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HEADS' LETTER

DECEMBER 18, 2008

**On behalf of the
Board of Trustees, Faculty & Staff,
We send a world of thanks
for a great year!**



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

**Looking Forward To A
Spectacular 2009!**

HIGHLIGHTS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY: ODDS AND ENDS

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE NOW FOUND ON THE IDS WEBSITE <http://www.idsvyes.com>: Please be sure to check the IDS website for the schedule for athletics as you plan your calendar. A huge thanks goes to Joe Spagnuolo, our web designer, for adding the information. You can find the sports information by clicking on either Athletics or on Parent Information. It is in both places. **HOWEVER, please** be sure to check the schedule regularly and look for updates because schools often have to cancel games and/or weather issues arise.

SPIRIT WEEK IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. The IDS Middle School Student Council proclaimed this week as **Spirit Week**. The energy has been exciting and the days are creative, even with a very heavy academic schedule and lots of culmination of assignments. Monday was Mighty Monday-School Spirit Day! Tuesday was Terrific Tuesday – Decades Day! Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday-Sports Team Day! Thursday (today) is Turbulent Thursday – Super Hero Day! And Friday is Fun Friday – Pajamas, Crazy Hats, and Flip Flops Day!

MONDAY MORNING SET THE TONE FOR AN EXCITING SPIRIT WEEK. In the midst of a busy week in every class, the IDS Middle School Cheerleaders held a Pep Rally during club period Monday, December 15, 2008. As the students and teachers entered the gym, energetic music played and the cheerleaders did stunts and tumbling to the beat. Once everyone was seated by grade level, the coaches of girls and boys basketball and wrestling teams asked the crowd to support them in their games this week. Next the cheerleaders led the crowd in a chant called “We Got Spirit” to see who was the loudest 6th, 7th or 8th grade. The girls have been working, coming in on Saturdays since August, to perfect a two minute routine of stunts, tumbling, cheers and dance. You could tell they had been working hard because everyone was truly amazed with their talent and with their routines. By the way, they also were sure to include the teachers in a chicken dance competition. As always, our Middle School teachers were such good sports and had fun out there with their students. The pep rally ended with **work ethic spirit stick**, which went to the 8th grade for their hard work in creating excitement for the spirit rally! **Way to Go Warriors! A big Bravo to Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Rivera for great coaching of our cheerleaders and to Ms. Robinson and Mr. Shoe for guiding the Student Council.**

IDSERS AND INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS brought new projects to life as they were shared from Spain to IDS and China to IDS! Thanks to our amazing technology, our teachers are able to give our students opportunities to communicate with different continents from right here on Orange Grove Drive! Here is an update....

MIDDLE SCHOOL: “Talking to peers in Spain and China is becoming a normal part of the experience for a number of IDS students,” said Ms. Norlin – International Studies Coordinator.

Understanding prices in Euros and Dollars became very real for students in the Middle School Elective, called the Cultural Exchange Team, when they had a Video Conference with students from Liceo Sorolla School in Spain. Students prepared by researching products that would be familiar to students from around the world. During their video conference, they had fun comparing and guessing prices of these popular items. Learning to convert prices to Euros or Dollars helped make the experience more real for these sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Last week seventh graders volunteered to share their Photo Essays from English class with students from Second Foreign Language School No. 2 of **Nanshan, China**, while parents of the Chinese students observed. Because of the time differences, our students came in early to school while students in China came in during the evening so we could connect through the live video-conferencing. Chinese students shared what they liked about being Chinese citizens, while we shared what we liked about our country and what we would do to improve our world. It was fascinating to learn that we shared many similar values.

On Tuesday evening, a group of IDS students came back to school in the evening to share with Chinese students (who were just getting ready for their school day to start) the reasons they are proud to be Americans and how the symbols of the flag and National Anthem inspire many Americans. In Social Studies class, they had been studying the War of 1812, the story of the American Flag and the history of our National anthem. This exchange with Chinese students in Nanshan was a perfect opportunity for them to apply their knowledge by sharing it with others. Our students also learned that our peers from China have many things to be proud of as well. It was a very positive experience for both sides. This communication opportunity is so far beyond what our forefathers could ever imagine would happen in any life time!

