

HEADS' LETTER

NOVEMBER 11, 2004



**SUPPORT THE EFFORTS AND DEDICATION OF OUR
IDS VOLUNTEERS!**

Dear IDS Families:

Monday's IDS Kids Golf Classic and this week's IDS Book Fair have been an amazing labor of love by teams of very dedicated and enthusiastic parents who want to make a difference for their children's school. To succeed they need us to join them by participating in these events. Your participation is what they want you to know that they want and appreciate. We do too!!

The information below tells you how to participate in these terrific events. We look forward to a grand time on the golf course, the dinner and auction on Monday. The book fair is also a perfect place for family time to browse and enjoy a store filled with books and more books. The quiet of a bookstore, the smell of new books, and the great feeling of owning a new book are all special times for the whole family.

 **IDS 10th ANNUAL
KIDS GOLF CLASSIC** 
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
Guaranteed to be a WOW!

 **IDS BOOK FAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE** 
**A Week to Focus on Reading,
Browsing and Appreciating Books**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
**“Spirit of IDS” performs at Barnes & Noble
on Wednesday, November 17th at 6:00 P.M.**

IDS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS LEAD THE WAY!

IDS Middle School teachers continue to get rave reviews from both students and parents. They are what make our middle school a learning treasure. They are always there to make sure our middle schoolers soar in their work and their relationships. In addition to their everyday efforts, a number of our middle school teachers have made a commitment to share with the greater community, what they have learned at IDS, with each other, at conferences and by studying the research in their fields. Below are some of their more recent efforts. They feel proud to make a difference.



On October 29 and 30, two of our Math Middle School teachers, Mrs. Thelma Rosenberg and Mr. Tom Bronson, attended the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics' state conference in Miami, Florida. They presented two sessions, entitled "Multiple Intelligences in the Mathematics Classroom". Both of their sessions were packed and received rave reviews, which led to an invitation to present at the upcoming Texas Instruments Technology Conference in January. Congratulations to both Mr. Bronson and Mrs. Rosenberg!

On Friday, November 12, Middle School Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Linda Boza, will be a presenter at the FCIS (Florida Council of Independent Schools) Conference in Orlando. Mrs. Boza was selected by FCIS to present information to private school teachers on how to conduct a mock United Nations Conference with middle school students. For the last several years, our IDS sixth graders have researched world issues, brainstormed solutions, and written proposals to resolve world problems. Each year as a culminating activity of Multi-cultural Day, our students debate their proposals in a mock U.N. Conference. Bravo to Mrs. Boza for sharing her hard work with others.

On Saturday, November 20, Middle School English teacher Mr. Michael Vokoun will present a critical literacy approach to reading at the National Council of Teachers of English Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Vokoun will present with his co-author Mr. Terry Bigelow, a Hillsborough County eighth grade English teacher. Mr. Vokoun and Mr. Bigelow have been favored presenters at this conference for many years. Their contribution has an impact on the work of many teachers of English throughout our nation.

The entire IDS Middle School faculty deserves a lot of credit for their willingness to share what they do with over 300 plus educators yearly that visit our campus. Their work benefits both our own fortunate students and the greater community!

HEADMASTER ADDISON IANNACIO -- HEADMASTER "I" -- INTRODUCES VETERANS DAY PURPOSE AT MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

IDS students were introduced to the importance of remembering and appreciating our veterans through a video presentation shown at the Monday Morning Meeting. Today, November 11th was marked by a flag ceremony for each grade during the day. The flag ceremony was in honor of the freedom we enjoy in this country regardless of our nationality. IDS is proud to have students attending the school who represent a variety of backgrounds. Our appreciation for diversity serves to strengthen the meaning of living in a democracy that seeks to respect differences.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Book Fair: *Sunday, November 14th through Saturday November 20th*. The "**Spirit of IDS**" will sing on Wednesday, November 17th.

Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive (see Heads Letter page 3).

Annual Grandparents' Day school-wide performance and class celebrations, *November 24th, 10:00 A.M.*

Annual IDS Shopping Extravaganza, Fashion Show and luncheon, *Friday, December 3rd from 10:00 A.M. til 1:00 P.M.*

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES SPONSERED BY STUDENT COUNCIL

The holidays are coming, and many families are in need of food. We can do our part to help the less fortunate. Student Council is sponsoring a food drive to help local families. Metropolitan Ministries is gathering holiday staples such as food, dried goods, stuffing, cranberry sauce and baby food. Boxes will be placed in each classroom so the children can drop off their donations. We are starting the donation session on November 15th and will finish November 24th Grandparents Day.



With a _____, _____ will be able to help the families in the Tampa Bay area have a wonderful holiday.

IDS WELCOMES NEW ART TEACHER

IDS is proud to welcome Mrs. Megan Welsh to the art team of Mrs. Susan Bossard and Mrs. Debbie Kerr. Our very own Renee Holden who has a love for both PE and Art will be moving to North Carolina. She stayed long enough to await the arrival of Mrs. Welsh and help with the transition. Mrs. Welsh moved to Tampa with her husband from Michigan and completed a temporary contract with the County before joining IDS. She attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan where she majored in Art Education. Her first teaching position was also in Michigan. She also loves sports and physical education and will spend time teaming with our PE classes on the Eastside. You will love her talent in art, her engaging smile and joy for working with children. As we welcome Megan Welsh, we also know that we will greatly miss Coach Holden who has shared so much of herself with us over the last 3½ years.

PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR IDSers

(To our IDS families, please share special moments so that everyone can enjoy with you.)

Derek Schocken (Sixth Grade) was an invited attendee at the Annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association held this past weekend, November 7-10, 2004 in New Orleans. He was asked to man the Public Advocacy Booth at the Sessions, where he met and spoke with thousands of doctors from around the world, encouraging them to join the American Heart Association's Grassroots Network. This Network sponsors important legislation on the national level to affect funding for research in heart disease prevention, treatment and education. As a national lobbyist himself, Derek and his father, Dr. Douglas Schocken, were the "National Poster Persons" for the American Heart Association this year. Way to go Derek!☺

Headmaster Alexander Leck (Second Grade Top Banana) sends a big thank you to all of IDS for contributing to his project as Headmaster of the Day in October. With the \$240 raised for Heifer International, two families will each receive one goat. With the sale of milk from the goat, they will be able to afford to send a child to school. We will receive certificates documenting our contribution. Headmaster of the Day Leck named the goats, IDS 1 and IDS 2. WOW!!! Our quarter donations put together accomplished a lot.

Arielle Paull (Fifth Grade) competed in the Gene Stowe Invitational Gymnastic Meet over the weekend. She won four medals including first place on Floor Exercise, second place on Bars, and third place in All-Around. Bravo to Arielle!

Nicky Firestone (First Grade Cool Cat) competed in the "Best of the Bay" cheerleading competition on Saturday, October 31. Her team finished first in the division and captured the Grand Champion award in the Mighty Mights Division! Great teamwork Nicky! Way to go!!!

Jessica Brewer (Fourth Grade) once again scores well in gymnastics. She took first place at her second USA level 5 meet by getting the highest score out of all of the participants in all age groups. The meet was called "Think Pink" with medals that were surrounded by pink ribbons. That pink day gave her two 1st places and two 2nd places, and 1st all-around. Jessica, keep having fun and Bravo for all of your accomplishments!

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