



Integrated Arts Academy

March 24, 2014

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- March 26 IAA Math Night 6-7:30pm
- March 27 ½ Day Parent Conferences
11:30 dismissal
- March 28 NO SCHOOL!
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- April 2 PTO Meeting 6 pm
- April 10 VYO Strings 9:30 am
Grades 3-5
- April 11 Integrated Arts Breakfast
Grades 3-5 8:10-9:00 am
- April 16 5th Grade Play 6:30 pm
The Lost Prince of Africa
- April 17 5th Grade Play 6:30 pm
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- April 18 Integrated Arts Breakfast
Grades K-2 8:10-9:00 am
- April 21-25 NO SCHOOL!
- April 28 School Resumes

Next PTO Meeting

Wednesday, April 2
6:00 pm - Pizza (at 5:45)
Childcare available



Deng, perform during FTM's Carnival Celebration.



Friday Town Meeting Carnival Celebration....Wave your Flag!

A message from the principal

The story of support and making a difference from today's town meeting. These are uncertain and tough times. Supporting each other and doing the best we can will see us through. Thanks to the community for your continued support of our students and amazing talented staff we have here at IAA.

*It is said by our Grandparents that a long time ago there was a great fire in the forests that covered our Earth. People and animals started to run, trying to escape from the fire. Our brother owl was running away also when he noticed a small bird hurrying back and forth between the nearest river and the fire. He headed towards the small bird. He noticed the bird was running to the river, picking up small drops of water in his beak, then returning to the fire to throw that tiny bit of water on the flame. The owl approached the bird and yelled at him: "What are you doing? Are you stupid? You are not going to achieve anything by doing this. What are you trying to do? You must run for your life!" The bird stopped for a moment and looked at the owl, and then answered: **"I am doing the best I can with what I have."** It is remembered by our Grandparents that a long time ago the forests that covered our Earth were saved from a great fire by a small group of birds, an owl, and many other animals and people who got together to put out the flames.*

Artfully, Mr. Bobby

Spanish News

Thanks to everyone who Waved their Flag at the IAA Carnaval Parade!

At Friday Town Meeting last Friday, IAA students celebrated with a Carnaval Parade! *Waving Flag* was the song the kids waved, sang and danced to. We celebrated all the cultures and countries heritage at IAA! Students waved flags and danced during the song, and wore their Carnaval masks!



Señora Fahy leads Friday Town Meeting

Arts in Action at IAA



4th Graders perform a Poetry Break



Fifth graders use dance to deeply understand the states of matter.

Second Grade News

Ms. Decarreau's second grade class started several new units in the last two weeks! As they explore the differences and similarities between humans and other animal families, they learned about the human skeleton. Through a science experiment with acid and chicken bones, they are observing the inner structure of bones and the effects of nutrient deficiency. Literacy finds them working with the genres of fairy tales and drama and using the writing process to craft their own fairy tale book. Picasso and Braque are joining them in math; students are learning about Cubism and incorporating their understanding of 3D shapes into self-portraits or landscapes. Perhaps the highlight this week was a special trip to the Chubby Muffin to celebrate the student's exemplary work around building their classroom community. Muffins for all!

3rd Grade Show

by 2nd Graders Isaac and Bryce

The third graders had a performance and we were there to see it! The 3rd graders have been studying Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King Jr. They had warmups. They had tabloids. They had Rosa Park's Story. They had a lot of history events. It was about civil rights. They used their body face and voice. They practiced for 4 weeks! They talked about integration and segregation. It was a good performance because it had all three classes working together and it had a lot of information about civil rights. Most people remembered their lines. There was a song at the end called Follow the Drinking Gourd. We wanted an encore because it was so good!



Lea's Weekly News student reporters take notes for their weekly newsletter at the 3rd Grade Integrated Arts Presentation

Fifth Grade News

Spring is an exciting time in 5th grade, with many changes afoot! Right now, the 5th grade is a buzz working on our new musical. We are trying something new this year - integrating the musical into our daily curriculum. Literacy, drama, and music standards will be addressed. The musical, based on *The Lost Prince* by Frances Hodgson Burnett, weaves in trickster tales from various countries. Therefore we will be exploring trickster tales in our upcoming Readers and Writers Workshop units. We will also rehearse for the musical during our next Integrated Arts unit with Mr. Myregaard. We will perform the musical the week of April 14. There are so many wonderful parents, staff, and volunteers helping with this endeavor - we couldn't do it without you! If you would like to volunteer, don't hesitate to get in touch!