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: Connecting Spain, Spanish, and Technology with IDS students: Mr. Melnick reports about our connection with our third/fourth grade classes at our Madrid sister school, Colegios Ramón y Cajal, to create a project that **incorporates cultural understanding, technology and Spanish classes. In computer class, our Microsoft Word unit integrates technology tools with classroom biographies about each 3rd and 4th grader entitled "My Life in America."** The students talked about what life is like for them during holidays, vacations, and at home with their families. They first typed their papers in English by using all of the “tech” class benchmarks for Microsoft Word. Then, they worked with their Spanish class to type about their favorite foods and drinks in Spanish, while even learning how to type some Spanish characters on the keyboard using the control and alt keys. It was exciting because they know they will share their work with students from Spain! The Spanish students are doing the same, and we have already been receiving these projects back in return. Students in Spain have written mostly in Spanish; while also practicing writing some things in English. Our students will be reviewing these in Spanish class.



NOON DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2008



The winter holiday vacation *officially begins for all children* on **Friday, December 19, at NOON DISMISSAL**. School closes for all students, which allows our faculty and staff to organize their rooms, participate in the faculty/staff luncheon, and begin a well-deserved break. So, we especially appreciate your help in **arriving on time**. **Extended Day will resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2009.**

PFA: IDS PARENTS YOU ARE THE BEST!! IDS parents, we did it again. Both Metropolitan Ministries and now The Spring have benefitted from the energy and kindness of our IDS community. The young women and their babies at The Spring once again benefit from your generosity and attention to their needs and requests. Together, we made a big difference in the lives of others at this holiday time. A big THANKS is well-deserved for all of us!

HIGHLIGHTS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY: ODDS AND ENDS PART II cont. from page 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CLASS PREPARES STUDENTS FOR LIFE! Mrs. Glover reports that all middle school students have been learning about what it means to be an ethical user of technology. The seventh grade students have specifically been learning about Cyber Bullying. To show and apply what they've learned, students have been working in teams to create a Cyber Bullying Public Service Announcement (PSA). The teams have used Windows Movie Maker, digital cameras, MS PowerPoint, external microphones and MS Excel to create their PSA. I am so proud of all of them! They are AMAZING! By the way, parents: **Did you know....according to some statistics** (*Based on 2004 i-SAFE survey of 1,500 students grades 4 - 8*)

Cyber Bullying affects many of our teenagers everyday?

- 42% of kids have been bullied while online. 1 in 4 have had it happen more than once.
- 35% of kids have been threatened online. Nearly 1 in 5 have had it happen more than once.
- 21% of kids have received mean or threatening e-mail or other messages.
- 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online. More than 4 out of 10 say it has happened more than once.
- 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful to another person online. More than 1 in 3 have done it more than once.
- 58% have not told their parents or an adult about something mean or hurtful that happened to them online.

LIBRARY SHOWCASES COOL CAT PROJECTS: (from IDS Librarian Kim Fields) I would love to invite everyone to the library for books, displays and to see that the Cool Cats have their unit projects displayed in the library! Their artistic displays are a result of Upper Primary's lessons on symbols and their role in civilization. If you get the chance, stop by and take a look at these fabulous creative projects and our beautiful library!

MUSIC TO OUR EARS! (By Mr. LeBlanc) **Once again, IDSers have been selected by a state panel to sing at the 2009 All-State Elementary Chorus.** Kendal Allen, Victoria Beaudoin, Alana Nelson and Julia Peacock will represent IDS at this annual event. They will be joining 200 other 4th and 5th grade students from the state of Florida on January 8th and 9th at the Tampa Convention Center. During the two intensive days they will be rehearsing in preparation for the Annual Concert. These four students have been practicing and memorizing the seven pieces the group will perform. The grand concert will be attended by 1,000 parents and music teachers from the entire state of Florida! Congratulations to our reps for going above and beyond! We are really overjoyed that out of all of the schools in the state applying for representation, four of our students were selected.

IT WAS TEXTBOOK PERFECT! How do you make the study of the 13 original colonies exciting? Well, first you do your research. Then you use a multiple intelligences approach along with teamwork and motivational teachers to inspire you to become a colony. You then learn the value of marketing and create advertisements that would attract settlers to your colony by promoting the facts visually and with catchy slogans. Then you bring home the message in a big way by creating a hummable jingle that emphasizes your key points as you practice presentation skills delivering the message to your peers. Congratulations to the Intermediate Multi-Age All-Stars! Well-done teachers and students!

