



Integrated Arts Academy

May 12, 2014

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- May 13 Family Puppet Workshop
Sponsored by STEP program
6:00 pm in the gym
- May 14 Start Jon Gailmor Residency
- May 20 HMS Step-up day 12:30
- May 22 IAA - BCA Art Opening
4-7pm
Firehouse Gallery
- May 23 EMS Step-up day 12:30
- May 26 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL!
- May 28 Jon Gailmor Concert
6:00 pm
Grades 3, 4, 5 and STEP
- May 29 4th Grade Play at
Very Merry 333 Theatre
Jon Gailmor Concert
6:00 pm
Grades PreK, K, 1, and 2
- May 30 Student Council Dance
Grades 3-5 Only 6:30 pm



IAA 4th grade student council candidates deliver campaign speeches on Thursday.

A message from the principal

Student voice and leadership are important at IAA. I am thankful for the work of our current student council and welcome the new members elected on Friday; Cooper, Gracie, Elena, Tony, Hussein, and Victoria. They typically lead town meetings and are voice for the students in school related matters. I look forward to working with them next year. Also, a big shout out to Senora Bangoura. From an idea around student leadership a couple years ago, Senora facilitates this group as their staff advisor and has created a great model at the elementary level.

Imagine a world where children of all races and backgrounds understand and respect each other and grow up to be adults who do the same. At IAA today, we are working on this goal. Today is our annual Reading to End Racism Event. Reading to End Racism's goal is to raise awareness of the harm racism causes and to help develop skills and strategies to actively counter racism in order to create a supportive and welcoming environment for all children. We have had reader's from our community come in and have these important conversations with our students. Please continue these discussions at home. Talking about race and culture is an important part of raising our children and providing them the skills to combat racism. Ms. Walters has several books that can guide you through these discussion and there are many resources online that offer advice or bringing up this topic in age appropriate ways.

Artfully, Mr. Bobby



Get out and VOTE!

BSD School Budget
Tuesday, June 3

IAA Parents!

Step right up!

We need parent volunteers for the annual *and* amazing

Arts Field day

on June 6th!

email Teal Doggett at

teal.doggett@gmail.com

if you can help in any way!

(there are many ways you can help!)

Join Us!

The STEP Class Family Puppet Making Workshop

TOMORROW!
Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 pm



Please join the STEP (Studying Toward English Proficiency) Program, also known as Ms. Lynda's class in their annual Puppet Making Workshop. The STEP Program uses puppets to support our New American students in learning to speak English. Throughout the school year, the students make a variety of different kinds of puppets, (stick puppets, sock puppets, clay puppets) in mini- workshops with VSA artist **Melinda White-Bronson**. We end our year with an intensive workshop where the students create their own characters, write a script, design the setting and perform a puppet show for members of our community. This is a huge accomplishment for students who spoke little or no English when the school year began. We wrap up this project with an evening of the "students as teachers" where they share their knowledge and teach participants how to make a simple puppet using pipe cleaners beads and straws. Please join us tomorrow at 6pm!

Ms. Lynda

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students have been continuing their *Visual Thinking Strategies* and this month have focused on the artist Mary Cassatt. Take a look at these fabulous portraits they have done of themselves and their mothers. The next artist they will be learning about is Georgia O'keeffe. IAA kindergarten students are a remarkable bunch and have lots to say about their artists - take a minute and ask them to share what they know.



Ms. Maggie and Ms. Emily

Fourth Grade Plays Coming Right Up!

Senora Bangora's class presents:

The Tale of Despereaux

May 29th from 10-11

at Very Merry's 333 Stage

(This performance covers some Beatles's songs that have been adapted for this play.)

Mr. T's class presents:

Going North

A Play about Harriet Tubman

June 5th 9-9:50 and 10-10:50

at Very Merry's 333 Stage

(An original play written by the cast)
All families are welcome to attend these performances at Very Merry's 333!

Third Grade

The third grade team has just finished an exciting unit that we have called, "Sculpting Human Body Systems". After integrating the art form of visual art through sculpting, and the science subject of human body systems, students were left with an amazing and creepy, many will say, final sculpture of the human hand. The sculptures used different art materials through sculpting to show each of four systems, the skeletal system, created with clay on armature made with wire, the muscular system, made with thick red yarn, the circulatory system, created with red and blue yarn, and finally the nervous system added with wires. Ask your third grader the link between the materials and their system. For example, why did we use wires for the nervous system? Or, why did the yarn need to be red and blue for our veins? Students managed and used materials as both artists and scientists. Third grader's final products are on display by the main office and the third grade human body experts can answer any questions you may have!

Mr. Mike, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Greve



STEP Puppet Show in progress.

Library News

And the Winners Are...

Spring means voting season for Vermont's book awards for excellence in illustration and literature. This year, IAA students joined the ranks of Vermont students exploring the best of the best of books published in the past year. Student in 1st-4th grade examined the Red Clover illustration award nominees, including biographies of visual artist Henri Rousseau (*The Fantastic Jungles of Henri Rousseau*) and world-famous mime Marcel Marceau (*Monsieur Marceau*). Many online extension activities for these books are available on our "Library Learning Links" website. Vermont's 2014 Red Clover Medal, awarded for illustration, goes to *The World's Greatest Lion* by Ralph Helfer, illustrated by Ted Lewin.



Students in 4th-5th grade may choose to participate in the DCF (Dorothy Canfield Fisher) book award for literature. This program is offered to students in grades 4-8, and many of the books are quite challenging for elementary students. After reading at least five of the titles from each list, students are eligible to vote in these statewide elections. We had 183 voters for the Red Clover Award, and 18 participants who read at least 5 of the DCF titles in order to qualify for voting. Last week, we held a "voting celebration" in the library to unveil the DCF winner. The 2014 DCF winner is *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. Stop by the library and "check them out!"

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Help our library earn money for new books and materials!

Your recycling can help! Used printer cartridges and cell phones can be recycled for cash for our school. A drop box for your recyclables is right outside the main office. Shopping @ Amazon? Click through our Amazon Affiliate link at <http://iaalibrary.weebly.com/> before you log in to Amazon, and IAA Library gets a small percentage back if you place an order. Every little bit helps to make new books and resources available for students! While you're online, check out our library [blog](#) to see some of the cool "Maker Projects" students are working on: Squishy Circuits, littleBlts and "Brain Challenges" galore!

Ms. Walters & Ms. Amy



Burlington City Arts

IAA Art Exhibit!

Thursday, May 22

4-6pm

at the Firehouse Gallery,
2nd floor

Come celebrate the beautiful work of our IAA students in K, 1 and 2 who have worked with BCA artists!

Refreshments will be served!

Music News

Music students have been putting it all together at the end of their yearly musical journeys! 3rd graders used their note-reading skills to play recorders, xylophones, and use their voices all together on a song. Well done! 4th graders have been steadily composing with Noteflight, the cloud-based composing program. 5th graders have finished their "Voice As An Instrument" unit with a culminating 4-track, vocals only, composition on the iPads. 2nd graders are poised to begin writing music, while K's and 1's are sounding great with their end-of-the-year vocal prowess. Music is alive and well at the IAA!

Mr. Myregard



Going to Middle School Next Year?

May 20

Parent Info Night

Hunt middle School at 7:00 pm

HMS Step-Up Day May 20 12:30 pm



Parent, Garth Allen, reads to end racism in first grade.

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We applaud the courage it took for the candidates who ran for student council!

