

Integrated Arts Academy

June 10, 2014

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

June 11 Last day of School!

Early dismissal 11:30 am

August 27th SCHOOL RESUMES!



Have a
SAFE,
ARTFUL,
and happy



summer!
and....
Don't forget to
READ!!

A Message from the Principal

Working Together

We shape our self to fit this world and by the world are shaped again. The visible and the invisible working together in common cause, to produce the miraculous. I am thinking of the way the intangible air passed at speed round a shaped wing easily holds our weight. So may we, in this life trust to those elements we have yet to see or imagine, and look for the true shape of our own self, by forming it well to the great intangibles about us.

-- David Whyte

In September we can barely hold a concept of what the end of the year will look like. But every year we arrive, and through the trials and tribulations, we are better for it. We are "shaped again" by this world at IAA. There are too many people to count, that had a positive impact on this community throughout the year. But the "visible" and "invisible" did so much to make this a successful year. I am deeply in your debt for the support, patience and love you have shown. "In common cause," we have certainly, "produced the miraculous." This school deepens the focus of its mission every year. Things we could not even imagine five years ago, have come to fruition. The "great intangibles about us," have allowed us to create a deep, trusting and caring **community** in every sense of the word. I am awed and privileged to be a part of it all. With the deepest gratitude to parents, students, community partners and members and the amazing faculty and staff, have a most restful and wonderful summer.

Artfully,
Mr. Bobby

STEP

The STEP program has had a great year! Even though we only started with 3 students seven new students arrived over the fall and winter and we are ending the year with 10 students who are all on their way to speaking English more proficiently. So many fun events this year filled our days! I think the students would agree that our intensive puppet making workshop with Melinda White Bronson was a favorite but swimming classes at the YMCA with Jess Lukas was a close second. I am always so amazed to see how brave and diligent these children are: They come to a new school where they know no one and can't speak the language and everyday they give it their all! I feel particularly blessed to be their teacher!

Ms. Lynda

Guidance

As summer is upon us, hopefully there are plans that our students will have. One way of making ideas and dreams happen as well as the necessary things to get done is by setting goals. Here are some tips in goal-setting:

Make it an understandable goal.
Have it be controllable.
Have it be possible
Be committed to your goal.
Know when you have completed your goal, in other words make it measurable.

(saying, "I want to be better", "I'll finish it soon", "I'll either try basketball or soccer" "I'll be the best reader in my class during summer school next year", "I'll be able to dunk a basketball next week" (assuming the child is still less than 5 ft.) are examples of goal statements very lacking in one or more of the above conditions.

Best wishes to all in setting plans for and having a wonderful summer! And be safe!

Mr. Lane

First Grade

First graders have had a great year!!! Here is what they think when I asked them about their favorite memory:

Ajak: African animals
Atika: Doing batiks with Ms. Judy
Bahja: Math
Batula: Learning about rocks
Bikram: Art
Caleb: Writing about our African animals
Chaviv: Learning about my African animal for my report
Cheyanne: Making stories
Gavin: Art
Isra: Rangoli
Krisha: Making bark paintings
May: Studying butterflies
Nico: Studying cheetahs
Remy: Making Indian Rangolis
Ronan: We made bark paintings
Sabine: My teacher
Suanu: Studying animals
Zubaing: Using the computer
Have a wonderful Summer!

Ms. Jen

Kindergarten

The kindergarten children were asked what their favorite thing about kindergarten was. Here are their responses: Academic Choice, going to the Flynn with friends, eating treats, Ms. Amanda, eating chicken nuggets, reading books, playing games, going to PE, and visiting Shelburne Farms. They also loved writing, playing outside with friends, building with blocks and legos, making new friends, the 100th day of school, celebrating miss Emily's Birthday, sharing toys with my friends, making relief tiles, Ms. Emily and Ms. Par tennis at the gym, looking at the rats and making a rat report, playing with my teacher, playing soccer with friends, all my classmates, and writing a song with Jon Gailmor. What an excellent group of learners, they are truly ready for first grade! We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Ms. Maggie & Ms. Emily

Second Grade

Ms. Decarreau's Class

The hot weather this week reminded us of those first days of September when we were just creating our community and learning about each other. We became more than a community - we became a classroom family. The joy I have at watching these second grade students zoom off like a shooting star to brighten the third grade galaxy is immense; they truly did their best each and every day, cared for one another with empathy and acceptance. We ended our year together with an International Festival, in which the children independently researched a culture of their choice, developed a visual presentation, speech and performance piece. As they arrived in a traditional costume from their chosen country and confidently gave their speeches to an audience, I experienced the joy that all teachers feel at the end of an amazing school year and look forward to their success in third grade next year!