This spring we are also finally diving fully into science. We have discussed the steps in the scientific process, started a series of small experiments, and explored matter. We deepened our understanding of matter and the properties of the three main states of matter (solids, liquids, and gases) through dance in our most recent Integrated Arts unit with Ms. V. Ask a 5th grader to show you that "Matter is anything that takes up space," or "Solid molecules are usually in a fixed position and vibrate in place." We will also be exploring how matter changes state, with a special focus on maple syrup! We'll be visiting the sugaring operation at Rock Point school, and exploring how matter changes from liquid, to gas, to solid in the syrup and maple sugar making process.

Finally, the time has come to begin working on the transition to 6th grade. Packets for parents from Edmunds Middle School went home this week. They are due on March 26th. Hunt Middle School indicates they would be sending packets directly to families next week. Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about this process.

Cheers,
Ms. B & Mr. Whitman

Movement/PE News

What is happening in IAA Physical Education class?! Well first off, many of the classes have two guest UVM dance students leading fun, active and creative lessons. These two engaging young women have explored with our students dance elements such as Body, Energy, Space and Time (BEST). Currently the classes are exploring dance improvisation through action cues such as “dance in a large space, fast, at a low level, like a piano” and have been prompted to create their own dance sequences. Even the kindergarteners partnered up and choreographed their own 8 count dance sequence. Wow... they did such a creative job!

The 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have been taking part in Dance as well. We have warmed up with an intense dance warm-up known as Boot Camp. (Ask your child, they can teach you all the stations!) After learning many line dance steps, students are currently creating their very own group line dance. Furthermore, as a class they will create a “Jammin’ Minute”. By the end of the dance unit, each class will have their own Jammin’ Minute to use in their classrooms whenever they need a quick, active minute.

Along with Dance many of the K-3 classrooms have been involved in Yoga. Challenge your youngster to show you Down Dog or Tree pose. (For an extra challenge, have them show you Warrior 1, 2 and 3!) And to keep everybody moving, yoga poses have been integrated into Yoga Freeze Tag. Yoga Freeze Tag is a highly active game that incorporates yoga poses instead of just freezing. We have implemented the idea of teamwork in order to unfreeze yoga-pose-frozen classmates. And to end the energetic yoga classes, we cool down in Lotus Pose and use our bell for a mindful minute. (Have them teach you how to do this!)

movement news cont...

Coming up next will be jump roping and fitness testing. Join us Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 7:45-8:10 a.m. for Move it! Move it! and look for information soon about our Ready, Set, Run program for the spring on Tuesdays afterschool.

Ms. V & Mr. Thomas



IAA MATH NIGHT

by 3rd grader Greta

Math Night is this Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00 pm in the gym. There was a big turn out last year and it was so much fun. There will be M&M's and marshmallows in a jar for you and your kids to estimate the number of and possibly win. There are fractions and counting. There is math art, math drama, math and money, and many other things to entertain you!

Please come!



! Summer Camp !

It is not too soon to be thinking of summer camp possibilities. The decision as to whether to send your child to camp will most likely depend on age, social and emotional and of course affordability. Many camps have scholarships. While scholarship deadlines come and go quickly, it is worth the phone call to inquire if they are still considering scholarships. Please see Mr. Lane for any questions or call him at 652-4214 for further information. Some popular camps are the following:

- Burlington City Arts
- Flynn Center
- Very Merry Theatre, acting camps, ages 6 and up
- Camp Hochelaga, residential or day camp for girls ages 8-17
- Burlington Parks & Rec, camps specific to various sports, ages, or other activities
- Camp Abnaki, residential camp for boys, ages 6-16
- Burlington City Arts, co-ed day camp, ages 6-13
- Rosie's Girls, 3 week trades exploration day camp for girls entering grades 6-8, held at the Essex Tech Center
- Flynn Arts Summer Camps, ages 6 and up
- Burlington Discovery Camp, a science camp, K-5, Champlain School
- Camp Greylock, a Ferrisburgh day camp on the waterfront, for boys & girls, ages 6-15, with transportation provided from Burlington
- Camp Paw Paw at the Humane Society, ages 9-12

Please note: Scholarships for IAA students are available for BCA and Flynn camps.. Please see you classroom teacher or Ms. Judy

For more camp information, go to www.kidsvt.com

Integrated Arts Academy • Snapshots

Tableaux from Slavery to Civil Rights

A Theatrical Journey



IAA Third Grades Showcase their Integrated Art Learning

