

Integrated Arts Academy

May 5, 2014

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- May 8** Science Fair 6pm
Comedy & Cupcakes
IAA PTO Parent Fundraiser
7 pm @ Arts Riot
- May 12** Reading to End Racism
- May 12** Strings Concert Grades 4&5
After-school Strings Students
- 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 28** 4th Grade Play at
Very Merry 333 Theatre
- May 29** Jon Gailmor Concert
6:00 pm
Grades PreK, K, 1, and 2
- May 30** Student Council Dance
Grades 3-5 Only 6:30 pm

Next PTO Meeting

Wednesday, May 7 6:00 pm

Pizza at 5:45 - \$1.00 per slice
Childcare Available!



Get out and VOTE!

BSD School Budget
Tuesday, June 3



A message from the principal

In honor of staff appreciation week, here are a few words acknowledging the amazing staff at IAA. I am so fortunate to see the impact they have on children and this community each day. Their dedication and drive is inspiring and I am honored to call this group of people my colleagues. The above wordle has each member of our staff and the larger words, show in part, the contributions they make on a daily basis.

One Hundred Years From Now

Excerpt from "Within My Power" by Forest Witcraft

"One Hundred Years from now It will not matter what kind of car I drove, What kind of house I lived in, how much money was in my bank account nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a better place because I was important in the life of a child."

Artfully,
Mr. Bobby

What is Reading to End Racism?

For the past several years, Denise Dunbar and Garth Allen have organized "Reading to End Racism," which brings community members into every classroom on a selected day to read a book and have an age-appropriate discussion with students on ending racism. This year's date is Monday, May 12, 2014.

In the past readers have included long-time community leaders Wanda Hines and Rabbi Joshua Chasan; Superintendent Jeanne Collins; Chief of Police Michael Schirling; Mayors Bob Kiss and Miro Wienberger; Boys & Girls Club IAA Unit Director LeVar Barrino; other IAA partners such as Kyle Dodson, Director of Service & Civic Engagement at Champlain College; parents; and BHS and middle school students.

The program is designed to help eliminate racism through interactive personal and literacy programs that educate and empower youth. For english language learners in the STEP program, pre-kindergarten through first grade students, the majority of the discussions and books focus on self-awareness and fostering an appreciation for every student's racial identity and the racial diversity of our community. For students in the second and third grades, books and discussions focus on self-awareness and appreciation, but also include discussions of mistreatment due to racism and the difference between racism and other forms of oppression. For students in the fourth and fifth grade more complicated topics are discussed including the difference between prejudice, discrimination, racism and institutionalized racism.

Once again, the entire school will participate in this important program on May 12th, and the conversations will deepen our understanding of our community and the importance of eliminating racism for everyone's benefit.

First Grade



Both First Grades have been enjoying our artist in residence Gowri Savoor. We are integrating the arts with math and social studies by learning about the Indian art of Rangoli.

The first graders were also able to visit the Fleming Museum with Gowri to see the Monks as they created a sand mandala. This was a great experience for the kids. This work supports our focus on mindfulness that we are trying to incorporate. Ms. Alice's class got to see the monks chant as they prepared to create for the day. Gowri also has led the classes in small meditations.

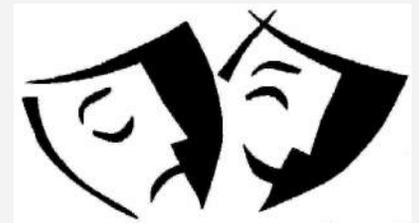


First grade continued...

We had a great Integrated Arts Breakfast on the Friday before Spring Break. Thank you families for coming. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to show off all the hard work they have been doing this year. We will be finishing up our work with Gowri and beginning some work with Jon Gailmor. We look forward to this! Save the date for our evening performance, Thursday May 29th at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Jen & Mrs. Patalano

Fourth Grade Breakin' a Leg!



The fourth graders have been busy rehearsing for their 4th grade plays and are eager to perform for you!

Senora Bangora's class will be performing:

The Tale of Despereaux
May 29th from 10-11
at Very Merry's 333 Stage

This performance includes covers some of the Beatles's songs that have been adapted just for this play.

Mr. T's class will be performing:

Going North
A Play about Harriet Tubman
in early June (date TBA)
at Very Merry's 333 Stage

All families are welcome to attend these performances at Very Merry's 333!

PE/Movement News

Soooo much is happening in our school...these last 6 weeks. This past week we took a survey in class in conjunction with the University of Vermont. This is part of a year long study around the impact of physical activity and learning. We are so excited to have this opportunity to work with our UVM partners. We also participated in **National Walk at Lunch Day** on April 30th. We had 151 students join us to run or walk for twenty minutes during their day. Blue Cross Blue Shield representatives came to take pictures of the students with their new sunglasses! Thanks to all who participated and helped promote physical activity. We are working towards getting the recommended 60 minutes a day!

Some classes have started tennis with Jake Agna, the tennis pro on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Most classes are working on their fitness testing and are looking forward to bike week starting on June 2nd.

We have started our last arts integration unit with third grade combining movement with states of matter! We will focus on the movement of molecules while looking at the concepts of mass, weight, density, and volume. Lastly, we said goodbye to Mr. Thomas as our student teacher this semester. We were so lucky to have him and wish him all the best in graduate school. We hope to see him around as a substitute in these last few weeks in school and at Ready, Set, Run.

Ms. V & Mr. Thomas

News From the Nurse

The Price Chopper “Tools for Schools” program has ended for this school year. It will start again in August. However, their “Fuel Advantage,” where you earn money off each gallon of gasoline, continues year around. This time, we earned 18873 points with 52 registered shopper cards. From their catalogue we ordered 18 playground balls, 12 “catch-a-ball” sets, and 12 jump ropes. Hopefully the weather after our spring break will allow the students to use this new equipment during recess times. If you have any questions about the program, Nurse Mongeon has the answers!



Labels for Education News

If you've been holding on to your Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghettios, Prego, Post cereal and/or Pop Secret labels and UPCs...it's time to turn them in. During the month of May we will earn double the points! If you want to see what other product labels that you can save, check out this webpage!

<https://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products>

Nurse Mongeon

Spanish News



¡Hola Primavera! Hello Spring! (It's about time!) 1st and 2nd graders have been welcoming Spring with songs and games!

¿Qué tiempo hace? How's the weather? 3rd through 5th graders have been learning to describe the weather in Spanish. 4th and 5th graders have kept weather calendars to keep track of the weather. 3rd graders made a mini weather booklet with weather phrases. Carnival was held on March 21 and we had so much fun "waving our flags!"

Senora Fahy



Going to Middle School Next Year?

May 6th

Parent Info Night

Edmunds Middle School at 6:00 pm

EMS Step-Up Day May 23 12:30 pm

May 20

Parent Info Night

Hunt middle School at 7:00 pm

HMS Step-Up Day May 20 12:30 pm

Integrated Arts Academy • Snapshots

Living and NonLiving Clay Tiles

with BCA artist Kim Desjardins and the kindergarten classes



“Kindergarteners are the smartest artists.”

Mrs. Knight