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HEADS' LETTER

DECEMBER 6, 2007

**FINE ARTS NIGHT - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 6:30 PM
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WELL DESERVED BRAVOS!!!

THE IDS KIDS CLASSIC GOLF did it again. Ask all of the golfers and they will report, it was another great tournament. Everyone had fun, big smiles, and lots of appreciation for the very well-planned and hard work by the Golf Committee. Truly, the committee planned for every detail to make this a special day for all of the wonderful players, and they succeeded. A huge bravo to Angie Kaliban for another homerun. Her leadership brought in a very dedicated group of volunteers who raised fun, friends, and much needed funds for IDS!!

On behalf of all of the IDS students and faculty, who benefit directly from this tournament, we send a huge amount of appreciation to: Chairperson Angela Kaliban and the committee leadership Vera Murphy-Trayner, Helga Stadick, Amy Bottini, along with volunteers Mark Anderson, Pam Barfield, Jan Baskin, Bonnie Bertolino, Patty DeEsch, Jim Denison, Lisa Herscovici, Denise Keith, Teresa Krig, Chad Madrid, Tasha Madrid, Jo Anne Mason, Marie Massara, Nancy McCain, Renee Nicker, Mark Nouss, Christina Perez, Denise Pironti, Steve Riddle, Yvette Riddle, Julie Salek, Gina Shannon, Colleen Smith, Jenny Stiles, Tammy Torres, Tony Torres, and Dewey Wong Jr.

Special thanks to our major sponsor Veredus and sponsors Network Synergy Group, Fowler White Boggs Banker, The Nouss Family, and the Kevin Smith Family.

THE SPIRIT OF IDS THIRD GRADE CHORUS had a busy two weeks. Once again, they sang to a beaming audience at the IDS Book Fair at Barnes & Noble last week. On Monday, December 3, they made their traditional holiday visit to John Knox Village and sang to a very appreciative group of seniors. Community service begins early for these young and very enthusiastic singers. We are proud of each of them, and Mr. LeBlanc who guides them with dedication and love for spreading the gift of music to others.

STUDENT/FACULTY SPORTS CHALLENGE: The Fifth Annual Sports Challenge took place in Corbett Hall on Friday, November 30, after a delicious dinner donated by Beef O'Brady's. Once again, our IDS 8th graders lived up to their winning reputation, giving our faculty a challenge to long remember. The games were hard fought and exciting. The audience enjoyed seeing serious play with a smile and appreciation for the effort by our teachers and the skill of our students.

Volleyball winners were our own IDS Lady Warriors (they also won the Florida West Coast League Season). The basketball team eeked it out as they hit a last second shot at the buzzer to win 28 to 27. (This varsity basketball team is currently undefeated in this season). At least 25 of our faculty and staff participated in the challenge on behalf of raising funds for the boosters and all of their sports needs. Thanks go to the students and teachers as well as the fans who supported the event. A special tribute goes to Courtney Hayes for organizing another great event for the fifth year. Courtney is an amazing and dedicated volunteer. Thanks also to her co-chair this year, Charisse Strawberry.

TIDBITS AROUND THE CAMPUS:

USING MULTIPLE STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNERS

STUDENT COUNCIL: “Hello! This is Noelle Keith, your Middle School Student Council President! Hi and I’m Paige Tucker, a member of the Middle School Student Council cabinet. Our school collected 760 cans! YAY! But our goal was 1,000, so we are extending the drive until Friday, December 7, so make sure you bring in **LOTS** of cans tomorrow. *If we can get another 240 cans the school will celebrate with hot chocolate or chocolate milk.* Remember to bring in a can tomorrow. Thank you!!!”

SEVENTH GRADE (from Mrs. Thomas) Social Studies has completed our unit on “Colonies to Modern Africa.” We discussed how Colonies ruled Africa for hundreds of years. The problems for modern day Africa are known as “the Legacy of Colonialism”. One of these legacies is ethnic group conflicts such as those in Rwanda between the Hutu and the Tutsi. We watched a video, read from Immaculee Ilibagiza’s book, “Left to Tell,” and used cooperative learning activities to teach one another about how the conflict arose and what is happening now in Rwanda. The English classes joined us on this unit focusing on the meaning of forgiveness, as highlighted in “Left to Tell.” We recommend the book to everyone!