SUPPORT THE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OF 2009

The Eighth Grade Fundraiser is a great idea for a stocking stuffer or a post holiday gift! Tickets (**Octopus Car Wash** on 8101 N. Dale Mabry Highway) are \$10.00 and are valid now through April 30, 2009. The form is enclosed in your child's Thursday folder or call the office at (813) 961-3087 for tickets. For information, please call eighth grade parent, Cally Bekhor, at (813) 230-1828.

2009 IS COMING: ODDS AND ENDS TO BEGIN THE YEAR!

JUST A REMINDER that reenrollment contracts will arrive right after the New Year begins. Please check your "snail mail boxes" and remember that February 1st is the cut-off to reserve spaces for the **2009 - 2010 academic year**. WOW!! This academic year is flying by! We have really enjoyed the privilege of sharing your children with you!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009 – Attending the PFA OPEN Board Meeting is a great way to start 2009, especially since this is also the "Annual Meet the Board" meeting. **We hope to see everyone in the Farish Center at 8:05 am.** This is always a great opportunity to connect with the IDS Board of Trustees and the PFA Board.

STUDENT FACULTY SPORTS CHALLENGE FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009 – 6:00 P.M. CORBETT HALL Please come and join us for a night of family friendly sports competition as the faculty challenges the students in a match of volleyball and a game of basketball in Corbett Hall on Friday, January 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. It's a great night for everyone to have dinner and watch some great athletic competition. **Beef O'Brady's** will be donating all of the food for this family fun event! The cost for tickets is \$5.00 pre order or \$8.00 at the door. Ticket cost includes dinner and admission to both games. All proceeds go to benefit our IDS Athletic Program! This will be a great evening of fun and community building for parents and students of all ages.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS: MUSICAL THEATRE AUDITIONS FOR A CHORUS LINE AND HOW TO EAT LIKE A CHILD...The Community School of the Arts is excited to announce auditions for our spring musical theater productions. Jennifer Barnekow, the wonderful director from our recent production of *The Music Man, Jr.*, will be directing the musical *How to Eat Like a Child* for students in **grades 2 - 7**. This delightful musical provides a great vehicle for young performers to shine through song, dance, and acting. Please note, we are doing the full, musical production of this show. For students in grades 8 - 12, we are thrilled to welcome director Seth Travaglino back to the Community School for a student edition of the Broadway classic, *A Chorus Line*. **Auditions for both shows will be on Saturday, January 10, 2009. How to Eat Like a Child auditions run from 9:00 - 12:00 and A Chorus Line from 10:00 - 1:00.** Registration forms are available in the main office and the music room. Please turn your form in as soon as possible so we will know to expect you the day of the audition. You can contact us at csa@idsyes.com for additional information. Auditions are open to the entire Tampa Bay community.

IDS SCIENCE FAIR: JUDGING ON JANUARY 7...OPEN TO THE ENTIRE IDS COMMUNITY JANUARY 8 and 9, 2009 - All projects are traditionally excellent. We invite you to carve out time and see Science on display in the Grand Room on the second floor of the New Building. All of the Science Fair projects will be on display January 8 & 9. All Science Fair Winners will represent IDS at the County Science Fair.

FIELD DAY – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009 – 1:00 – 2:30 PM - Field Day for Pre-K4 through 8th grades will be held the afternoon of January 21st. The PE team runs an incredible multi-age cooperative Field Day with the help of our volunteer parents. We need you this year, too! Please help make this another special event. You can contact PFA President Amy Bottini if you would like to volunteer and join in the fun!

IDS BIG EVENT "PAIR-A-DICE" is coming soon...Mark your calendars for **SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009**. Donation forms are available if you know a neighborhood business who will love to give us a donation for the Big Event!

ENCLOSURES

1. 2009 Key Dates Book Mark
2. 6th Annual Student/Faculty Sports Challenge
3. January 2009 Calendar
4. Eighth Grade Car Wash Fundraiser

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



**8th Grade Fundraiser
At Octopus Car Wash!**

Purchase Tickets through IDS-CC with this order form, and redeem each ticket for:

**One Deluxe Full Service Wash at
Octopus Car Care Center**

8101 N. Dale Mabry Hwy
Tampa FL 33614

“Deluxe Full Service Wash” Includes:

Soft Cloth Wash • Hand Dry • Vacuum Interior • Clean
Windows • Wipe Interior Dust Free
• Clean White Walls

Coupons will be valid until 4/30/2009!

