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HEADS' LETTER

DECEMBER 17, 2009

On Behalf of The
Board of Trustees, Faculty & Staff



*We wish the entire IDS-CC community
many blessings and a Holiday Season filled with joy!*

Looking Forward To A
Fabulous 2010!

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS: AN ABUNDANCE OF JOY!

LEADERSHIP WITH PIZZAZZ! At the Monday Morning Meeting December 14, **Headmaster Ahmad Everett** led a dynamic and exciting assembly as Headmaster of the Day! This was his second time leading the school and he slid into the role with confidence, a lot of generosity, and big plans! Bravo Headmaster Everett! It was great to have him at the helm. At the assembly, the **CHEERLEADERS** were spectacular! The energy and skill of 20+ cheerleaders at the assembly received a huge appreciative applause from the students, teachers and guests in attendance.

CASH 4 CLASS: At the assembly, Headmaster Everett introduced parents Tammy Torres and Vanessa Minick who provided the energy, spirit, and hard work to get the IDS community up and running to win the Cash 4 Class \$10,000. Melissa Pavese from Westfield Malls presented the check to Tammy Torres and PFA President Heather Lee Rossing amidst cheers from the student body. The check will go to assist the Facilities Team in purchasing a dream come true...specialized equipment to help keep the fields and grassy areas mowed properly. They work so hard for us that it is a pleasure to help ease their job. They are truly appreciative and so are we!!!

CONGRATULATIONS FIFTH GRADE: Bravo to the entire fifth grade for an extraordinary production of the "Actors Workshop." On Tuesday, December 15, Drama director, Seth Travaglino skillfully directed the students in multiple areas to showcase their talents through speaking, singing, dancing, acting, and creative sketches. The show stopper was a dramatic presentation about the divisiveness of war which sent a powerful message through song, words and great acting, as well as making an excellent connection to their trip and studies about the Civil War. Take it from us, it was indeed very moving and very meaningful.

SCHOOL WIDE SPELLING BEE: Students say **YES to the IDS Spelling Bee.** Congratulations to the over 150 IDS students in 2nd through 8th grade who participated in the classroom practice sessions of the IDS Spelling Bee! Everyone wrote the words, however many elected to practice and prepare for the upcoming competition. We are so proud of their efforts to improve spelling skills, increase vocabulary understanding, develop correct English usage, and sharpen their word pronunciation skills. These skills will help them throughout their lives. They also spent time practicing how to celebrate the success of others which is a skill we can all continuously practice and learn. For those students who participated in at least five practice sessions, a new list of words is being sent home today to study over winter break in preparation for Upper Primary Spelling Bee on January 14 and the school-wide Spelling Bee on January 19.

THE SPIRIT OF IDS CHORUS AND THE IDS DANCE TEAM proudly perform for a worthy community service cause. They brought many smiles to the faces of those in attendance at the Parkinson's Support Group Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday. A total of 36 students, along with Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Ferlita and Mr. LeBlanc went to perform. The teachers were so proud and exclaimed that, "our students were amazing in their performance and in the way they represented IDS in our community." Bravo for a job well done!

ATHLETICS - CHEERLEADING: This past weekend the IDS Competitive Cheerleading squad competed in the Coast Cheer State Championships in Lakeland and finished in 2nd place. According to Coaches Chris Thomas and Jeanne Rivera, they were first in their eyes with perfect stunts, zero drops and amazing results. They were proud that IDS had "perfect timing, beautiful smiles, hit every stunt so brilliantly. Their routine was the absolute best they have ever performed, and they masterfully did every thing they were asked to do by their coaches..." The 12 girls that make up the competitive squad have been practicing since August every Saturday...Jenny Astell, Mackenzie Dyer, Jordan Fuller, Nakisa Ghannad, Lauren Harrison, Reagan Harrison, Zoe Hoefle, Alexis Karpodinis, Briana Mayberry, Julia Peacock, Grace Rogers, and Bianca Watson.

ATHLETICS - WRESTLING: Friday, December 4th, IDS athletics had the pleasure of hosting our very first home wrestling match. We have 21 young men on the wrestling team who are extremely committed and dedicated to the sport. The boys did very well and we had many victories which led us to a very close match. Coach Taylor would like to extend a big thank you to parents Amy Lewis, and Sandy McCullin for managing our score boards and keeping team stats.

PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE PFA EXECUTIVE TEAM:

"Thank you for a wonderful fall, full of great PFA success that was only made possible by EACH and EVERYONE of YOU! Whatever volunteer opportunity you have taken this year has helped make a difference on our campus! During the holidays, we all realize how blessed we are to be at such an INCREDIBLE school filled with MARVELOUS families who always work as a team to make our school special! The PFA wishes you a safe and joyful holiday season! We look forward to seeing everyone in the NEW YEAR!"

MEET THE IDS-CC BOARD OF TRUSTEES – the next PFA Meeting is our “Annual Meet the IDS-CC Board of Trustees” session. This is YOUR opportunity to meet the Board members, hear what they are working on, and ask questions! Please join us at **8:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2010, in the GRAND ROOM on the second of the New Building.**

SEVENTH ANNUAL STUDENT/FACULTY SPORTS CHALLENGE, FRIDAY night, JANUARY 8, 2010! Your order form and flyer are in the Thursday folder and attached electronically to this week's Heads' Letter. It will be a perfect family and student event to start off 2010 for all ages! Everyone join in!

THE SPRING OF TAMPA BAY - ANNUAL PFA HOLIDAY DONATION: ONE DAY LEFT! - Help to empower the residents of The Spring of Tampa Bay by donating small denomination SCRIP to enable them to do their own holiday shopping. **We will be taking all donations to The Spring after dismissal on Friday.** Thanks for filling those boxes in your child's classroom and common areas with teen toys and household items. Please contact Nancy Leach NYLeach@aol.com or (813) 295-2020 with any questions and the office for SCRIP!

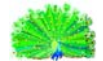
REMINDER... GET A HEAD START ON A NEW FUNDRAISER WITH SCHOOLMALL - Do you have some last minute online shopping to do? If so, check out www.schoolmall.com to see if your store participates in that program. IDS will receive a percentage of any money that you spend at those sites. The only extra step for you is to register as an IDS supporter at their website and then click on your store's link at www.schoolmall.com. You will shop directly through your favorite chosen merchants. SchoolMall also offers magazine subscriptions and IDS will get up to 50% donated back! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vanessa Minick at vminick@hotmail.com or (813) 629-1630.

IDS – YARD SALE – SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010 - It's back, and just in time for your New Year's Resolutions to clean out your closets! Our IDS Yard Sale is scheduled for January 23! This fundraiser will help you make more space in your home! There will be a white pick up truck parked outside the front office every day starting Tuesday, January 5, 2010! Just pull up after dropping off your kids, and we will help you unload your items! The truck will also be available during the day for your convenience! Questions? Please contact Julie Salek at (813) 382-2525 or jcsalek@hotmail.com

IDS – BIG EVENT – BOARDWALK BLAST – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 6, 2010.** Our biggest PFA fundraiser of the year!



PROUD MOMENTS SOAR FOR OUR IDSers



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

Nirja Patel (8th Grade) was listed in the USA Swimming Top 10 Swimmers of Florida for 13 - 14 age group girls for 100 yard breaststroke. She finished the 100 yard breaststroke in 1:11.96 minute and beat the Florida Junior Olympics qualifying time by more than three seconds. WOW! Congratulations Nirja!

Abby Melnick (3/4 Multi-Age) established her own business, “Abby’s Jewels.” She creates and sells beautiful jewelry to raise money for **The Crohns & Colitis Foundation of America.** Her first public sale, at the IDS Boutique and Brunch, was a success and she now looks to sell her creations online at www.abbysjewels.com. Good luck to you and a good cause with the Crohns & Colitis Foundation.

INSPIRING INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS



Mr. David Freeman has been a wonderful addition to the Independent Day School Middle School over the past couple of years. In addition to being a Middle School Social Studies teacher, his total fluency in Chinese has successfully brought the Chinese language to the Middle School and has afforded us the opportunity to offer classes in Chinese as an after school activity. He would very much like to expose our entire community to his new contribution – a “Chinese Fun Fact” which you can find in the Heads’ Letter each week. Here goes: **CHINESE FUN FACT:** Consuming half of the world’s concrete and one third of the world steel, China is building a city the size of Philadelphia every month.

SWEDEN: The positive experiences by our students in Beijing two years ago will now have us traveling into Nyköping, Sweden to participate in the 2010 International School Connection Youth World Conference on April 20 - 23, 2010. This trip becomes even more significant to IDS Middle School students who have participated in live videoconferencing through our International School Connection’s Global Partnership. It is a fabulous opportunity for students to meet face-to-face their new Swedish friends, develop positive leadership skills and foster global citizenship, as well as to discover the possibilities and strengths that are born from working as part of a global community that highlights different cultures. Contact Miss Fields at kfields@idsyes.com for more information.

