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HEADS' LETTER

NOVEMBER 2, 2006



FAMILY FUN AND SCHOOL SPIRIT

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006 - 6:00 PM BEEF O'BRADYS AT IDS!!!
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!!!**



Calling all IDS families, faculty and staff for another great Fall IDS spectacular and fun event for the whole family this Friday evening. It's the **Annual Student/ Faculty Sports Challenge** with a **delicious dinner** brought to us by **Beef O'Bradys** followed by volleyball and basketball competitions...with faculty battling to meet the talents of our great IDS athletes!!!

Dinner is always delicious and will be in the Pavilion area at 6:00 PM. The games will be in Corbett Hall. It's a night for smiles, friendship and cheering!!! Help us have a count by filling out the enclosed form sent home or call in your order. All the proceeds will go directly to Boosters for needed new uniforms!

WEEK IN REVIEW: A REAL WOW!!!

HEADMASTER OF THE DAY: The week began with Headmaster, Ms./Dr. Jade Cohn leading the school in the Monday Morning Assembly with a delightful presence full of leadership and poise. Her entire day brought joy throughout the campus. It was a special treat when at 1:30 in the afternoon, "Headmaster Ms./ Dr. Jade" announced that everyone including teachers would "stop, drop and NAP" for five minutes.

OUR CHINESE VISITORS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AT IDS! What a special morning for our visitors from China and all of our IDS community. Three of our four visitors have birthdays this week. Jie, Rain, and Jun were treated to the Happy Birthday song in IDS style by our students singing in both English and Spanish. Vanessa, our fourth Chinese visitor, showed us how it sounded in Chinese. The students already know our guests and gave them overwhelmingly huge cheers that they will hold in their memories for a lifetime! The Chinese classes after school at 4:00 have been so interesting. Some parents have even joined in the sessions. There will be another one today from 4:00 - 5:00.

THE HISPANIC CELEBRATION took place at the Monday Morning Meeting. Oh, how we wish every parent could have been there! You would have been both proud and overjoyed with the delivery of our students speaking and acting in total Spanish, while a slide show of art projects flashed on the screen behind the students as they spoke. This was followed by the Middle Schoolers' dance performance. The dancers worked during breaks, lunches and a school holiday to learn the history of the Salsa Rueda, to study the dance structure, and to powerfully communicate the dynamics of the dance. **It was a WOW!!!**

One of the best parts was observing our 550+ students intently watching the performances with respect and appreciation for the fellow IDSers' efforts. These students had volunteered to practice and perform at the Hispanic Celebration that had been cancelled. The organizer of the event, Maria Esther Carrillo came to see our students. Her response when talking about the entire assembly, "I have never seen such an enthusiastic, well-behaved group of students. It was so exciting for me." Congratulations to Senoras Charmaine Jennings, Odette Figueruelo, and Sonia Morgan. They prepared their students so well and brought joy to the whole school. A huge thanks to Mr. Mel (Matt Melnick) for his support in preparing the power point presentation that showed the drawings the students completed to illustrate their poems. Student presenters included: Madison Brodsky, Kelsey Tillotson, Samantha Beller, Luke Blankenship, Andrea Niggebrugge, Arielle Paull, Cortney Spagnuolo, Alicia Vernick, Bryan Baiss, Caitlin Hollander, Carina Grand, Pedro Lima, Greg Tomlin, Schuyler Arakawa, Allyson Moore, Sydney Stern, Chandni Patel, David Friedman, Suhani Patel, Abigail Friedman, Madelyn Bell, Kelsea Fowler, Marcos Arias, Abigail Melnick, Quinn Ausburn, Lumiere Rostick, Jenny Astell, Jordan Fuller, and Daniela Silva.

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RECYCLING MAN joined the Monday Assembly through a skit and presentation on the importance of recycling. The characters, (5th graders Olivia Hamilton, Caroline Poole and Jade Cohn) battled good and evil about whether to recycle or take the easy way out and throw items anywhere. Recycling Man (Josh Mayberry) showed up, cracked-up the audience, and reminded everyone of the importance of recycling, while reviewing which trash cans get which items. It was a great reminder to all. Bravo to Teachers, Samantha Delestowicz (Pre-K-3), Seth Travaglino (Drama), and Lisa Kelly (Dance and Art) for teaching an important lesson about the environment by capturing the attention of everyone through drama, humor, and facts!

PARADES, FESTIVALS, FUN, AND GOOD WEATHER all combined to make Tuesday a terrific Halloween Day. Middle School events were fun, the costume contest was a blast. and when it was over, all middle schoolers returned to their classrooms to get back to work as usual. Bravo to the incredible Middle School team who chose the Wizard of Oz theme characters and yellow brick road for their costumes. The novelty was super and handled with efficiency and grace!! On the east side of the street, the Intermediate Division had their annual Halloween Festival with old-fashioned fun games and booths. The day ended with a trail of 192 primary students, Pre-K-4, Kindergarten, first and second graders parading through the school with adoring parents and teachers cheering them along the way. The fifth grade even came out on their balcony to cheer and wave on our young paraders. The weather was perfect for the day.