Octopus Car Wash Order Form

Name _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$10/ea. = Total _____

_____ I will pick up tickets in the East Side Office.

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Child's Name _____

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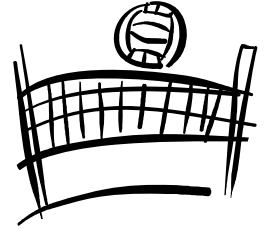
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**6TH ANNUAL
STUDENT/FACULTY
SPORTS CHALLENGE**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.
ALL GAMES IN CORBETT HALL**

Bring the family for a night of food, fun, and of course, a little friendly competition! Our middle school basketball and volleyball teams take on the IDS Faculty. This is a fundraiser that helps to provide for all IDS Sports Teams. Your game ticket includes your meal!

YOU CAN PRE-ORDER YOUR MEALS AND SAVE \$3.00 PER TICKET.

Come cheer on your favorite IDS staffers (they will need it!) as they take on the IDS Students.

Enjoy dinner provided by Beef O'Brady's and share in the excitement!

PLEASE CUT AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE/TEACHER: _____

PRE-ORDER (\$5.00/PERSON) – NUMBER OF TICKETS _____
(Tickets at the door are \$8/person)

MENU OPTIONS: Hamburger/Cheeseburger _____ Hot Dog _____
(PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FOOD ITEM PER TICKET - DRINK INCLUDED)

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

ALL FOOD ORDERS MUST BE IN BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO IDS.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WINTER BREAK	2 WINTER BREAK	3
4	5 WINTER BREAK TEACHER IN-SERVICE	6 SCHOOL RESUMES Day 2	7 IDS Science Fair Judging Day 3	8 PFA Meeting/ Meet the IDS Board of Trustees Trustee Day IDS Science Fair Viewing Day 4	9 Student/Faculty Sports Challenge 6:00 pm IDS Science Fair Viewing Day 5	10
11	12 HEADMASTER OF THE DAY AHMAD EVERETT	13 Fifth Grade Play 9:00 and 10:30 am Day 2	14 Day 3	15 NOON DISMISSAL/ PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES Day *	16 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	17
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY/ SCHOOL HOLIDAY	20 Day 4	21 Field Day 1:00 – 2:30 pm Day 5	22 EDU-TALK & TOUR 8:05 am Sixth Grade Field Trip to the Dali Museum 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Brilliant Bugs Sleepover at Florida Aquarium Day 1	23 Day 2	24
25	26 Day 3	27 Third Gr. Play 9:00 am, Intermediate Multi-Age Gr. Play – 10:00 am Fourth Gr. Play 1:15 pm Day 4	28 Early Primary Space Day Day 5	29 Day 1	30 Eighth Grade Field Trip to Finance Park 8:15 am – 2:00 pm Day 2	31 

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- ❑ **HEADMASTER OF THE DAY
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MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009
- ❑ **NOON DISMISSAL/PARENT/TEACHER CONF.**
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009
- ❑ **PARENT/TEACHER CONF.**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009
- ❑ **SCHOOL HOLIDAY - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING**
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009 - 8:05 AM
- ❑ **2009 – 2010 RE-ENROLLMENT CONTRACTS DUE**
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009
- ❑ **HEADMASTER OF THE DAY
TEE COTO**
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009
- ❑ **TEACHER IN-SERVICE/NOON DISMISSAL**
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009
- ❑ **IDS HOSTS KAGAN NATIONAL WINTER 2009
ACADEMY**
FRI., FEBRUARY 6 – MON., FEBRUARY 9, 2009
- ❑ **ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE**
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009 - 8:30 AM
- ❑ **SCHOOL HOLIDAY – PRESIDENTS’ WEEKEND**
FRI, FEBRUARY 13 – MON., FEBRUARY 16, 2009
- ❑ **SCHOOL RESUMES**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009
- ❑ **FINE ARTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009 – 8:00 – 11:30 AM
- ❑ **IDS BIG EVENT
“IDS PAIR-A-DICE CASINO NIGHT”**
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009
- ❑ **SPRING BREAK**
MONDAY, MARCH 16 – MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009
- ❑ **CLASSES RESUME**
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009
- ❑ **SPRING FINE ARTS DAY**
THURS., MAY 7 AND FRI., MAY 8, 2009

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