We also talked about other conflicts that have plagued the continent and caused many civil wars. Darfur, Sudan is still in a Civil War that started around five years ago. The students read Jr. Scholastic magazines that explained the cause of the Civil War. They learned of the conflict between the traditional West Darfurians native to this area and the Janjaweed, a group of Arabic nomads who roam the Sahara. We also looked at websites such as 24hoursfordarfur.org and savedarfur.org. The powerful simulation of Apartheid, a system of laws that keep the races separated in everything including jobs and housing, was memorable. Through the simulations, they were able to dialogue seriously about the feelings and ramifications of apartheid. The objective of these lessons is for students to have a better understanding of issues facing Africa today, so that they can use this information to become knowledgeable citizens who participate as adults in their own government.

THE FIFTH GRADE (from Mrs. Hill) trip to Savannah/Charleston was an amazing experience. Its purpose is to bring to life our studies of the Civil War. An additional embedded purpose is to build community. Visiting forts, especially Fort Sumter, makes concrete connections allowing participants to see first hand where the war began. Thanks to our fantastic guides, we can imagine what it must have been like to be under attack from land or sea in both earthen and brick forts. Our group also saw first hand how long it took to fire a musket as well as a cannon. In addition, we discovered how the enlisted men dressed in battle, communicated using a variety of methods from flags to drums, and relied on blacksmithing skills to create needed items during the war. Overall, an incredible time was had by our biggest group of parents and students who helped to make this a memorable trip.

TOURING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH FIFTH GRADE PARENTS: Truly amazing!!! The teachers knew there would be a tour of parents through the school, however, that is a typical day at IDS with visitors wanting to learn from our IDS teachers. Well, the students readily talked about their classes, their teachers and how much they enjoyed learning. Walking through classrooms and seeing the diverse cutting edge learning strategies in action made going to Middle School seem real and exciting. The students had a taste of the Middle School the day before our Fifth grade parents. After spending a morning in the IDS classrooms for Math, English, Social Studies, Science and Spanish, the student response was, “the IDS Middle School Rocks!” ☺

THIRD GRADE ALL STARS (from Mrs. Cashen) are stepping up to the plate and batting a thousand in our Sunshine State Book Clubs. Teachers are modeling and students are practicing strategies used by good readers. Stimulating and fascinating student-led discussions along with learning to take leadership roles and working cooperatively are helping to create life-long readers. Excited students are eagerly anticipating the next book on the list. We are proud of the dedication and commitment our third grade students have shown!

The board game Monopoly has taken on many new themes and has now taken on the theme of Homeworkopoly in third grade. Students who complete their homework are able to roll the dice and move their playing piece around the board. They may stop at Addition Avenue, Comma Drive, Community Lunchbox, or even “Take a Seat on the Bus” a positive twist to “Go to Jail”! Students are excited when they answer a classroom trivia question for a special treat or they choose a Community Lunchbox card that allows them to read to our Pre-K3 or Pre-K4 students.

THE BRILLIANT BUGS listened intently as 8th grade students and “Brilliant Bug Alums” David Pagliarulo and Kritos Vasiloudes shared about their trip to China for the International School Connection Youth Summit. David and Kritos role modeled excellent speaking and presence as they shared the photo boards that documented their trip and souvenirs that they brought back with them to remember their amazing experience. The Bugs learned many interesting things about Chinese culture including school life, money, food and hobbies and in turn asked meaningful questions that both David and Kritos answered thoughtfully. As teachers, Mrs. Borosh and Mrs. Jones were impressed by both the presentation skills of these young men and the audience manners of the Brilliant Bugs!

CHINA FOLLOW UP: One of the goals at IDS is to reach the greater community. In the Middle School MYP program one of the Areas of Interaction, Community Service, explores how we live in relation to each other. The students who attended the ISC Summit in China a month ago have been showing characteristics from the IB Learner Profiles such as being reflective, risk-takers, caring, open-minded and inquirers.

