



# Integrated Arts Academy

December 9, 2013

# NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates

- Dec. 4 PTO Meeting**  
6:00 pm  
The Arts & Common Core
- Dec. 6 Friday Town Meeting**  
2:15 pm  
Magical Mailbox
- Dec. 7 Pancake Breakfast at SA**
- Dec. 9 Monday Morning Meeting**  
Parent Coffee Connections
- Dec. 12 Fill the Bowl**  
6:00-7:30 pm
- Dec. 13 Friday Town Meeting**  
2:15 pm  
3rd Grade Presentation
- Dec. 16 Monday Morning Meeting**  
Parent Coffee Connections
- Dec. 20 Friday Town Meeting**  
2:15 pm TBA
- Dec. 23 - January 1**  
**NO SCHOOL!**  
**Enjoy the Holiday break!**
- Jan. 2 Thursday, School Resumes**
- Jan. 20 and Jan. 21 NO SCHOOL!!**

## Next PTO Meeting

**Wednesday, January 8**  
6:00 pm  
Pizza (at 5:45) and childcare available



## A message from the principal

We have a new security system that we will activate starting Wednesday December 12 at IAA. The main entrance, in the front of the building, has recently had video cameras and remotely operated door latches installed. When you arrive at the entrance of IAA there is now a buzzer and intercom that will connect you to Mrs. Henry in the office, who will buzz you in after viewing the camera image. Once inside the building you will need to sign-in and get a visitor sticker and when you leave we ask that you sign-out. Our hope is that this new system will ensure the continued safety of everyone at IAA. So starting on the 12th all exterior doors will be locked throughout the day. All visitors must enter through the main entrance. The cafeteria door will be unlocked at 8:10 following the bell to allow for entrance of students and parents accompanying them. That being the case all students should go directly to the playground upon arrival. The cafeteria will be open earlier for bad weather. Those doors will be locked by 8:20 and cafeteria and other staff are prohibited from letting visitors enter any other door than the front. The front door will remain locked until students are dismissed at 2:50. This will cut down on traffic in the halls during dismissal. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we transfer to the important safety change.

## Small Hands, Great Work

Great event next Wednesday. Join us for our **Fill the Bowl** Fundraiser. All proceeds benefit Hunger Free Vermont and the Burlington Food Shelf. Students have integrated the issue of hunger and community service into many aspects of the curriculum. This has been a powerful experience of both social justice, community service and art. The pottery is beautiful. When you donate 5 dollars you will receive a student masterpiece in the form of a bowl and some great soup and bread. Also, you have the opportunity to bid in our silent auction. Pottery from some of Vermont's most talented potters will be available. Finally, we welcome all to this event. No donation is required to enjoy community, soup and viewing of the lovely art. Hope so see you there.

**Thanks to these local organizations for their generous support:**

**Barrio's Bakery, August First, Great Harvest Bread,  
Sugar Snap, American Flatbread, Chubby Muffin  
City Market, Nunyans, Burlington City Arts,  
UVM Pottery Coop, CVU High School, BHS High School  
& many local potters**

**Artfully,  
Mr. Bobby**

## Health News

Tips to help keep your child healthy. Children get sick when germs and viruses get into their bodies. Being outside in the cold weather does not make them get sick. The opposite is true; going out for fresh air helps limit the contact with indoor germs that are "captured" by keeping doors and windows closed during the winter. Children normally get 7-10 "colds" per year. Per District policy, all elementary students will have outdoor recess unless the temperature falls below 10 degrees; wind chill makes it below 10 degrees or other weather condition as determined by the Principal. As referenced in the parent/student handbook, a doctor's note is needed to be excused from recess. Please make sure you children come to school each day with the clothing that they need. They will go outside for fresh air and activity.

These tips apply to adults as well as children! One of the most effective ways to protect yourself is by hand-washing. This is simple and easy but often overlooked. Warm running water and plain soap are the most effective way to remove the germs. If water is not available, hand sanitizer could be used, but this is not as effective as the soap and water.

- Catch your coughs and sneezes, in your elbow or shoulder
- Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing
- Keep your hands off your face, eyes, nose and mouth
- Keep your fingers, pencils and other objects out of your mouth
- Stay home if you are sick, you cannot learn when you don't feel well and you will spread the virus and get others sick.
- Do not share personal items (drinks, cups, combs, cell phones, etc.)
- Use a tissue if needed and throw away immediately then wash your hands

**STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS THAT MAKE YOU AND OTHERS SICK**

## Drama News

### Bringing Stories to Life

Drama is child's play. When drama is focused on stories, it's amazing what can result!

Kindergarteners have been acting out stories since early this fall. As the stories became more complicated so did the needed acting skills. The students began acting out nursery rhymes featuring only one character such as "Jack Be Nimble" and "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary", dramatizing the actions and feelings of the characters by themselves. Then they moved to two-character rhymes such as "Jack and Jill" and "Little Miss Muffet", acting with a partner following a narration. Most recently, they progressed to acting out classic fables such as "The Lion and the Mouse" and "The Tortoise and the Hare" and have been able to act in pairs without narration and creating their own dialogue.

