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Back to School Wisdom

"In what light so ever we regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history, or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue."

"The first and almost the only Book deserving of universal attention is the Bible."

John Quincy Adams
 6th President of the United States

Mary Louise Lee Benefit Concert



Mary having fun with ICS student

What a delight and a privilege to have the 1st Lady of Denver, Mary Louise Lee Hancock with us on Saturday, August 6th. The Mary Louise Lee Band skillfully performed a variety of music genres at a benefit concert for Inner City School. Denver can be very proud of our first lady, she is warm, caring and has a phenomenal voice. The audience had to

give her a standing ovation for her rendition of How Great Thou Art. Mary is a kindred spirit in her love for children. She engaged the ICS students in attendance with humor and praise. The guys in the band displayed a professionalism, and a willingness to flow with any direction Mary decided to go. Mary's heart for God is evident not only in her music, but in her words of encouragement as she testified about the goodness of God in her own life. Mary expressed a desire to see youth reach their full potential as she addressed the importance of a good education and parent involvement.

She was so gracious to stay after the concert ended to take pictures and talk with everyone that wanted to meet her.

A special thank you to Lynne Feldkamp, Board Member, Robert Fomer, School Advisory Member, Jason Janz, Providence Church and the board and staff of Inner City School for making this night possible.

Special thanks to Mary Louise Lee Band for taking time out of your busy schedules to bless our school.



Mary Louise Lee Band

What's New at ICS

New Bible Curriculum

ICS is kicking off our 1st—6th grade Bible curriculum through Summit Ministries called Building on the Rock. This curriculum is designed to train children in a biblical worldview through the doctrines, teaching and stories contained in the Bible. Many Christians fall away because they view our world from a secular humanistic worldview instead of a biblical worldview. Building on the Rock will help our students understand why they believe what they believe, and give them the ability to defend their faith. Pre-K and Kindergarten will continue to study the Bible and memorize scripture with curriculum designed specifically for their age group.

Rosetta Stones Spanish Curriculum

Inner City is excited to introduce Spanish classes for Pre-K through 6th this year. Our goal is two-fold: 1) learn Spanish and 2) become more familiar with computer programs. Rosetta Stones Level 1 and 2 Spanish Classroom curriculum is now offered 3 days a week. The students and staff are excited to learn a second language. It is the goal of ICS to add other foreign languages to our curriculum in the future. God has sent us a highly qualified teacher with years of experience teaching ESL and Spanish classes in the public school.

Checkout our new website: www.innercityschool.net

ICS is proud to present our new mascot and school colors. The 3rd and 4th grade students won our Mascot and School Color Spirit Week Competition. As of the 2011-2012 school year our new mascot is the Eagle, and our school colors are purple and gold. The 3rd & 4th graders chose the eagle because of its regal splendor. God designed the eagle to be a leader and a ruler over all fowl of the air. The eagle is strong and brave taking care of its young by teaching them about known predators. God uses the eagle to illustrate renewed strength and endurance in Isaiah 40:30,31. The eagle represents ICS mission to educate their students with strength, skill, knowledge and bravery.

Purple represents royalty - we are Christ's, and we are his royal subjects.

Gold represents purity through refinement- we are his workmanship on earth spreading the Gospel— (the golden nuggets of God).



Meet Our New Board Member

contributed by Lisa Adams

BOARD CORNER

A passion for Christian values and education



Lisa is a financial services and project management professional with experience at organizations in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, including General Electric Capital, Marriott, the U.S. Department of State, and ACCION.

As a former volunteer working with children in inner city Boston, as well as summer camps in Connecticut, Lisa understands the challenges facing children today and how necessary refuges such as Inner-City School are. She is thrilled to be part of the team and support the wonderful work ICS does!

Lisa Adams brings her passion for Christian values, early childhood education, and finance experience to her board position as Treasurer at Inner-City School.

She is currently a Banking Officer at First Bank and holds her MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management.

My Son Loves ICS

contributed by Cassandra Tillman, 1st grade parent

PARENT CORNER

Religion is the only solid basis of good morals; therefore education should teach the precepts of religion, and the duties of man toward God
Gouverneur Morris



1st-2nd grade boys working diligently

I believe the love and discipline that my son receives at ICS, has given him the desire to do his very best.

My son loves his school. Whenever he would miss school because of sickness or even during spring break, he constantly wanted to know when he would be able to return to school. His teacher is amazing. Ms. Lowe embraces every child and parent that enters her room. My son knows how much she cares for him.

My son started ICS last year. ICS has been a blessing for our family. My son was over looked in public school and wasn't getting a proper education. He was labeled a problem student. He is very bright, but was not doing his best in school. Since changing to ICS, his grades have improved to all A's and B's. He also finally made friends that have the same morals and values he does.

The staff at ICS is so caring and generous, it makes me feel like a family rather than just a school. ICS is the best decision I have ever made for my son. Thank you ICS for all you have done for my son and family!!

