



# INTEGRATED ARTS ACADEMY

where children come *FIRST* and the *ARTS RULE !!!*

## Town Meetings

Town meetings are a great forum for us to create community, focus and celebrate the efforts here at IAA. Monday Morning Meeting is an opportunity to really focus students for the week on the learning ahead. We also take this opportunity to develop presentations, discussions and art related displays that convey our ROAR rules here at IAA. Friday Town meeting really focuses on

the artistic and learning goals of the past weeks and celebrates the students efforts and work product. This can be done whole class or by highlighting individual work.

These are still relatively new concepts at the IAA and we continuously monitor and adapt as needed. One of our most exciting innovations is releasing responsibility to the students to

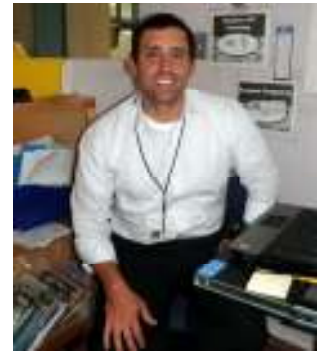
both plan and prepare for these meetings. Students have begun the application process, just like a real job, and will begin training in the near future. Our ultimate goal is to have these meetings be student led and allow for student expression. As we continue to work toward this goal we always appreciate your support, ideas and input.

Have a Great Weekend.

Mr. Bobby

### IAA News

January 12, 21012



## Co-Principals at IAA by Jeanne Collins

Trevor Christopher and Bobby Riley have agreed to lead in a collaborative way to address the needs of the IAA and continue to move the school forward. Each administrator will have specific duties where he will concentrate his efforts. However, feel free to approach either person if you have a concern or need in any matter.

Mr. Bobby will focus his efforts on the School Improvement Plan and its related pieces (ie, professional development, faculty meetings, leadership committee, etc. He will also address faculty issues, in-

cluding hiring, and daily supervision & evaluation, as well as parent communications (PTO, FSP, open houses, newsletter, etc).

Mr. Christopher, due to a need for a more flexible schedule to accommodate his injury, will support daily student needs, such as lunchroom and recess coverage, student management issues, etc. Mr. Christopher will also lead facilities issues, work on data analyses for PLC support, and will maintain and update the IAA web page.

Both Mr. Bobby and Mr. Christopher will continue to work with the PBIS team

and help support students, teachers and parents in understanding and following our ROAR rules and maintaining a positive environment.

Both co-principals are committed to back the other up. They will meet regularly and keep lines of communication open to assure smooth daily operations.

Thank you for supporting this transition and please know that through this we always have the best interests of students at IAA in the forefront of our thinking and actions.

## Quote of the Week

“Without imagination we can go Nowhere.”

-Rita Dove

## First Graders Travel to Asia

Mrs. Patalano and Ms. Mack's first graders are currently learning about the continent and culture of Asia. This year the focus will be on China. The children will explore and engage in the art forms of this culture, particularly, calligraphy and the meaning of

the dragon in Chinese folklore. 2012 just happens to be the year of the dragon. In honor of this the children are building 3-dimensional dragons that will dance down the halls in celebration of the Chinese New year.

In Asian culture the dragon is a powerful mythological symbol bringing luck wherever it roams. It's somewhat like the superhero of Asia. In China, students who work creatively, work passionately, work hard, and are persistent are compared to the dragon.

IAA first graders certainly are mighty fine dragons.

We are planning the dragon parade for Thursday, January 26th...get ready to hear them roar!

"It is one thing to read about dragons, but another to meet them."  
Ursula Le Guin



## Songs & Globetrotting with Ms. Mack & Mrs. Kalinoski

Ms. Mack's and Mrs. Kalinoski's classes are working on song writing after having worked with Stuart Stotts. He will be back in February to see what we have done.

We are both also learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and will be doing a song and picture together at this Friday's Martin Luther King Celebration at Town Meeting. Come early, it begins at 1:30.



