



## Did you ask a good question today?

Here at ISLA we dive into inquiry. To help us do this, with generous funds provided by the PTO, we are privileged to welcome to our school John Barell, a nationally recognized authority on inquiry.

On Friday, February 12, Mr. Barell will be spending the day at ISLA modeling inquiry activities in each grade level's classroom and answering our teacher's specific questions. We look forward to collaborating with him as a staff to further develop ISLA's culture of inquiry. You can visit John Barell's website at [www.morecuriousminds.com](http://www.morecuriousminds.com).

Noticeable signs of growth in using inquiry due to Barell's visit will appear, for example, in teachers' newsletters, in the students' inquiry journals and in the varied of questions your children will be asking. Come hear more about it at our next PTO meeting when the teachers share what they learned.

We are partnering with Lakeview Elementary, another IB PYP candidate school, to bring John Barell to Minnesota. Lakeview is hosting a parent information night to all parents who are interesting in learning more. ISLA families are invited to attend as well.

When: Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Where: Lakeview Multi-purpose room (4110 Lake Drive, Robbinsdale, MN 55422)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Thanks again to ISLA parents for supporting our efforts in nurturing critical thinkers who are engaged in meaningful inquiry!



## Conference Reminder

Student-led conferences will be conducted Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm. If you have not received a conference confirmation slip, please contact your child's teacher. Please contact Sr. Gonzalez at [jgonzalez@islacad.org](mailto:jgonzalez@islacad.org) for a music and/or art conference and Sr. Ruiz at [jcruiz@islacad.org](mailto:jcruiz@islacad.org) for a physical education conference.

## February 5–27, 2010

by Christina Ham, music by David Simmons

**Celebrate Black History Month with this exciting show inspired by the life of Henry "Box" Brown.**

This world premiere play follows the story of a slave's courageous quest for freedom. Under the grueling conditions of a Richmond tobacco factory, everyone Henry cares about is taken away from him. Tired of being powerless, he devises an ingenious way to escape to Philadelphia, where he can live a life where everyone can be free.

Inspired by actual events on the Underground Railroad, *Henry's Freedom Box* is a story of perseverance and courage.

<http://www.steppingstonetheatre.org/>



## Dia de Amistad/Dia de San Valentin

Students do not need to wear uniforms on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for Friendship Day! They may wear red or pink on that day.



## President's Day - No School



Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>



## Late Start

ISLA's next late start is Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. AM buses will run exactly 2 hours late. PM kindergarten will attend at normal time. Please mark your calendars as this late start falls right after a no school day.

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## Discipline Policy Committee Meetings

ISLA is revising our current discipline policy. Feel free to attend any of the following meetings if you want to participate in this undertaking:

**Discipline Policy Input Meeting 1-2** – Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 pm, room 122

**Discipline Policy Input Meeting 1-3** – Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 pm, room 132

**Discipline Policy Consideration Meeting 2** – Wednesday, March 10, 6:30-8 pm, room 122

**Discipline Policy Agreement Meeting 3** – Thursday, March 25, 6:30-8 pm, room 122