Ms. Decarreau

Stay With You

A goodby song for Mr. Leal
by Jessica, Lulu, and Alexa

We love you so very much
and it's hard to make the change
because we love you so much
It's hard to leave you because we love you
so much

Don't let us go Don't let us go
be the good George we know and know
Don't cry or fee, I don't let us go
You help us learn real good,
you help us grow and grow

We want to learn and then you teach us
You are funny if you don't know that
We the three of us all love you and I bet the
whole class does too
I bet a hundred dollars for that!

Goodbye to my wonderful 2nd Graders- and thanks for the love. I know you are going to enjoy 3rd grade just as much as second!

Mr. Leal

Third Grade

Wow another year gone by!

The third grade team wants to take time to look back and reflect on our amazing integrated arts units this school year. In music, we explored the idea of social harmony in the fall and then fractions and musical composition in the winter months. Both units were fun filled and hands on with instruments and musical creation and listening. In drama, we explored slavery and civil rights and also worked on improving reading comprehension through our acting. We focused on the acting skills of pantomime, voice, tone and statues in both units. In visual art, we worked on two units, both in science, one focused on leaf classification and real and abstract art through printmaking and drawing, the other focused on sculpture and the human body systems. And finally we did two units in dance as well, always keeping in mind our dance skills of B.E.S.T., body, energy, space and time. We danced a unit study of geometry, and ended the year with a science focus on the states and measurement of matter. Overall we had a blast learning together and through and with the arts. Both our core curriculum and arts skills have thus improved. We tried as a whole third grade to pick our favorite unit, but alas, as in art, we could not all agree, each unit and each art form speaks uniquely and personally to each member of our team, so in finality- we loved them all! We will miss you third graders as move on to fourth grade; stay artful this summer!

Mrs. Greve, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Mike



Summer School

The SOAR Summer School is at JJ Flynn this year, 7/7-8/15, M-F 9-5. It is full, but a questions about it can be directed to Jim Drown 922-0241 or Jaime Devin 324-6723.

Fourth Grade

WRITING MEMOIRS -

The 4th grade has wrapped up the year by writing memoirs. We discussed what big ideas come out of memories such as "overcoming fear", "the first time", "a new friendship", "special moments with family", etc. and students wrote personal narratives that focused on moments in their lives worth remembering.

READING ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES

In reading, we have wrapped up the year by focusing on books that have social issues that everybody struggles with. We are working on creating movie trailers using the I-pads and the Imovie app to emphasize the themes that emerge in the books we are reading. We are focusing on social issues in school such as bullying, friendship, and academic struggles and success.

MATH - MULTI-DIGIT MULTIPLICATION and QUICK FACTS

In Math, we have continued to work with place value to understand what happens when you multiply numbers by multiples of 10, 100 or 1,000. In addition, we are working hard to master our quick facts and memorize our multiplication tables. Be sure to keep up the hard work on this over the summer!!!

PLAY PRODUCTION

The fourth grade classes ended the year with two fabulous plays. Sra. Bangoura's class finished their uplifting performance of "The Tale of Despereaux" at Studio 333 and Mr. T's presented "Going North: The Story of Harriet Tubman". Special thanks to Ms. Joan for her drama instruction and to the Very Merry Theater for their important partnership.

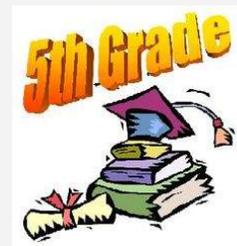
Mr. T and Senora Bangoura

Library

Summertime means time for summer reading! Cool off this summer with great books from our community partner, the Fletcher Free Library. Recently, FFL librarians Rebecca and Robert visited IAA to share information about how to get involved in **Fizz, Boom, Read!** More information available on our IAA Library Summer Reading page: <http://tinyurl.com/iaasummerreading>. Check it out!

