



Integrated Arts Academy

November 4, 2013

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- Nov. 6** PTO Meeting
6:00 pm
- Nov. 8** Literacy Breakfast
K-2 + Step 8:15 am
Friday Town Meeting
2:15 pm
Magical Mailbox
- Nov. 9** Kids are Alright Concert
Doors open at noon
- Nov. 14** PTO Family Traditions
6-8 pm
- Nov. 15** Friday Town Meeting
2:15 pm
Korean Dance Troupe
- Nov. 18** Monday Morning Meeting
Parent Coffee Connections
- Nov. 22** Friday Town Meeting
2:15 pm
- Nov. 25** Turkey Pick-up
2:00-5:00 pm
- Nov. 27** NO school!
- Nov. 28** NO school!
- Nov. 29** NO school!
- Dec. 4** PTO Meeting
6:00 pm
- Dec. 12** Fill the Bowl
6:00-7:30 pm

PTO

Next PTO Meeting
**Wednesday,
November 6**
Focus on Curriculum
6:00 pm
Pizza and
childcare available



IAA Families at our first ever Family Drumming Circle

A message from the principal

We have an exciting and packed week coming up. On Wednesday our PTO will meet at 6pm in the cafeteria. We will have a panel of teachers and our district Math and Literacy coaches in attendance. They will present and answer questions around our work in these areas at IAA. It should be a very informative night. To further connect you to our literacy work, our K-2 and STEP classes will be hosting a Literacy Breakfast on Friday morning at 8:15. This is a great opportunity to connect with the children and allow them to display their burgeoning literacy skills. Nothing more powerful, and cozy, than looking a book with a child.

THIS IS BIG NEWS!!! Our second annual **Kids Are Alright Concert** will kick off at 12:30 on Saturday the 9th at Higher Ground. This will be a great family event full of music, laughter and community. The IAA players have a very special, rockin' song, to perform. You will not want to miss this. We do have free tickets available in the office for families needing that support. Also, we are also coordinating a car pool for families that might need a ride out. So all are welcome and consider attending. Just let us know in the office if you have a need.

Finally, November 5th is the Hindu Holiday of Depawoli. We wish the families in our community a holiday filled with reflection, community and joy.

**Artfully,
Mr. Bobby**

Social Skills



More images from the Family Drumming Circle



Hello from Ms. Juenker! I am excited to be part of the special education team here at IAA. One of my jobs is to help students with social connections. I am lucky enough to meet with students who might need a little more teaching around social skills. In our social groups we use the arts to connect with big ideas about friendships, calming our bodies and getting our brains ready for our best learning. One activity we do to get acquainted is called, "Group Loop." A large yellow loop is placed on the round and all the students need to get their bodies inside the space of the loop without stepping out. It might sound simple, but I am here to tell you it took a lot of trust to get all our friends into the loop. We also talk about our feelings and had the chance to make "feeling faces." The faces range from silly to sad. We enjoyed making the faces and they are displayed on the bulletin board in our space. I look forward to working more with students and helping them find the tools they need to regulate their bodies and give all they have to their learning. It is without hesitation that I say.... I love my job!

Mrs. Juenker

First Grade News

The first graders have begun our unit on mapping. We are so excited about beginning this adventure. Thanks to all the adults that came to help us. We could use extra adults on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:45-2:45 to support our unit on maps. We had two great field trips to the Flynn. The first was to see Bunnacula, and the last was with the whole school to see Step Afrika. We also got to participate in a dance workshop with a teacher from the Flynn. Friday, November 8th is our Literacy Breakfast from 8:15-9:00. This is such a great opportunity to come in and read with your child. It makes them feel so great to have someone from home come in and they can share their great reading and their classroom. If a parent cannot make it, feel free to send a grandparent or a special adult. We will share breakfast as well. Report cards will go home next week. We have had a great start to the school year!! It is getting colder out so please send your child with the appropriate shoes and coat, hats, mittens, etc. We could also use some donations in the classroom for children that might forget. No hats for donations please! Thanks for all your support!

Mrs. Patalano & Ms. Jenn



Drama News

Reading and Drama

If you can *act out* parts of a story, you can show your understanding of what it's about. And the better your acting skills, the more you can show of the story. And the more you can act out, the more you learn about the story's plot and characters.

This idea, which is supported by conclusive research, is *what* inspired our co-teaching units in the third grade this month, integrating reading and drama. The students read several stories, some aloud as a group and some in small groups. The stories included The Stranger by Chris Van Allsburg, a folktale titled "The Farmer and His Sons" and the novel Bunnicula by James and Deborah Howe. We chose lines from the stories to say in different tones of voice and discovered that many tones work depending on how one connects with the characters' feelings. We worked on saying those lines with a volume that matched the tone, making sure the audience could hear.

The photos here are some of the "statues" of characters that students created to illustrate the important times in the story. Students were asked to use their faces (with focused eyes), gestures, and legs to express these moments. The students were also asked to bring to life the action involved, with a clear beginning, middle and end. It was thrilling to see how the kids' skills grew as the unit evolved. To get better and better, students need practice. Practicing at home when you're reading together would be good fun.

Ms. Joan



Third grade "Statues"

Burlington City Arts

&

IAA & Fill the Bowl

The third grade classes have begun their annual Service Learning Unit and had their first field trips to the BCA clay studios recently. Stay tuned for more info.



Student Art Opportunity

Very Merry Holiday Celebration

Kids explore mid-winter traditions through song, dance, and storytelling. Historic and multi-cultural celebrations will be brought to life under the lights. Be prepared for a heart-warming performance, dinner, and family gathering before the holiday break!

TUES 3:30-5:30pm,
NOV 5, 12, 19, DEC 3, 10, 17 //
Performance/Dinner: December 19
@ 7pm AGE: 7-14 //
COST: \$130 // WITH: Trish
Denton, Randal Pierce
Scholarships available \

Integrated Arts Academy • Snapshots School Field Trip to Step Afrika!



300 IAA Students, Staff, and Families

filled the center section of the Flynn Theater