



Integrated Arts Academy

September 11, 2017

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- Sept. 26 Open House**, Grades 3-5 and Ms. Lynda's, **6 pm**
- Sept. 27 Open House**, Grade Pre-K-2 and Ms Mary's, **6pm**
- Oct. 5** PTO meeting, **6 pm**
- Oct. 24** Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 27** Halloween Party!! **6 pm**
- Nov. 10** Literacy Breakfast, Grades 2-5, **8:15 am**
- Nov. 17** Literacy Breakfast, Grades Pre-K, 1, **8:15 am**



Welcome Back to School!

Though beliefs and traditions may vary their common thread is the power of collective caring, its power to break down or penetrate walls of separation, its power to heal, bring reassurance, and peace, and its power to bind our separate lives into a community of deep and eternal unity. - Holly Bridges, journalist

PTO Meeting

Thursday, 10/5

6:00 pm in cafeteria

Free childcare available

Pizza for \$1.00 (donation)

per slice at 5:45

Join the PTO email list by emailing iaapto prez@gmail.com.

Join the IAA Facebook Page!

Or just check out our website:

<https://iaapto.wordpress.com>

Please consider joining our PTO, or a committee of the PTO. There's lots to talk about, lots to do! Many hands make light work and together we can build an amazing community school.

Friday Town Meeting Schedule

Sept. 8 - Video Presentation

Welcome back to School Video

Sept. 15 - Community Presentation

Eric George, local performer

Sept. 22 - Magic Mailbox

ROAR card design roll out

Sept. 29 - Classroom Presentation

Mr. Scott & Mr. Adam's classes

What we need more than ever, is unity. The vision of the Burlington school district is "Cultivating caring, creative, and courageous people - join the journey!" I don't want to just join the journey, I want this school and this community to lead the journey. I want every child, family and employee at the IAA to know that we prioritize collective caring. Of course we will work extremely hard to ensure academic progress and support in math, literacy, social studies, science and all academic areas. We will do so with a pointed focus on collective caring.

In this community the importance of social emotional wellbeing for all our members is a priority of equal weight to academic learning. If students leave our walls for middle school with the capacity to self advocate, self care, regulate emotions, exercise empathy and most importantly, feel good about themselves, then they will be available to learn anything moving on and to handle all that life throws at them.

John Coltrane said "If you want to be a better musician, become a better person." I believe the inverse is true as well. If you want to be a better person, become an artist. The arts experiences we foster at IAA improves the learning environment, but more importantly it improves lives. The arts makes students, and our community, more collaborative, opens us to ideas and other's perspectives and teaches empathy. Skills that contribute deeply to collective caring. So again, welcome to the 2017-18 school year and let the collective caring begin, right now, today.

-Mr. Bobby

First Grade

Welcome back to school and welcome to first grade!!! Not only do we have 2 classrooms full of excited new first graders, but we also have an excited new first grade teacher!!! Please welcome Ms. Rose to IAA! She comes via Philadelphia and Oregon with lots of amazing first grade experience. We are so excited to get to know our new students! As teachers we have been learning a lot of exciting new things that we can't wait to share with our students. This summer we worked on a variety of things from Readers Workshop, to Restorative Circles, and STEM activities. We can't wait to share all of our learning! We plan to focus on community building, mindfulness, caring, focus and learning routines for the first few weeks of school. Our open house will be on September 27th from 6:00-7:00. We can't wait to see you all there!

**The First Grade Team,
Ms. Rose and Ms. Jen**

IAA Halloween Party



Contact Ivyrose Lopez to volunteer
ivyrose.lopez@gmail.com

Kindergarten



We have had a very exciting and busy start to the school year down in Kindergarten! We are learning how to use the materials in our classroom, such as markers, glue sticks, scissors and so much more. We are learning all about how to be a good listener in school; like how to listen during a read aloud or during morning meeting. We are also practicing how to walk in a line in the hallways without making too much noise!

We will start talking about our school rules and what it means to do our best job in school. We love meeting and making new friends and work everyday to make other people feel happy. We are just starting to talk about shapes, colors, letters and numbers. There are lots of chances for us to move around through different songs and dances, and sometimes we practice what we are learning in this way!

**The Kindergarten Team,
Ms. Emily and Ms. Maggie**



Do you like getting regular parent communication? Join the IAA google group to receive school news, PTO news, important announcements and opportunities. To get into this information loop, email iaaptoprez@gmail.com

Guidance

Welcome Back!
I hope you all had a great summer. I attended a training this summer on Restorative Practices and we will be using Circles throughout the classroom guidance program this year. We will use these circles to focus on social emotional learning and growth. Please ask your child about this circle work. I'm looking forward to a great school year.

Ms. Meredith

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Integrated Arts Academy at H.O. Wheeler is to explore academic knowledge through intentional art experiences. Our richly diverse community collaborates and celebrates the world through meaningful learning and creative self-expression as we prepare students for success in the 21st Century.

Parent Volunteers Needed!



If you can help set up Monday coffee for coffee connections please let the PTO know!