The students who have traveled to China have shared artifacts, pictures, websites and stories with their own classes and have visited some of their old classrooms. Morgan Mills and Jordan Nasser, both Top Bananas at one time, visited the Top Bananas to share about their experience. Kritos Vasiloudes and David Pagliarulo, both Brilliant Bugs in their Upper Primary years, visited the Brilliant Bugs classroom sharing about the Chinese culture. Adam Blumenthal, Morgan Mills, and Troy Mainzer, who all attended 4th grade at IDS shared with the "We're Going Places" fourth grade.

On December 13th, David Pagliarulo and Jordan Nasser, both part of the initial Cultural Exchange Team last year, will be visiting the "O Ambassador's Club" at A.J. Ferrell International Magnet Middle School to share first hand about China. Our reflective students are also preparing essays about their China experience, showing their open-mindedness about exploring another culture. We plan to share some of these articles with the local community.

PFA NEWS IN REVIEW

THE DECEMBER 10th PFA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING has been changed to a Golf Follow-up Meeting, which gives everyone the opportunity to celebrate the success of this week's tournament! They will also be planning for next year already! Everyone is welcome to join in and help reflect on the current success and plan the future!!! The meeting is in the New Building in the second floor Conference Room right after the Monday Morning Meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM PFA PRESIDENT AMY BOTTINI: I look forward to seeing everyone during the next two weeks at the Monday Morning Assembly, the Golf follow-up meeting, and/or the Big Event Meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 8:15 a.m. in the New Building Second Floor Conference Room. And of course, we will all be able to connect at Fine Arts Night on December 13, at 6:30 p.m. Parent participation helps to make this school so special.

Speaking of special, a huge bravo to all of our RPCs who are busy this time of year coordinating so many events for our teachers and our children. RPCs make everyday very special, and at this time of year, they really SHINE! Thanks to all of the parents who are right there volunteering to support their class RPCs. Your stepping up to help makes the RPC job more fun and more appreciated!!! One more thing: Please remember to support our holiday community service annual donations to the Spring. This is how it works...

THE SPRING: HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM: Once again, IDS has the opportunity to contribute to a very worthy cause, The Spring Holiday Giving program. This marks the **16th year** that IDS has participated in this program, and we continue to be one of the main sponsors of this holiday program. Please remember that your participation is strictly optional. Any help is greatly appreciated and goes a long way in helping families in crisis and in need.

The Spring is a local shelter for families of domestic abuse. The families we are helping typically arrive at the shelter with only a few clothes and personal items. Most, if not all, are single parent families, and will eventually leave the shelter and start out on their own again. As you can imagine, their needs are extremely great, even for the most basic items, and they really count on our support.

Key Points In Giving:

1. All items donated must be NEW and UNWRAPPED.
2. Remember that you can easily place a SCRIP order (forms available in the office) for many merchants, which can be delivered right to the classroom.
3. Gently used bikes are also accepted and very welcome.
4. Gift certificates from grocery stores and from mass discounters (WalMart) are greatly appreciated, as it allows the families to purchase the items they truly need with dignity.

Donations can be dropped off in your child's classroom any time between now and **Monday, December 17**. We will have a box for collection of all items and an envelope for collecting all gift cards/certificates. Thank you for your help with this wonderful program. Please call or e-mail your RPC if you have any questions.

FINE ARTS NIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 6:30 P.M.

Please clear your calendars and plan to be at IDS Thursday for a delightful evening at our **ANNUAL FINE ARTS NIGHT**. The **ENTIRE** school will participate in the program. **ALL STUDENTS** from Pre-K3 thru 8th grade are expected to 1). perform and 2). **WEAR IDS POLO SHIRTS**. All chorus and band members wear specified polo shirts.

TIME SCHEDULE: 6:00 P.M. Students in **Pre-K3 thru 5th grade** will **report to their classrooms** where their teachers will be awaiting them. All students will watch the performance with their classes on WIDS closed circuit TV. **Middle School** will report to:

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| ◆ Musical Theatre | Art Room |
| ◆ Band (Beginning/Advanced) | Music Room |
| ◆ Narrators | Corbett Hall |
| ◆ Middle School Division | Laney Library |

6:00 P.M. Corbett Hall opens for adult seating and slide show presentation.
6:30 P.M. Program begins **PROMPTLY** in Corbett Hall; please be seated by this time.