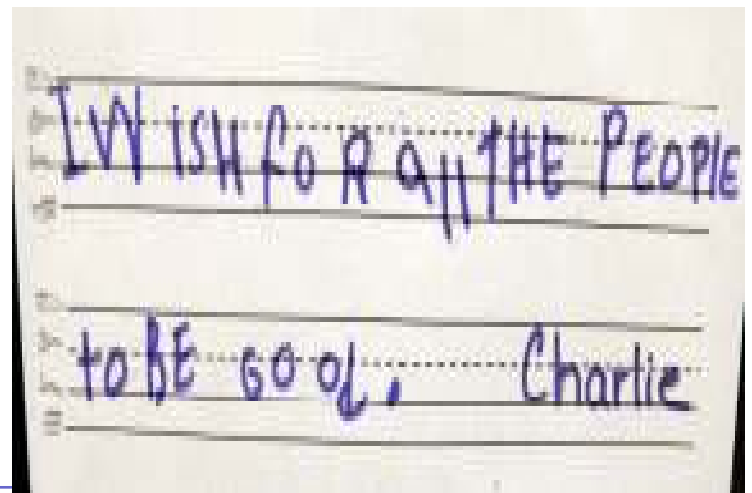
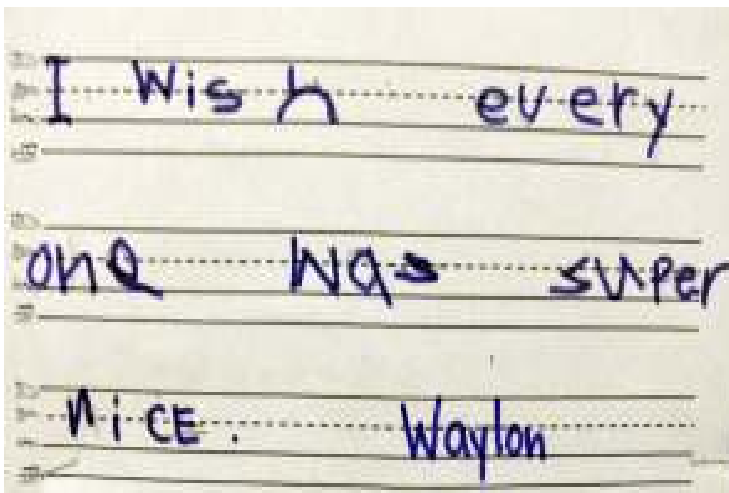
Mrs. Kalinoski's Gingerbread Kids are getting ready to leave Africa and travel to the cold Antarctica looking for snow! This will be our third continent we will have visited this school year.

We have also been learning about states of matter, mostly with solids. Ask your child about it. They each have a science partner, do lab work together, which requires them to write up what they find out.

## IAA Kindergarten Registration Underway

Our Kindergarten Registration window is now open and we encourage any family interested in learning more about the wonderful learning opportunities at the first elementary school in Vermont devoted to arts integration to come to one of this month's two informational sessions. The first is Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm and the second is Thursday, January 19th from 9:00- 11:00am Both sessions will involve tours of the school, presentations by the principal and teachers and a chance to ask questions and get answers. This is an important step in every child and parent's life so we want to help everyone make an informed decision. If you are not able to attend these sessions but still want to learn more about SA, please contact Magnet School Coordinator, Victor Prussack at [vprussac@bsdvt.org](mailto:vprussac@bsdvt.org). or call the school directly at [802-864-8475](tel:802-864-8475)

## Wishes for the New Year





# Let's Get Physical - PE with Ms. V



Do si do, swing your partner, honor your corner, allemande left, and promenade! We just finished a square dancing unit before our holiday break. Third through fifth grade had an opportunity to ask their classmates to dance and learned about dancing in a square. Ask your child if they can show you any of the above terms! Kindergarten through second grade and Step

classes performed a scattered square dance using some slightly different terms like lasso, hit the lonesome trail, giddy up, twister, horse and jockey, and hit the hay to name just a few.