Mrs. Walters and Ms. Amy

Fifth Grade



There will be a celebration of learning for our 5th graders on Tuesday, June 10th. Our graduation ceremony begins at 9:30am. Families and close friends are welcome to join in. The 5th grade students and teachers would like to thank parents and all of the supporters in our learning community for supporting our educational journey here at the IAA. We are truly very proud of how well our students have improved and we would like to wish them the very best in their middle school adventures. Enjoy the summer and the memories we have shared!

Mr. Whitman and Ms. B

Information for Graduating 5th Graders

5th graders moving up to Middle school can participate in the FREE summer programs offered by the Sara Holbrook center. All information is on the middle school websites. The contact is Kathy Olwell, Director 860-4986, or 316-1454. Programs run 6/23-8/1.



There are **hundreds** of items in the lost and found!! Claim them by **Wednesday at 11:30** or they will be given away. **Come and take a look on your way out of school that last day!**

Music

The music room was filled with amazing things this year! Students learned to sing alone and with others, using a varied repertoire of music; performed on instruments, alone and with others; improvised melodies, variations and accompaniments; composed and arranged music; read and notated music listened to, analyzed, and described music; and evaluated music and musical performances. We all can't wait for another amazing year in the fall. And remember to have a musical summer!

Mr. Myregaard

A Summary of the Arts 2013-2014

It has been a truly amazing year - chock full of learning and many brilliant moments. I put together a list of all of the outstanding art moments/experiences we have shared this year at IAA - and I cannot help but to think about how lucky we are!

45 performances at the Flynn Theater
6 classes working with Flynn Artists
10 weeks of art classes at the Fleming
10 classes doing artist residencies
1 whole school residency
4 classes working with Very Merry
20 weeks of Strings instruction in 4 & 5

As well as many Artists and Performers at IAA who performed for our students:

Soovin Kim

Young Traditions Vermont

A2VT

Vocal Unrest Acapella Singers

VYOA

VSO Petting Zoo

Korean Dance Troupe

UVM Dance Performance

UVM Hula Hoop Troupe

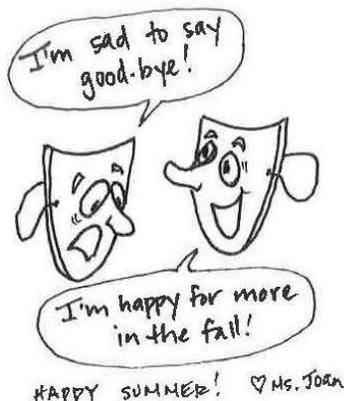
Rajni Edwards, spoken word poet

Migmar Tsering, tibetan musician

And **Art Exhibits** at BCA, Fletcher Free Library, City Hall, and UVM

Judy Klima

Drama



Ms. Joan

Health



Summer safety. Although it is important for children to get outside for fresh air and sun there are some precautions that need to be taken. Think PREVENTION for skin safety. It is much easier to prevent a sunburn than to treat it later.

We know that children who get sunburned have an increased risk for skin cancer when they grow up. Children should limit their outdoor time between 11am-1pm.

Protection includes using a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 and liberally applied.

The tops of feet and ears are often forgotten areas. It should be applied before the child goes outside and every 2 hours after that. In addition, a wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and light-colored, loose clothing also offer some protection. Teach your children to always drink plenty of fluids before and during any activity during warm weather, even if they are not thirsty. During hot, humid weather, your child's internal temperature can rise and can result in heat exhaustion and heat stroke. These require immediate emergency medical care.

Prevention is the key. Have a safe and healthy summer!

Nurse Mongeon

Art



The art studio came ALIVE this year thanks to the creative, brave, and hardworking students at IAA. I ended my year working with a small group of 5th grade students on prints representing their favorite memories from IAA. The project was such a lovely opportunity for us all to reflect on our time at this amazing school.

Thanks to all of the parents who helped with displays and materials throughout the year! I look forward to seeing you next year!

Ms. Leaphart

PE/Movement



Thanks to all IAA kids for a fun year moving! I hope your summer is filled with action! See you next year!

Ms. Vierling

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Arts Field Day 2014

And finally, the staff at IAA say:



**“Summer afternoon—
summer afternoon;
to me those have always
been the two
most beautiful words
in the English language.”**

– Henry James