Second Grade

Welcome back to school from the 2nd grade teachers! We begin the year with a brand new 2nd grade teacher! Mr. Adam comes to IAA from Brooklyn, New York with lots of arts rich learning experiences from schools in New York City. We are looking forward to an awesome 2nd grade year! Stay tuned for more info about our year.

**The Second Grade Team,
Mr. Leal and Mr. Adam**

Congrats to our First Students of the Week!



IAA Welcomes this year's new staff:

**Ms. Jen Peake in the Library
Mr. Scott Howard, 3rd Grade
Mr. Adam Carnes, 2nd Grade
Ms. Melissa Rose, First Grade
Ms. Jenny Norris, Drama Coach
Ms. Emily Merrill, STEP Para
Ms. Sami Wayne, Social Worker**

Third Grade

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning through the arts! During our first few weeks of school we have focused on the importance of building a safe, and respectful classroom community. As we learn the new routines of a new classroom, we are exploring themes of kindness, compassion, and the growth mindset.

We're extremely excited to welcome Scott Howard (Mr. Scott) to our third grade team this year. Mr. Scott brings creativity, enthusiasm, and exploration to life down in room 103.

In addition to launching our math and literacy units our 3rd grade team has the pleasure of beginning our first integrated arts unit this week with Mr. Myregaard. Throughout the course of the year we will focus heavily on integrating the arts with math. Mr. Myregaard will be leading us through a unit centralized on exploring properties of multiplication and musical notation.

We look forward to another amazing year here at the IAA!

**The Third Grade Team,
Mr. Scott & Mr. Mike**

Fifth Grade

We have had a busy first couple of weeks of school! We have been getting to know each other again, practicing community circles, establishing routines, and of course doing a little reading, writing, math, and art-making! We are looking forward to starting our first Integrated Arts unit this week around Drama and Math with our new Drama Coach, Ms. Jenny! We will also be starting our homework routines shortly - please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

We are also hard at work on planning for our fall field trip series. We'll be sailing in September, visiting the Shelburne Museum and going to the Flynn in October, and in November, we'll build rockets at Starbase. These field trips give us a great opportunity to learn by doing, connect with some of our local resources, connect to our science and social studies units, and build community. Give us a wave if you see us walking through the neighborhood!

We look forward to another wonderful year of learning, community-building, and art-making at IAA!

**The Fifth Grade Team,
Ms. B, Mr. Whitman, & Mr. P**
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Visual Arts

Welcome back to ART CLASS!
 IAA students are already busy building community in the art room. In grades 1-5, we are collaborating on a *full school* drawing. Each student starts with a piece of graph paper and fills in one square with a design. She then asks someone at her table to trade papers. The focus of this collaboration is to RESPECT OTHERS, using kind words and sharing and taking turns. Each week in art class we will focus on a new ROAR rule, creating artful interpretations of the schoolwide expectation. Kindergarten art class will take place in their classroom for the first few weeks of school--we are getting to know these students before they make the trek upstairs to the art room.
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Art Supplies Wish List:

Small yogurt cups with lids
Or other small containers with lids
Large yogurt containers
Old magazines
newspaper



Integrated Arts

Welcome back to a new school year at IAA. We have lots to look forward to as we begin this new cycle. In our grades 2-5 integrated arts blocks - we are putting the focus on math and the arts. How can we use the arts to deepen our math understanding? How can math help us understand some specific art concepts? Ms. Leaphart, Ms. Jenny, Ms. V and Mr. Myregaard will be working with grade level teachers, planning, collaborating, and co-teaching integrated art lessons all year long in six week sessions. We look forward to these how our new math and art units come together!
 We are in the midst of planning this year's' artist residencies, and I am busy meeting with our arts partners, Burlington City Arts, The Flynn Center, Young Tradition Vermont, and Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival. We have some great ideas in the wings and are looking forward to some inspired learning with teaching artists from our arts partners. I will continue to post news about the arts this year as everything settles and gets decided!

Judy Klima, Arts Coach
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Drama



Hello IAA! My name is Ms. Jenny and I am extremely excited to join this creative and joyful school community as your new drama coach! I've been working in education for over ten years as a classroom teacher and theater teaching artist. I am originally from London, U.K. and I have lived in the states for seven years. Last year I visited IAA while working as a teaching artist for the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. I immediately fell in love with this wonderful school! Thank you to everyone who has given me such a warm welcome! I am so looking forward to working with each of you to bring learning to life through drama!

Ms. Jenny Norris, Drama Coach
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Health Matters

Louise Mongeon RN, NCSN

School Nurse lmongeon@bsdvt.org

At IAA, we have a School-Based Health Center (SBHC) in addition to school nursing services. This is a grant funded collaboration with the UVM Children's Hospital and the Howard Center with Tom Hart and Sami Wayne providing mental health services. It offers you the opportunity to have your child seen for a sick call or follow up visit. For example, if your child has a sore throat and you want to make sure it is not strep throat, you can get an appointment with the SBHC on Monday mornings.