Adapting stories into plays requires many decisions. Before acting each story, the students were asked these questions:

- How are the characters feeling?
- How do the characters show their feelings?
- Where does the story happen?
- What are the characters doing when the story ends?

These questions received many answers depending on the students' ideas about the stories. Just as actors must, we chose specific answers to use in dramatizations. The performances were delightful. We encourage you to ask your child to show you how they understand the stories.



Mice free the lions from the nets, from the fable "The Lion and the Mouse."

## Kindergarten News

In kindergarten we have been studying the water cycle and weather. We have worked with a remarkable teaching artist, Kim Desjardins to create 3-dimensional clouds and precipitation batiks. Our art focus has been about tints and texture. We will assemble the entire project on December 20th. However, before we can put up the installation we need to paint over the mural that is between the two k classrooms. Keep a lookout for more information this in our individual newsletters. We were hoping to have parent volunteers help us do this painting on the morning of Saturday, December 14th.

In Ms. Maggie's class the students are working hard to turn the drama area into a post office. Students are practicing their writing to create letters. In Ms. Emily's class the students are designing a restaurant. We are creating menus and talking about manners. If you are in the building during our choice time, please feel free to stop by and take a closer look at these learning centers in action.

### Ms. Maggie & Ms. Emily



Tortoise wins and the hare is sad ~ from the fable "The Tortoise and the Hare."



Groups of Second Graders create their own versions of well known stories with our drama coach, Joan Robinson

## Vote for Move it! Move it!



### Move it! Move it! needs your vote.

We are entered in a contest to win a **\$2500 grant** if we garner the most votes. MVP Health Care is offering this great opportunity and we would love your vote. All you have to do is go online and vote for Move it! Move it! You can vote once a day every day from now until January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please help us be one of the top ten vote getters and let all your friends and family know too.

The website is

<http://tinyurl.com/nvpsh9f>. Thanks for your support!

## SPEED STACKING

All IAA students have been participating in Speed stacking. Does your child have an interest in this activity beyond the IAA gym? Great! Families can purchase the speed stacking equipment through an IAA group order. You can order online only at the following website [www.speedstacks.com/go](http://www.speedstacks.com/go) and click on Vermont and then the Integrated Arts Academy. They usually take around three to four weeks to arrive. The last day to order is DECEMBER 13, 2013. Our school receives a group order discount and 10% of our total order is used to earn free stacking equipment for the Integrated Arts Academy. This activity is great for all sorts of settings and it helps promote bilateral coordination and right and left brain activation.

Don't forget to follow IAA PE Class on Twitter @DLVierling

## Grade 3 News

Next Thursday, December 12th is our annual **Fill the Bowl** fundraising event from 6-7:30PM! The 3rd graders have been thinking about how they can affect and play a part in their larger, Burlington community. Our third graders have made close to 200 bowls due to the generosity of Thanks to partnerships with UVM and BCA, we were provided the opportunity to visit the clay studio at BCA where students had the chance to create a variety of pottery to be sold and filled with soup at our fundraising events. Our efforts will go towards supporting two organizations, Hunger Free Vermont and The Burlington Food Shelf. Students have also explored the ideas of hunger and homelessness through some reading and writing of poetry and also through song. They are excited to share their work and learning with their community so please join us for a good cause, good food, and good company, on Thursday December 12th.

Mr. Mike, Mrs. Greve & Mr. Wallace

## Help with the Holidays

For many families, the holidays are a **very stressful time of year**. Here is a program that is available for support with holiday gifts.

### Chances for Christmas

Call **777-5130** to get your family on the list & make an appointment to bring in your documentation. Once you are on the list you must visit the office in the Champlain Mill in Winooski with the following documentation:

- Photo ID - just for the person signing the family up (mother, father or guardian)
- Social Security Card for all children
- A piece of mail with your address

## Volunteers Needed! Help Bonnie Acker Spread the Joy of Good Food



### FILL THE BOWL GARLIC-ALIVE SOUP!

#### Tuesday December 10:

Gavin's 3 class 8:45-9:30

Laura's 3 class 9:30-10:10

Mike's 3 class 10:10-10:50

Soup prep for Fill the Bowl on

**Thursday December 12:** a great celebratory evening supper!

That's all for this moment. Abundant thanks to everyone and see some of you this month and next!

Bonnie A.

## Student Opportunity

### FREE!

FlynnArts Classes at  
First Night Burlington  
For Kids birth - grade 5

Tuesday, December 31, 11 am-2 pm

The Flynn opens our children's classes to anyone who has ever wondered what a FlynnArts class is like. Contact the FlynnArts Coordinator at **802-652-4537** or [flynnarts@flynncenter.org](mailto:flynnarts@flynncenter.org) to sign up!

11 am:

[Creative Dance](#), gr K-5 and  
[Music Together](#), ages 0-5

12 pm:

[Creative Dance & Drama](#), ages 3-4  
[Creative Drama](#), gr K-1

1 pm:

[Ballet](#), gr K-1  
[Creative Drama](#), gr 2-4

# Integrated Arts Academy • Snapshots

## Small Hands, Great Work

Come Help Fill the Bowls in your Community



All proceeds to **Benefit Hunger Free Vermont**  
and the **Burlington Food Shelf**

Sponsored by the IAA Third Graders