IDS MIDDLE SCHOOL: The IDS Middle School continued their live videoconference participation in the International School Connection’s Global Partnership Program last Tuesday morning. Sixteen 7th graders, *Jenny Astell, Kevin Banks, Reed Berlet, Aurelien Boulangeat, Kelsey Bridges, Zoe Dolcimascolo, Pedro Escobar, David Friedman, Marcus Harrell, Reagan Harrison, Troy Herscovici, Ethan Luster, Celina Piazza, Jonathan Nasser, Daniela Silva, and Morgan Zwirn*, arrived at school bright and early on December 8 to take part in the middle school’s three-country live videoconference. We once again joined our friends at Vasa Real Middle School in Stockholm, Sweden and Second Foreign Language School in Shenzhen, China. This month’s topic focused on different cultural traditions. While IDS students shared anecdotes about traditions involving Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, and traditional Sunday dinners with family, students in China shared about the Chinese New Year and students in Sweden shared about their winter holiday traditions and the Feast of Saint Lucia.



Thanks to incredible technology, many students were able to have fully functioning three-country videoconferences. This allowed them to share a screen with two other groups of students and talk in a more personal, one-on-one environment. Other students were challenged to hear at times, but found a quick solution and chatted via text to their international peers.

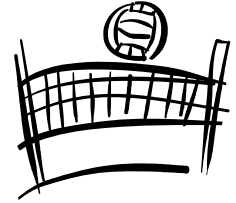
While the students were connecting with the students across the globe, they were also modeling this cutting-edge connection for the faculty of Chiles Middle Academy in Lakeland. Sharon Neuman, Principal of Chiles Middle Academy along with 6 members of her faculty and a tech specialist from their county office visited IDS-CC Middle School to witness this global connection. Chiles Middle Academy is in the beginning stages of completing Application A to become an International Baccalaureate MYP school. Mrs. Neuman had heard about our work with the GPP and hoped to see how our students were using video conferencing to connect with students in China and Sweden. Mrs. Neuman and her team were very impressed with the process and also have plans to join ISC and the GPP after visiting IDS-CC.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009
is favorite t-shirt day or
your classroom celebration outfit!



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



**7TH ANNUAL
STUDENT/FACULTY SPORTS CHALLENGE**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.
ALL GAMES IN CORBETT HALL**

Bring the family for a night of food, fun, and a little friendly competition! Our 8th Grade basketball and volleyball teams take on the IDS Faculty! This IDS Athletic Boosters fundraiser supports all IDS Sports Teams!

PRE-ORDER AND SAVE MONEY!!

GAME ONLY ADMISSION TICKETS ARE \$7.50 for Adults and \$5 for Students

- 1. LUXURY BOX ADULT: \$15.00 #___ STUDENT: \$13.50 #___**
Includes dinner, game admission, reserved seats, 1 entry to halftime Contest (Hula Hoop or Big Shot, adults or students), & Sports Fest(student only)
This is the only way you may get reserved seats for the game!!
- 2. CLUB BOX ADULT: \$10.00 #___ STUDENT: \$7.50 #___**
Includes dinner and game admission.
- 3. ALA CARTE Pre-Sale**

Game Admission	Adult \$6 #___	Student \$4 #___
Sports Fest (For 5-6 PM Ext. Day OR 6-7 PM Pre-Game)	Student \$5 #___	
Hula Hoop Contest	Adult/Student \$5 each #___	
Big Shot Contest	Adult/Student \$5 each #___	
Overtime Middle School Dance	Middle School Students Only \$3 #___	
	TOTAL ALA CARTE \$ _____	

PRE-SALE TICKETS MAY BE PICKED UP AT WILL CALL TABLE BEGINNING AT 5 PM DAY OF EVENT

PLEASE DETACHED AND RETURN TO THE IDS OFFICE

STUDENT NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

MENU OPTIONS: Hamburger/Cheeseburger _____ Hot Dog _____

(PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FOOD ITEM PER DINNER ORDERED - SIDE, DESSERT, and DRINK INCLUDED)

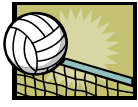
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 18, 2010

Please return this order form and payment to school office.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO IDS.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM.



