART TO REMEMBER: IN YOUR THURSDAY FOLDER

It's become a tradition with our art department for our students to make some great pieces of work which are transformed into wonderful gifts by the Art to Remember company. Please look in your **Thursday folder** for a magnet of your child's work and the order form for purchase of items shown on the Art to Remember flyer. Please return your order on Thursday, October 23, 2008. All purchased items will be delivered during the first week of December. Please **NOTE** if you choose to keep the magnet, please enclose \$5.00 or please return the magnet in your Art to Remember order packet. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Debbie Kerr at (813) 961-3087 x334.



BUY YOUR HOLIDAY PUMPKINS AT IDS!

Thank you Chef Garret for bringing Pumpkin Magic to the doors of IDS! Please read below for more information.

The IDS Pumpkin Patch will remain open on the deck next to Corbett Hall. Pumpkins of all sizes and shapes will be available for purchase. Prices range from \$2.00 to \$16.00. **NEW ONES ARE ARRIVING EVERYDAY!** Each pumpkin will come with its very own delicious pumpkin pie recipe.



IDS DIRECTORY

The **IDS DIRECTORY** is enclosed in Thursday folders. Please remember that these names and addresses are only used for IDS purposes. Thank you for respecting everyone's information and thanks to our ads and sponsors in the directory for your support; Fowler White Boggs Banker Attorneys at Law, Learning Express Toys, Allied Graphics, Party City, Belmora Salon and Spa, Vertical IT Solutions, and Reeves Import Motorcars.



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers

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

Carson Anderson (IDS 4th Grade) competed at his very first horse show on October 11-12th at Fannin Hill Farm's LAJUF. His mount was his own 6 yr old gelding, Dodges High Priority. The pair earned Reserve Champion in Equitation for the Hopeful Hunters Division both on the flat and over fences. On Sunday, both then competed in the Grand Prix styled Jumpers in the Low Jumpers Division (2' 3" fences - all other entrants were adults). For their very first class, the pair took the blue ribbon for a clean round with the best time.





“IDS-CC GO GREEN” FALL UPDATE: IT’S COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND ACTION



We would like to share some important information regarding Environmental Initiative at IDS-CC! Last year environmentally minded students on both sides of the campus started the “Go Green Club”. They focused on revamping our recycling program and have made great strides since the inception of this program. We continue to recycle cans, plastic bottles, ink cartridges, and new in 2008, paper!! Please continue to drop off your used printer cartridges with your students. Each cartridge yields a small refund value from Cartridge World, which provides us with a great fundraising opportunity for our club and elective.

These are some of our programs focused around environmental awareness for the 2008-2009 school year:

- ☞ The Green Club continues to work toward raising environmental and social awareness around our campus, while implementing new projects and ideas.
- ☞ We have also added an environmental elective in the middle school based upon the Environmental Challenge introduced by Lexus and Scholastic last year to empower middle school and high school students to make a positive impact on the environment. Twice a week, these ten students meet together to problem-solve, collaborate, formulate and write a plan of action to answer the posed challenge. Currently the “Green Teens”, Andie Lloyd, Christian Cavaliere, Brian Stiles, Britney Bachman, Gabby Cohen, Alexa Brown, Casey Bauer, Maddie Baruch, Troy Herscovici and Avi Baskin, are working to create a website to educate the community about the endangered Wood Stork!
- ☞ The East Side is focusing on improving our already exceptional Organic Garden!

As a result of all their research and hard work, the Green Club and Environmental elective are launching our first ever “Go Green” Fundraiser!

The students have decided to offer **REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS**, complete with the IDS logo, to the entire IDS community. The students are offering two choices of bags. Please see the Heads’ Letter insert with complete descriptions of the bags and more information regarding the environmental impact of using these bags. The profits from this project will benefit the American Red Cross, your children’s individual classrooms and the environmental programs throughout campus. See your Thursday folder.

JUST A REMINDER

**ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND
and
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH
UP ON FAMILY TIME!
The weather is beautiful and perfect
for a picnic! ☺**



**THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!
PLEASE READ AND PREPARE!**

This is a reminder that when choosing Halloween costumes for school, parents need to be mindful that there are children who react differently to scary costumes. Therefore, please follow common sense guidelines that all weapons, very scary masks etc. are left for your own personal use outside of school. Please be prepared for teachers to follow those guidelines and intercede where necessary. The Middle School also expects the dress code to be followed for their annual costume extravaganza! Thanks for caring to make this holiday fun in an appropriate manner.



**Please see
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We appreciate your participation in this event and we're sure you will treasure the keepsakes of your child's artwork. Thank you for your support of the Independent Day School Fine Arts Department!

The Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Drama Teams`

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**IDS-CC
"Go Green Bag"
Project**

The IDS-CC "Go Green Team" is sponsoring a Green Bag Drive to support both our school and our environment!

Please join the IDS-CC Green Team as we roll out our first-ever fundraiser! We will be selling reusable shopping bags, in two styles, for the next two weeks. Profits from the sale of these bags will be used to support the American Red Cross, individual classrooms and future environmental projects around campus.

Why buy reusable shopping bags? The use of plastic bags produces much waste for our landfills and environment. Many plastic bags end up in our river, oceans, and waterways. By using reusable bags, we will produce less waste and help to keep contaminants out of our local land, oceans, rivers and springs.

How will this help me, personally? One bag can hold the same amount as three to four Publix plastic bags. This will help minimize the time between your trunk and your kitchen!

Could you please tell me more about these bags?

Bag 1 (offered in lime green) is an environmentally friendly polypropylene grocery tote bag with all reinforced seams, full 8" gusset, 26" self handles, covered bottom insert and tear resistant, water repellent fabric.



Bag 2 (offered in hunter green) is an environmentally friendly, reusable shopping bag. The nylon folding tote bag, fits over supermarket checkout frames. The bag folds into the attached pouch, measuring 2.5" x 3.5" x 1", making it super easy to store!



All bags will be printed with the IDS-CC logo!

Yes, I would love to support my child's classroom, the American Red Cross and the IDS Green team!

Student's name _____

Student's class _____

I would like to order Bag 1:
One bag for \$2.50
Special offer: 3 for \$6.00

I would like to order Bag 2:
One bag for \$5.00
Special offer: 3 for \$12.00

Total number of Bag 1 ordered _____
Total cost _____

Total number of Bag 2 ordered _____
Total cost _____

I have included my check, made out to IDS, for _____. (total amount ordered) _____ (signature)

Classroom teachers: Please return all order forms and money to the West Side Office. Thank you!!

**FUNDRAISER STARTS: 10/20/08
FUNDRAISER ENDS: 11/03/08**



REFLECTIONS

Professional Concert Series

presents



A Halloween Spectacular *featuring* Peter and the Wolf

Join us for this family-friendly Halloween concert performed by professional musicians. Come in costume and enjoy these musical treats!

Peter and the Wolf, Sergei Prokofiev's classic story told with instruments and narration.

100th Anniversary of Albert von Tilzer's *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*

Performed by the Take 5

Woodwind Quintet:

David Tagliarini, Flute
Amy Collins, Oboe
Stacey McColley, Clarinet
Kevin Fuller, Bassoon
Andrew Karr, Horn

Date: 10/26/08

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location:

Farish Center
Independent Day School
Corbett Campus
12015 Orange Grove Dr.
Tampa, FL 33618

Tickets:

Adults, \$10.00
Students, \$8.00

Additional information and tickets, contact:

*Tom McColley or
Michael LeBlanc
961-3087 x335
tmccolley@idsyes.com*

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PROFESSIONAL CONCERT SERIES



REFLECTIONS

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26, 2008
3:00 P.M.
HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR
TAKE 5 WOODWIND QUINTET

ORDER FORM FOR TICKETS

	Quantity	Price	Subtotal
Student tickets		\$ 8.00	
Adult tickets		\$10.00	
TOTAL			\$



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

- Platinum Baton (\$1,000) _____
- Gold Baton (\$500) _____
- Silver Baton (\$250) _____
- Bronz Baton (\$100) _____

Name

Address

Address

Email

Phone

Student's Homeroom

**Please make checks payable to:
 Reflections Chamber Ensemble**



Farish Center
 Independent Day School
 Corbett Campus
 12015 Orange Grove Drive
 Tampa, FL 33618

For additional information contact:
 Tom McColley or Michael LeBlanc
tmccolley@idsyes.com
 (813) 961-3087

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

October 20-24, 2008

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



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon.	3:00	Volleyball Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
10/20	3:00	Soccer Purple Team	Practice	Buchanan Field	4:30	
Tues. 10/21	4:00	Volleyball Purple Team	TBA	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	4:00	Soccer Purple Team	TBA	Buchanan Field	5:00	
Weds.	3:00	*Volleyball Purple Team	Practice	Corbett Hall	4:30	
10/22	3:00	*Soccer Purple Team	Practice	Buchanan Field	4:30	
Thur.	4:00	Volleyball Purple Team	TBA	TBA	TBA	
10/23	6:30**	Soccer Purple Team	Tampa Prep**	Tampa Prep**	8:00	
Fri.		End of Fall Sports Season				
10/24						

* with a Tuesday victory

** most likely scenario

Soccer and Volleyball parties to be announced.