The **heroes behind the scene**, who helped make it all work, were our terrific (RPCs) Room Parent Coordinators who coordinated the day with the teachers by division and recruited volunteers to make every activity the best!!!! A huge thanks to all who volunteered and all who came to be our audience. Together you teamed up to help make the day a winner!!!

Congratulations to our Music Department. The **REFLECTIONS CONCERT**, held on Sunday, October 29 brought first class – classical music to our families and community who attended this professional concert. Learning about the history of trumpets through the ages while seeing the instruments in action was a thrill. The costume parade followed by decorating cookies topped off a perfect Sunday afternoon.

NOON DISMISSAL – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006



There will be a **noon dismissal on Thursday, November 9, 2006**, for all students. *If you would like your child to stay for extended day, please RSVP your child with Ms. Marie at (813) 961-3087 by the end of school on Tuesday, November 7.* **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD** IF THEY ARE STAYING FOR EXTENDED DAY. We will **ONLY** provide a snack at extended day.



ENCLOSURES

IDS LUNCH ORDER FORM

STUDENT/FACULTY SPORTS CHALLENGE ORDER FORM

FIRST ANNUAL IDS BOUTIQUE AND BRUNCH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2006 – 10:00 AM TILL 1:00 PM

Shoppers, mark your calendars for the first annual IDS Boutique and Brunch to be held November 29th from 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM. This event will be held upstairs in the Grand Room of our new building. The Boutique and Brunch will be a fun filled morning of shopping, eating and visiting with friends. Watch for the invitation in next week's Heads' Letter.



We are currently inviting IDS families and friends who are interested in being vendors for this event to contact our chairpersons for a space. Table space rental is \$50 plus a door prize donation and includes brunch for one. Net proceeds from vendor fees and ticket sales will benefit IDS. If you are interested in participating in this event contact Billie Valloreo at billiev@tampabay.rr.com or (813) 205-1327 or Kathy Noriega at btnoriega@hotmail.com or (813) 767-4143.

IDS BIG EVENT



Mark your calendars!!! Big Event Meeting Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 8:15 AM in the upstairs room of the new building. Hope to see you all there! Bring a friend for coffee, snacks, and brainstorming!

INNISBROOK GIFT WRAP THAT'S A WRAP!

Congratulations to Jenny Stiles and Janee Murphy and their volunteers for organizing and distributing all of the Innisbrook orders! **Top Seller was Allyson Moore (8th grade)** with selling over \$1,300 worth of items. She received a party for 10 people at Gameworks with games, food, and drinks. **Second Place Seller was Anna Siegenthaler (2nd grade)** with selling over \$1,100 worth of items. She will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Gameworks. Congratulations Allyson and Anna!! **Top Participating Grades were Mrs. Ehrlich's 2nd grade Top Bananas (76.5%) and the Multi-Age Brilliant Bugs (61.8%).** These classes will be participating in the DJ party, complete with music, dancing, games and food! Thanks to 216 students, faculty, and staff, IDS has raised about \$19,000 profit! Remember, you can order Innisbrook products all year long and IDS still receives 50% of the sales. Just log onto <http://www.innisbrook.com> and enter either the school code #104937 or "Independent Day School" for school credit.

PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers

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

Kendal Allen, 3rd grade, appeared on News Channel 10 on October 25 with her brother Devin and dog Zoey. It was a special feature on dog training by Ingram's Sit And Stay Academy.

Caroline Pomet, 4th grade, proudly represented the TBYFL Northside Dolphin Cheerleaders by placing first at the Antioch Cheerleading Competition on Sunday, October 29, 2006.

Savannah Walters, 8th grade, on being selected as the Daily Point of Light for November 2, 2006. This award honors an individual or organization that is making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others. President George W. Bush and former President George H. W. Bush will each issue a congratulatory letter to Savannah.

Congratulations to **IDS parent, Bruce Kaschyk** and the Genesis Group for winning the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce 2006 Small Business of the Year Award! What a great honor for Bruce, wife Deborah, and son Jonathan (sixth grader).

**BE SURE TO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN RIGHT AWAY
FOR A DAY EVERY GOLFER DESERVES
12th ANNUAL IDS-CC KIDS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

- Exciting auction items for the golf tournament!
- A classy dining experience at 6 Tables Restaurant for 4
- Sports Package – tickets to great sporting events in the Tampa Bay area!
- 3 nights, 4 days stay in your own private RV at Disney's Wilderness Lodge **PLUS** tickets to Sea World, Universal Studios, and Disney!
- Take that Super Ticket Chance! You have an opportunity to win a 32" flat screen HDTV just by purchasing our Super Ticket for \$50.
- Childcare will be offered during the dinner and auction!

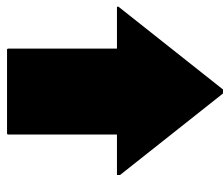
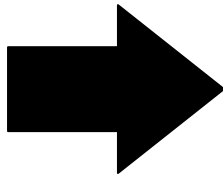


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All funds raised directly
benefit every IDS student!!!



IDS OPEN HOUSE

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at IDS!**



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- Superior Academic Programs
- Small Class Size
- Leaders in Fine Arts, Sports & Technology
- National Blue Ribbon School
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Contact the Admissions Office or attend an **OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATION AND TOUR**

- Friday, December 1, 2006 8:30am
- Thursday, January 18, 2007 8:30am

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