The Winter Olympics are coming! All classes have started a gymnastics unit focusing on balance, flexibility, and strength. First through fifth grade will perform a routine in

front of peer and volunteer judges from the community. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at [dvierlin@bsdvt.org](mailto:dvierlin@bsdvt.org) or stop in and let me know. Ask your children to show you a balance and some individual stunts like the scale, Vsit, heel slap, and a jump and turn. Don't forget to stretch and keep working on your flexibility to prevent injuries!

## 4th Grade News

- **What is a hero?** In Reader's Workshop, we have started a biography unit focusing in on the qualities, characteristics and accomplishments of heroes and heroines of history. Students have been reading about civil rights activists and sharing their life stories through storytelling and theatrical activities.
- **Les Monts Verts** *Vermont History with Sra. Bangoura involves the students creating a history book and adding a page a day. We have looked at ownership of land from Abenaki,*

*to French, to British, to NH and NY land grant conflicts and then finally arriving at Vermont being named an independent state with the help of another hero in history, Ethan Allen. Vermont history students learn a little bit of the French language to help understand Vermont's historical roots.*

- In Mr. T's Physical and Cultural Geography of VT class, students write persuasive essays convincing people to come and visit VT and complete self-portraits accompanied by their own life story of what brought

them to VT.

- **Math** 4th graders are finishing up the unit on fractions and division and are moving into geometry. Our featured artist of study for this math unit on angles is Wassily Kandinsky.



## IAA Parents

We would love to have 2-3 parents attend and help out at our upcoming Prospective Parent Information Sessions. The dates and times are on page 6 of this newsletter. Please contact Victor at 316-6653 if you can help.

## National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month! This is a great time to thank and appreciate all the mentors who volunteer in schools. In addition, we would like to extend appreciation to all the wonderful staff and students who support mentoring initiatives.

Whether directly involved with mentoring or not, we all find that we're effected by each other's successes.

The path to success takes growth, exploration and navigation. Fostering a child's character and confidence is an investment that's long

lasting and leads to a vibrant and healthy community. To learn more about mentoring, contact your school's mentoring program coordinator or call Marissa Wilkens at Mobius at 658-1888.

## Supplemental Services

Dear Burlington School District Parents and Guardians:

Re: **Supplemental Educational Services: January Enrollment**

The federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) requires us to notify parents of all students at the following schools that they are now required to provide **Supplemental Educational Services** – extra academic assistance/tutoring to improve eligible students' academic performance – free of charge:

Burlington High School  
Lyman C. Hunt Middle School  
Edmunds Middle School  
C. P. Smith Elementary School-  
Champlain Elementary School  
J.J. Flynn Elementary  
Sustainability Academy  
Integrated Arts Academy

**Eligibility:** Only children who are eligible for free and reduced-price federal meals can participate.

**Parents choose Service Providers:** If you wish to have your child receive tutoring from one of the Vermont Department of Education approved providers, please **choose** a Service Provider and complete the attached application.

**Application deadline:** If you decide you want to enroll your student in the Supplemental Educational Services program, you must submit the enclosed application to your school's Principal by **January 23, 2012** **If you have already applied this school year, you do not need to reapply.** Your child's application will be automatically reconsidered for the January openings.

**Limited services available:** Only a limited number of spaces are available. As a result, we will not be able to enroll every child whose parent applies.

Supplemental Educational Services

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## IAA News

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"There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in."  
-Graham Greene

# Integrated Arts Academy at H.O. Wheeler

"Academic Excellence Through The Arts"



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Integrated Arts Academy at H.O. Wheeler is to explore academic knowledge through intentional art experiences. Our richly diverse community collaborates and celebrates the world through meaningful learning and creative self-expression as we prepare students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## January Calendar

January 16th— **NO SCHOOL**—Martin Luther King Day

January 18th—5:30 pm IAA Magnet School New Parent Information Session

January 19th—9:00 am IAA Magnet School New Parent Information Session

January 19th- 2:30 pm Variety Show Practice

January 20th—6:30-8:30 pm **IAA Variety Show**

January 23rd—12:00 Flynn Center for the Performing Arts

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January 24th- 6:00-7pm Burlington School Project Information Meeting