SEVENTH ANNUAL STUDENT/FACULTY SPORTS CHALLENGE



Please join us on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010**, for this family fun filled event! Below are the highlights for the evening events:

PRE-GAME: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

GAME TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

OVERTIME: 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. - Middle School Line Dancing

JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING OF IDS SPIRIT! SOME OF THE MANY ATTRACTIONS ARE:

• **SPORTS FEST:**

- ★ **BOWLING**
- ★ **FOOTBALL TOSS**
- ★ **GEO BALL RIDES**
- ★ **GOLF PUTT**
- ★ **THREE POINT AND HALF COURT BASKETBALL SHOT**
- ★ **AND MORE!**



OUR OWN IDS DANCE TEAMS AND CHEERLEADERS!

HULA HOOP CONTEST!



POWDER PUFF CHEERLEADERS!



DINNER AND FULL CONCESSION!

WATCH YOUR IDS FACULTY AND STAFF PLAY VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL AGAINST YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS! SOME OF THE FACULTY PLAYERS INCLUDE:

Ms. Brockmeyer	Mr. Bronson	Coach Chumbley	Mrs. Fowler	Coach Heller
Mr. Mel	Sra. Morgan	Mrs. Petty	Mrs. Quin	Mrs. Rivera
Mrs. Rosenberg	Mrs. Rostick	Mr. Scott	Mr. Shoe	Coach Taylor
Mrs. Thomas	Mr. Travaglino	Mr. Vyverberg	Mr. Wong	



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  BREAK	2
3	4 TEACHER IN-SERVICE 	5 WELCOME BACK Students from Winter Break!  Day 2	6 Day 3	7 PFA Council Meeting/ Meet the IDS Board of Trustees 8:15 a.m. IDS Science Fair Board of Trustees Day Day 4	8 IDS Student/Faculty Sports Challenge 6:00 p.m.  Day 5	9
10	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Pre-K and K MOSI Field Trip 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Musical Theater Presents <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Day 3	14 Musical Theater Presents <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Upper Primary Spelling Bee 1:00 p.m. Day 4	15 Day 5	16
17	18 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY	19 IDS School Wide Spelling Bee Competition Farish Center 9:00 a.m. Day 1	20 IDS Field Day Corbett Hall 1:30 p.m. Day 2	21 Sixth Grade People Fair Middle School Day 3	22 Day 4	23 IDS Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 
24	25 HEADMASTER OF THE DAY DEEANNA SLYWKA Day 5	26 Day 1	27 Pre-K3 Space Day Day 2	28 Admissions Open House 8:30 am – 10:00 am NOON DISMISSAL Parent/Teacher Conferences Day Day *	29 Parent/Teacher Conferences Day	30 
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WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE
January 4 - 8, 2010
Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087, ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location of Game	Pick-Up	Comments
Mon. 1/4	10:00	Dewey's Tampa Warriors	AAU Practice	MS Gym	1:00	*bring lunch money
Tues. 1/5	3:00	8-Man Flag Football	Practice	Buchanan Field	4:00	
Weds. 1/6	5:00	Boys Basketball Silver Team	Incarnation	Corbett Hall	6:00	
	4:00	Boys Basketball Green Team	Incarnation	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Boys Basketball Purple Team	Practice	Forest Hills	5:15	MS GYM
	3:00	Girls Basketball Green Team	Practice	MS Gym	4:00	
	3:00	Girls Basketball Purple Team	Practice	MS Gym	5:00	
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	Dean Dining Hall	5:00	
	3:00	Cheerleading	Incarnation	Corbett Hall	6:00	
Thur. 1/7	3:00	Boys Basketball Silver Team	Practice	Forest Hills	4:45	
	5:00	Boys Basketball Purple Team	TCMS	TCMS	6:45	
	4:00	Boys Basketball Green Team	TCMS	TCMS	6:45	
	5:00	Girls Basketball Purple Team	TCMS	Corbett Hall	6:00	
	4:00	Girls Basketball Green Team	TCMS	Corbett Hall	5:00	
	3:30	Cheerleading	TCMS	Corbett Hall	5:30	
	3:00	Wrestling	Practice	MS GYM	5:00	
Fri. 1/8	7:00	Volleyball Purple/8th Grade	Challenge	Corbett Hall	9:00	
	7:00	Basketball Purple/8th Grade	Challenge	Corbett Hall	9:00	

Student/Faculty Challenge Friday 1/8..... Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m.