Thank you parents for your sacrifice!



Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members at Inner City Christian School,

I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new Spanish teacher for Inner City School, my name is Nieves Suárez, I am originally from Venezuela.

In 1980, I attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and later received a Masters of Arts degree in Curriculum and Education Design.

I am licensed by the State of Colorado to teach K-12 Spanish, Elementary. and Bilingual Education .

My teaching career spans over 30 years of Elementary, Secondary and College Education.

I am very excited and blessed to join the fine community of students, staff and administrators at ICS. I believe this will be a great year for us all.

The Lord has gifted me with skills to teach, encourage and lead children on the road to excellence in their spiritual walk and education. My desire is to impart to them a vision for their future. I have always loved children, and ICS is a perfect ground to give back to children what God has given me.

I am looking forward to meeting the students, parents and staff and start this amazing school year ahead of us.

May the LORD richest blessings be upon you all.

**STAFF
CORNER**



Back to School Fundraisers

As Inner City School gears up for another school year, please consider helping us offer low cost tuition to our families.

ICS is a proud collector of Box Tops for Education. Please clip out your labels and give to the school—every little bit helps.



Box tops can be found on many food and non-food items found at your grocery stores. Special thanks to our partners that send in their box tops. We have earned over \$400 in the past 2 years. For info on qualified products check out

their website at boxtops4education.com.

ICS participates in the Drink Pouch Brigade. Please send or bring your empty drink pouches such as Capri Sun or any other similar brand to ICS. TerraCycle Brigades will make a payment twice a year to ICS.

The 5th and 6th grade class is continuing to raise money for missions. This year is a trip to the small village of Etwanda in Kenya, Africa. They are collecting cans and other metals for the “Recycle for Kenya” campaign. Please donate your cans to ICS. In addition,



ICS is raffling off a 3 day family weekend at a mountain home in Georgetown. The cost is \$5.00 for one ticket and \$20.00 for 5 tickets. The drawing will be held

on August 29th at Back to School Night. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, please send checks to ICS payable for the amount of raffle tickets you desire, and we will enter the raffle tickets in the drawing.

“Consider sponsoring a student’s tuition with a monthly commitment of \$100—\$400”

God Always Prevails

contributed by Caran Ware Joseph, Music



Liesel Riley called requesting help in directing a children’s choir. I agreed to meet with her at Starbucks; but, only to give her suggestions. I said I did not have time to volunteer because I am a mom, wife and full-time graduate student.

We met, and I sat in Starbucks armed with a Grande Cafe Mocha and advice. She came armed with her characteristic smile, prayer shawl and photos of the children

of Inner City School. We prayed. God prevailed.

Volunteering with the children of ICS brings me great joy. The children know Jesus, and they love to sing about Him. I am ministered to by the administration, staff and students each time I enter the school. Sometimes we have our agendas, and God has His.

I am blessed to share my talents and abilities with these precious children.

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A Final Note

My people are destroyed from a lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God. I also will ignore your children.

Hosea 4:6

The scripture teaches that in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and destruction comes because of a lack of it. The rejection of true knowledge is a rejection of the one true wise God. Real knowledge begins with a respect for God and His word. Schools founded in America understood this principle, and as a result America became the most literate nation in the world (now America ranks 65th out of 200 in literacy).

One such school is Harvard University. Harvard is still one of the most prestigious colleges in America. Harvard University was founded in 1636 in Cambridge, Massachusetts from a property donation by Rev. John Harvard. Originally called the College at Cambridge, Harvard was the first college in America. Harvard declared that its main purpose was:

“To train a literate clergy”.

One of the 8 major rules and precepts in Harvard’s foundation is “Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life, John 17:3, and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, Let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of him Prov.2:3”.

(Rules and Precepts Sept. 26, 1642)

Many people would be shocked to know that the following inscription is found on the wall by the gate at the main entrance to the campus. “After God had carried us safe to New England, and we had built our houses, provided necessities for our livelihood, reared convenient places for God’s worship and settled the civil government, one of the next things we longed for and looked after was to advance learning and perpetuate it to posterity, dreading to leave an illiterate ministry to the churches when our present ministers lie in the dust.”

Before the revolution, most of Harvard’s

by: Jacquelyn Graham

presidents were ministers. In addition, all but two of the first 108 schools in America were founded on the Christian faith including Yale and Princeton.

Harvard College was founded in “Christi Gloriam” and dedicated “Christo et Ecclesiae”. The founders of Harvard believed that:

“All knowledge without Christ was vain.”

The word Veritas, still on the college seal, means divine truth. The motto of Harvard was officially:

“For Christ and the Church.”

Just as Harvard produce presidents and leaders in the foundation of our nation. Let us return to again teaching and honoring God receiving wisdom to train the next generation to be God-fearing, self-governing, productive members of our society.

**(Quotations and material taking from
America’s God and Country
by William Federer).**