



Important Dates

- April 2 PTO Meeting 6 pm
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- April 4 Movie Night 6-7 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 15 5th Grade Play
In school Performance 12:30 p
- April 16 5th Grade Play
Evening performance 6:30 pm
The Lost Prince of Africa
- April 17 5th Grade Play
Evening Performance 6:30 pm
The Lost Prince of Africa
- 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



Fabulous artist, Ismael Bangoura leads the IAA drummers.



IAA drummers liven up the Monday Morning Meeting.

A message from the principal

Last Tuesday many Burlington community members went before the school board. They spoke with passion, conviction and heart around the needs of our children and our schools. I was overwhelmed at the outpouring of support, not only for all our district's schools, but of the magnet schools; and IAA in particular. A vast majority of those that shared their concerns and stories were directly from IAA or a supporter of our work. The power of this community is palpable and we have truly created a place people are excited to be a part of. The letters we have received and vocal support at the board meeting is a testament to the power of community. This is really an amazing place and each member plays a significant role in nurturing our dream school.

Please keep the conversation going! The board will meet next Monday, April 7, at 7pm in the Burlington High School Cafeteria. Come out *again* and support Burlington Schools and our amazing teachers. Thanks for your help.

This Monday morning I told a story about finding peace and talked of a, "peace begin with me," message. The following is a written response to the story from a IAA first grader:

"Peace is sharing with friends. Peace is being calm. Peace is having fun. Peace is being quiet. Peace is taking care of yourself. Peace is being kind. Peace is working hard. Peace is trying your best" - AH

Things we aspire to each and everyday in our community.

Artfully, Mr. Bobby

Arts in Action at IAA



A new mural is being created at IAA. Mr. Leal's class has been working on an integrated science and art unit with BCA artists, George Gonzalez and Kim Desjardins. Eight tiles have been collaboratively designed by the kids showing their understanding of the solar system, outer space and clay relief. Stay tuned, it's sure to be out-of-sight!

While walking home from school with our kids the other day, James K. (IAA parent who's also a cartoonist and author) was carrying a book of his son's that he'd rescued from a half-frozen puddle. The book was dripping water and while we walked the water drew a continuous swirly line along the sidewalk.

My son Cal, an IAA kindergartener, noticed this and said "It's like a drawing!" "Ha!" I said "It is. James makes art out of anything." Without missing a beat Cal said "That reminds me of **Andy Warhol**. He made art out of anything too!" A funny little story about the power of arts integration. Thank you Emily, Judy, Pam, Ada and absolutely everyone for the incredible work you do. We love IAA!!!

IAA Parent Erin S.

(note: The kindergarten students are currently learning about POP Artist, Andy Warhol - who made art out of the ordinary

First Grade News

It is spring! Even though it doesn't feel like it we are hopeful to get outside more and enjoy! We enjoyed seeing many families at Math Night and at conferences. If you have any questions please let us know! We are continuing on with our study of continents. We have been learning about South America and Ms. Alice's class got to experience some South American food with the amazing Ms. Bonnie Acker and Ms. Jen's class will be doing that this week. We have been learning about Pourquoi Tales which are stories about how things came to be. For example How Tiger Got His Stripes and How Llama Saved the Day. Ms. Jen's class is writing their own pourquoi tales that we hope to share with Ms. Alice's class. Ms. Jen's class is finishing up our amazing work with Ms. Lida integrating dance into our Literacy work. Both classes are fortunate enough to be starting an artist residency with Ms. Gowrie as we begin learning more about Asia. We will be learning about Indian art and Rangolis in particular. Each class will be able to take a field trip to the Fleming to watch some Tibetan Monks as they make sand mandalas. We are so lucky for all of our opportunities at the IAA!!!



As part of a collaborative effort with UVM and the Sustainability Academy, IAA's first grade **Old North End Homes** artwork was on Display at UVM's Concert Hall on Saturday, March 29th.

Fourth Grade News

Daily News Reports written by
**Mershon, Alex, Cooper,
Mikhayla, Tommy and Sanjit**

Today we did not have integrated arts.....wahhhhhhhhhhh!

Today we had integrated arts. We are learning about lyric analysis. We listen to songs and write about what they mean.

Hey! Today we worked on remainders. In math we played math games with remainders.

Today we learned that if your teacher is busy don't walk up to them.

We had library and spanish. Today we learned that if you are good you can earn PAT time. (Preferred Activity Time) and we got to watch music videos. We learned a whole bunch of lines for our Despereaux play and we earned 4 minutes of PAT time.

Here are some things we are learning about:

Historical Fiction
Soil science
Geometry
Energy
Roald Dahl

Music News

The K's, 1st, and 2nd graders have been singing up a storm lately and learning some fun dances!

2nd graders have just started their more sophisticated literacy with the first unit of Conversational Solfege, which they will continue through 5th grade.

The 3rd grades have just finished learning how to play the recorder. With "Recorder Karate", they have a chance to learn nine songs, and earn nine different colored "belts" to put on their recorder. Keep practicing kids, and earn your belts!

4th grade continues their focus on composing and will soon be using the iPads to compose in Noteflight through the Inside Music online composition program.

You can read about it here: <https://www.myinsidemusic.com/AboutUs.aspx>

5th grades are in the last part of their exciting, "Your Voice As An Instrument" unit. They have listened to the A Capella group, Pentatonix (<http://ptxofficial.com/>), created their own looping compositions with Incredibox (<http://www.incredibox.com/>), and now are using their own voices in GarageBand on iPads to create their own song.

Mr. Myregaard

COME LEARN WEST AFRICAN DANCE AT IAA!!!!

West African Dance classes held weekly at the IAA gymnasium.

Taught by Sidiki Sylla of Jeh Kulu Dance and Drum Theater with live drumming!

Saturdays 10:30-12:00.

Cost \$14. \$10 for the IAA Community. This is an adult class but children can come study alongside parents. Half price for children. Have questions?

Contact Señora Bangoura at abangour@bsdvt.org

Origami and Math



Origami is a great way for kids to learn about shapes, symmetry and fractions all while practicing fine-motor skills.

Origami-instructions.com This is a great site for simple origami with step-by-step photo instructions and videos. There are ads, so you might want to preview.

If you're interested in making large polynomials using modular origami, go to YouTube and check out Tom Hull's Origami Video Hut. He'll show you how to make the basic PHiZZ Unit and then how to put it all together.

Spring Vacation Days at the Green Mountain Audubon Center

Making plans for April Vacation? Vacationing in Vermont? Adventure at Audubon!

Ages 6 -12

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Audubon Members \$55/day;

Non-members \$60/day

Register: 434-3068

vermont@audubon.org

Muddy Monday

April 21

What comes after winter, but before spring? Mud season! Celebrate all things sticky, sloppy, and the wonderful world of mud!

Watery Wednesday

April 23

Pull on your mud boots for an adventure to find salamanders, tadpoles, and other wildlife around the watery worlds of the Audubon Center.

Find-Your-Way Friday

April 25

If you're interested in getting off the beaten path and exploring new places, then this day is for you!

More information:

<http://vt.audubon.org/vacation-day-camps>

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**IAA math night rocks.
Too many people to count.
Who loves math? We do!**