



Integrated Arts Academy

November 25, 2013

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- Nov. 27 **NO school!**
- Nov. 28 **NO school!**
- Nov. 29 **NO school!**
- Dec. 2 **Monday Morning Meeting**
Parent Coffee Connections
- Dec. 4 **PTO Meeting**
6:00 pm
The Arts & Common Core
- Dec. 6 **Friday Town Meeting**
2:15 pm
Magical Mailbox
- Dec. 9 **Monday Morning Meeting**
Parent Coffee Connections
- Dec. 4 **PTO Meeting**
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- 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!
- Jan. 2 **Thursday, School Resumes**

Next PTO Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

Focus on **Arts & Curriculum**

6:00 pm

Pizza (at 5:45) and childcare available



Jeong Hansol dances at Friday Town Meeting

A message from the principal

Grateful

Everyone is welcome at IAA
VSA, Bonnie, BCA
resident artists and the Flynn
kids and parents, come on in!

St. Mikes, Champlain and UVM
dancers, singers, thespians.
Let's not forget and Alas!
Our tremendously hard working staff.

Each one alone brings vim and vigor,
contributes to academic rigor,
but collectively is what holds the power
and it is with this in mind that thanks are showered.

We are not just a school, but truly a community. We are fortunate to have so many talented and nurturing people interested in our success. I am overwhelmed daily at how so many members of Burlington, and beyond, are invested in IAA.

For this I have infinite gratitude and am eternally grateful. At IAA we have so much to be thankful for. Thanks for making this a great place to be a part of.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Artfully,
Mr. Bobby

Music News

Music class has been lots of fun the last few weeks! The K/1/2's have been learning circle dances. Ask the K/1's about the All Around The Buttercup dance and 2's about The Highland Gates. Lots of smiles! 3rd graders have been doing a great job reading their music notation. 4th graders have been putting their 3-part rhythm compositions "in the cloud" using the Noteflight online music notation software. They have been using iPads 1:1 in the music room for this. Ask them to show you at home, because they can access it anywhere! 5th grades have just completed an awesome integrated arts unit teaching social studies and human rights through music. They did some great lyric writing!

Remember to check the IAA music website iaamusicvt.weebly.com for resources. I've started to try to keep up with the blog. Students can also find the link to their Noteflight/Inside Music account on the Composition page and stay tuned for information about after-school Composer's Club starting in January.

Mr. Myregaard



Max L. works on a musical composition on Loopseque after school with Mr. M.

Grade 1 News



The first graders are becoming such good readers!!! We were so happy to get to show off for you at the Literacy Breakfast. Thank you so much for coming, we had a great turn out!!! Our maps projects are going great. The globes look great in Ms. Jen's class and Ms. Alice's class will be adding their continents to their awesome globes. Thanks again for the parent support around this project.

It is definitely getting colder out and we always get outside. Remember to send your child to school with a warm jacket, gloves and a hat.

Ms. Jen's class has started working with Lida from the Flynn Theater on some dance integration. We are so excited about this opportunity. Ms. Erica in Ms. Alice's class will be finishing up her time in there and we will miss her so much!!! Hopefully she will still be around a lot! The report cards went home last week and Ms. Jen's class started homework packets. Ms. Alice's class is starting homework as well. Be sure to let us know if you have any questions. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!!

Ms. Jen & Mrs. Patalano

Grade 4 News

In 4th grade we have been working on an inspiring Integrated Arts unit involving movement and argument writing. We are using the form of step dance to create our dances, as inspired by the all school field trip to see Step Afrika! at the Flynn Theater. We have engaged in courageous conversations about racism. Students are composing both dance routines and persuasive essays that reflect their opinions and attitudes towards stopping racism.

Below is a sample taken from a beginning essay draft written by Qamar in 4B.

Sra. B and Mr. T



Is Racism in Schools?

I believe racism still exists in schools. Why I believe this is because one of my old friends said to me as we were playing, "My mom told me that I can't play with you since your skin color is brown." I didn't feel good when she said those words to me cause it hurts. Sometimes you feel like you wish to have a different skin color, but you should be proud of who you are. Besides, how would you feel if someone did that to you? If I did that I would feel "perfidy" or guilty. That is why I believe racism still exists. It doesn't matter about your skin color. It matters about who you are, and if you are nice, friendly and not racist. It's about you! That's who matters. It matters more about what's inside you, like if you are nice or mean, or if others can relate to you.

by Qamar (fourth grader)

Fill the Bowl

is December 12
Yummy Soup, Bread, &
HANDMADE Bowls!

3rd Grade Benefit for
Hunger Free Vermont!



Pancake Breakfast

at our other favorite magnet school
The Sustainability Academy

Interview with Señora Bangoura



Señora Autumn Mangoura is a teacher at IAA. She is a fourth grade teacher and she teaches all four art forms. She has been a teacher in IAA for three years, but she was a Spanish teacher at IAA before.

Señora Bangoura was born in Craftsbury, Vermont. She was delivered by her dad. She has two daughters, one son, and a husband. She has five people in her family. She speaks four languages and they are English, Susu, French and Spanish.

She likes this job because she gets to be with kids and she thinks it is doing something good for the world. She likes to bond with the students. She teaches her students a lot of different things. She likes kids because they are creative, they can not stop dreaming, and they have big imaginations. She loves her job. Her favorite thing to do when she is not in school is reading. She rides a bike and she lives near the bike path. She also plays a little basketball. When she goes home she plays drums with her family in Jeh Kulu. She plays two instruments. She plays down down and djembe which are two African Drums.

Bill H. (third grader)

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



Bonnie Acker is leading the charge on more IAA food adventures. So far we have these lined up for the next month. If anyone would like to join in & volunteer to support Bonnie and other families please contact Paula Henry in person or at 864-8475.

INDESTRUCTIBLE FARMER COOKIES

(yup, will survive 8-foot drop!)

Tuesday December 3:

Jen's 1 class 1:45-2:45

23-INGREDIENT COMMUNITY SOUP!

Thursday December 5:

Auri' class walk to City Market, purchase ingredients, prep for soup

Friday December 6:

Auri and Autumn's classes enjoy soup!
(morning, time to be decided)

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 evening

Thursday December 12:

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.

The Sustainability Academy PTO

Pancake Breakfast

7th Annual Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction

Please join us for a delicious meal, live family-friendly entertainment, and a unique silent auction featuring high quality handmade goods, and local Vermont products and services.

Funds raised will support field trips, community events, enrichment projects, sustainability education, gardening, and other magical happenings at the Sustainability Academy!

Suggested Donation: \$6 adults • \$4 children age 3 & above • \$15 Families • FREE for kids under 3

Saturday, December 7, 2013

8:30am - 11:30am

**Sustainability Academy Cafeteria
123 North St., Burlington**

For more information on Silent Auction donations, volunteering, breakfast details, etc., please contact Melissa Curran (mcurran@bsdvt.org) or AJ Rossman (ajrossman70@gmail.com)

Thanks for supporting our school!

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Weather and the Water Cycle



BCA Resident Artist - Kim Desjardins at IAA