PARKING FOR FINE ARTS NIGHT: There will be **deputies** on duty as well as our own staff to assist us in parking. **The parking options include:**



Parking area

1. IDS main school parking on the East Side;
2. IDS Middle School parking lot on the West Side;
3. IDS grassy parking lot on the East Side north of the school (lighting will be provided); and
4. Carrollwood Elementary School parking lot on the corner of McFarland and Orange Grove Drive. **Our buses will shuttle people to and from Carrollwood Elementary or you may enjoy the short walk.**

SPEND HOLIDAY SEASON FAMILY TIME WITH THE IDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS!

PRESENTING TWO GREAT MUSICALS! (Ticket order form is enclosed in Thursday folder or on page 6 of the web edition of the Heads' Letter).

1. **THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE** (for the whole family)
 - Friday, December 14, at 5:45 pm
 - Saturday, December 15, 1:00 and 6:15 pm, and
 - Sunday, December 16 at 1:00 pm
2. **PIPPIN**...One of Broadway's Very Best!!! (recommended for fourth grade and older)
 - Friday, December 14, at 8:15 pm
 - Saturday, December 15, 4:00 and 8:15 pm, and
 - Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 pm



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



PERFORMANCES

INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL-CORBETT CAMPUS
 FARISH CENTER
 12015 Orange Grove Drive, Tampa, FL 33618



Please return ticket orders to the IDS-CC office. Your tickets will be available for pick-up before the show.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS TICKET ORDER FORM

Name: _____ (Homeroom): _____

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

DATE	TIME	NUMBER OF TICKETS	X \$5.00
Friday, December 14	5:45		
Saturday, December 15	1:00 and 6:15		
Sunday, December 16	1:00		
TOTAL			

Pippin

(Recommended for fourth grade and older)

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TOTAL			

Please make checks payable to **Independent Day School**.

WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE
December 10-14, 2007
Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location of game	Pick-Up	Pick-up/Comments
Mon.	3:00	Red & White Boys B-Ball	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	MS Gym
12/10	3:00	Blue & Green Boys B-Ball	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	MS Gym
	4:00	White Girls B-Ball	TCMS	TCMS	6:45	Dean Dining Hall
	5:00	Red Girls B-Ball	TCMS	TCMS	6:45	Dean Dining Hall
	Off	Cheerleaders	Off			
Tues. 12/11	3:00	Red & White Girls B-Ball	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	MS Gym
	6:15	Red Boys Basketball	Academy	Academy	8:00	MS GYM
		Volleyball Club Cancelled				
Weds.	3:00	Red & White Boys B-Ball	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	MS Gym
12/12	3:00	Blue & Green Boys B-Ball	Practice	Forest Hills	5:00	MS Gym
	4:00	Girls White B-Ball	Trinity	Trinity	6:45	MS Gym
	5:00	Girls Red B-Ball	Trinity	Trinity	6:45	MS Gym
	3:00	Cheerleading	Practice	8th Grade Common Area	4:00	MS Deck
Thur.	Off	All Boys B-Ball Teams Off	Off			
12/13	3:00	Red & White Girls B-Ball	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	MS Gym
	Off	Cheerleaders	Off			
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	Off	Girls B-Ball	Off			
	Off	Cheerleaders	Off			

DIRECTIONS: see next page.

TERRACE COMMUNITY SCHOOL/TEMPLE TERRACE RECREATION CENTER: (813) 987-6555.

Go South on Orange Grove Dr to Busch Blvd.

Left onto 56th St. and travel 1 mile and take a right onto Whiteway Dr. (light).

The recreation center, 6610 Whiteway Dr, will be on the left.

TRINITY/MLK REC CENTER:

Head south on Dale Mabry Hwy.

Turn left on Columbus Ave. before you get to Raymond James Stadium.

Turn right onto Rome Ave., 1 block.

Bear left and the MLK Recreation Center is straight ahead.

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY NAMES:

Take I-275 South to the Howard/Armenia exit.

Take the second left (Armenia Ave.), which is one way to the left, and go about 1 mile to the light at Kennedy Blvd.

Go right onto Kennedy Blvd. And then a left onto MacDill Ave.

Go about 2 miles until you go under the Crosstown Expy.

The next light is school crosswalk light.

Turn right at that light and that will take you into the school and gym.