

## HEADS' LETTER

DECEMBER 9, 2004

### **REMINDER: FINE ARTS NIGHT** **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2004**

The **ENTIRE** school will participate in the Fine Arts Night program. **ALL STUDENTS** from Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade are expected to **1) perform and 2) wear IDS polo shirts**. All chorus and band members wear specified polo shirts.

**TIME SCHEDULE: 6:30 PM** Students in **Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 students** will report to:

**Musical Theatre** meets in Art Room  
**Bands** meets in the eastside Music Room  
**Eighth grade narrators** meet in Corbett Hall  
**Middle School Division** meets in the Laney Library

**6:30 PM** Corbett Hall opens for adult seating.  
(Also, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser offers poinsettias in front of Corbett Hall)

**7:00 PM** Program begins 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:**

- 1) IDS main school parking lot on the East Side;
- 2) IDS Middle School parking lot on the West Side;
- 3) IDS grass parking lot on the East Side north of the school; 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.

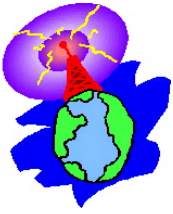


Parking area



## NEWS IN REVIEW...KEEP UP TO DATE

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BROADCASTING:** On Monday, Dec. 6, Mrs. Boza and Mr. Melnick took the IDS Middle School Broadcasting students to the NBC affiliate WFLA for an incredible tour. Mr. Steve Powell of WFLA arranged for our students to sit in the colossal studio during the live broadcast of their morning show "Daytime". The show happened to include an interview with former IDS parent and local sports writer celebrity Tom McEwen. The students also toured the news, editing, and control rooms and saw the live news in progress. This immersion experience will help our students make their own WIDS live news show even more professional.



**FIFTH GRADE:** In fifth grade, we are learning that authors entertain us with their vivid imagination and their talent for writing. We might know and love their stories, but what do we really know about them? How do they come up with their ideas? Authors creatively employ their craft. At this point in our study, fifth grade is 1.) *exploring a chosen artist's works for enjoyment of reading and to better understand an author's craft* or 2.) *choosing a particular genre that they enjoy in order to develop a more thorough understanding about the development of this type of writing.* The *Author Study* will be an ongoing project over the next couple of months.



**FOURTH GRADE:** The fourth graders used their persuasive skills as they exhibited and showcased popular fiction novels. Students honed their verbal linguistic and visual spatial skills by designing a cereal box, complete with information and activities focused on their book. On Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, our students will practice speaking with power, rhythm and punch. There are all elements of speaking with poise to prepare to hit the airwaves broadcasting a live commercial to endorse their choice for a top book pick.



## PFA NEWS...

**THE SPRING: REMINDER – SCRIP** (*gift cards*) are available in the office.

**SNO CONE DAY:** On Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Sno Cones will be on sale for the eastside of the IDS campus. Sno cones will be available for \$1.00.

**SQUARE 1 ART:** Square 1 Art items are in and being delivered to the students today and tomorrow. If you have placed an order and yet to receive your items by Friday, *please call Jenny Stiles at (813) 949-2081.* Thanks to your orders, the Fine Arts Department made almost **\$4,000!**

## GODSPELL COMES TO IDS December 17, 18 and 19



Independent Day School - Corbett Campus will be hosting the musical *Godspell*, on December 17, 18 and 19 presented by our own drama teacher Mr. Seth Travaglino. This will be an enjoyable treat for your entire family. Please look in your Thursday's folder for show times and how to order tickets!

# THE BIG EVENT



Calling all Tarzans! Calling all Janes!  
The Rainforest Rhapsody is coming your way.

Our IDS Paradise is second to none,  
Come for adventure, eat, drink and have fun.

Check out the waterfalls, the foliage and birds,  
There might be some big cats lurking we heard.

A treasure untold will be auctioned off,  
Sir Livingston himself wouldn't have scoffed.

Dress for the jungle, or come as you are,  
All tribes are welcome, from near of from far.

So swing by March 12<sup>th</sup>, what do you say?  
To have fun and raise money the IDS way!

March 12, 2004 from 6:30 - 11:00 P.M.  
Independent Day School - Corbett Campus Middle School Gymnasium  
Silent and Live Auctions  
Dinner, Dancing and Drinks

Jungle Attire Optional

Any one interested in volunteering to help with the Big Event is invited to attend a committee meeting on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 A.M. in the breakout room of the Black Box Theatre.

Call Julie Salek (813) 382-2525 or Kathy von Thaden (813) 695-6784 with any questions.

## WE'RE IN THE NEWS

**TAMPA BAY METRO December/January 2005** page 51  
(And congratulations to the Nouss family on pages 47 and 103)

### Independent Day School - Corbett Campus

Don't let the cotton-candy colored buildings of the east campus (elementary school), or the modern yet industrial-looking building of the west campus (middle school), fool you—Independent Day School, Corbett Campus, means business.

Recently recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School, IDS-CC can boast that its students scored in the top 10 percentile throughout the nation in standardized reading and math tests. But there's more to this school's philosophy than percentages.

Dr. Joyce Swarzman, the head of school, is a firm believer in the M.O.R.E. (Multiple Options for Results in Education) approach, which offers "a bag full of options that is constantly expanding." Swarzman encourages the staff at IDS-CC to keep learning and participating in new ways of teaching.

"By learning in multiple ways, we create a brain-friendly



The Attal Family

environment," she says. "Our goal is to make learning as exciting as possible so it is easier to process and so it yields better results."

Brian and Pam Attal chose IDS-CC for their two sons because of the good feeling they got on campus and the number of happy students they saw throughout the school. After being involved with the school, Pam Attal is particularly impressed with the level of respect the students have for each other.

"It amazes me how much students reach out to help their peers," she says. "There's a team concept and a willingness to help each other. There's a great deal of mutual respect on this campus."