A separate registration form (attached) is needed and you can register 3 children together on one form. This service is available to anyone who registers and your child does not need to be a patient of University Pediatrics. There is no co-pay and your insurance will be billed. Currently, Dr. Barb Frankowski comes most Monday mornings, 9-11.

The intent of the SBHC is to partner with the medical care home, not to replace it. Children seen at the center will automatically have a record of their care sent to their primary medical provider. If you need another form, please see Nurse Mongeon.

If you do not have dental insurance, or participate in Medicaid, the CHCB dental clinic offers services to our district students and new forms are needed each year.

Fourth Grade

What a wonderful learning community we have this year!!! We have started our academic year by building community through the arts. We have been using restorative circles to practice active listening and reflective sharing. Every week we have vocabulary words of the week for study and our first words were COMMUNITY, COLLABORATION and RESPECT.

We also have been using the Week of Inspirational Math to help students develop a growth mindset. Check out the youcubed videos from Stanford University that give positive messages about math such as "Everyone can do math at higher levels", "Making mistakes makes your brain go", and "Speed is not important." We have been studying the garden and making scientific journal entries based on plants.

Our first writing unit is personal narratives and we have kicked this off by exploring memory moments with storytelling and visual art.

**It's going to be a fabulous year!
The Fourth Grade Team,
Mr. T & Senora Bangoura**



Second Grade

We also have an excited new teacher! Please welcome Mr. Adam to IAA! He comes via Brooklyn and Philadelphia with lots of amazing arts experience. We are excited to collaborate on arts activities and learning with our new special educator, Ms. Amanda! You may remember Ms. Amanda from her many years of working in our school in other capacities. Our team plans to focus on community building, mindfulness, caring, focus and learning routines for the first few weeks of school. Open house will be on September 27th from 6:00-7:00. We can't wait to see you all there!
**The Second Grade Team,
Mr. Adam, Ms. Amanda, and Mr. Leal**

#50 MILLION STRONG!

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to school!

My name is Danielle Vierling. I am tasked with teaching all IAA students how to move safely and responsibly for a lifetime. By 2029, all across the nation physical educators want to put all children on the path to health and physical literacy through effective health and physical education programs. Hence the above hashtag. I can't do it alone so please participate in your child's education by being physically active with them, joining me in their classroom (plenty of volunteer opportunities), and offering your expertise. Please feel free to contact in these ways.

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In Person

Together we are stronger,
Danielle Vierling,
Physical Educator

Library Learning Center



A lot of changes have happened in the library this school year, including a new librarian! I'm Jen (Ms. Jen) and I taught preschool for the past 15 years at Trinity Children's Center (just up the hill) I am thrilled to be at IAA, and to keep working in the community that I love.

So far I've been spending my time getting to know everyone in the school and finding my way around the library. In our classes we have been exploring what the ROAR expectations look like in the library, and reading lots of books. Please stop in the library anytime you are around and introduce yourself, I'd love to meet you.

In the next few weeks, we will be starting work on our Square 1 Art fundraiser. This amazing project allows families to create keepsakes from their child's artwork, and helps raise money for materials for the library. Keep a look out for the display next to the front office to learn more about it. All items ordered will be ready in time for the winter holiday season and make great gifts.
Jennifer Peake jpeake@bsdvt.org

MONDAY

Coffee Connections
Everyone is welcome!



All IAA Parents!

Please join us for
Coffee Connections
Every Monday morning at 8:30,
following the Monday Morning
Meeting. There will be coffee, snack
and conversation with other IAA
parents in the cafeteria!
Join us if you can!

**We are looking for parents to help
with setup and with cleanup. If you
are available to help please let
Ivyrose Lopez know.**

music

It's exciting to be back in the Music room with all these musically talented IAA students! We have already begun learning new songs to sing and playing musical arrangements to songs that we already know! We have also begun to incorporate Restorative Circles into some of our classes, which has been amazing! We are all excited to pursue our National Core Arts Standards with fun and engaging activities in the Music room this school year. Rock on!

Mr. Myregard

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FLEMING

Art Opportunity

Once again, the Fleming Museum at the University of Vermont and the IAA are teaming up to offer our students a fall art adventure class at the museum. The classes are taught by UVM art education students. Using the vast resources at the museum and the museum classroom, IAA students will view and discuss exhibits followed by a hands-on art lesson in the art studio. This after school enrichment opportunity has been made available to the students of the IAA because of the strong partnership we have with the Fleming Museum. It is FREE to our students, and there are only 10 spots available for each session.

Sessions are as follows:

Session 1

Wednesdays 2:15 - 3:30

Ages 6-9

9/27, 10/4, 10/11, & 10/18

Session 2

Wednesdays 2:15 - 3:30

Ages 10-12

10/25, 11/1, 11/8, & 11/15

If you are interested in your child participating in this opportunity please email Judy Klima at jklima@bsdvt.org as soon as possible. Additionally, we are looking for 1 or 2 parent chaperones for each session. Children of parents willing to chaperone will be given a spot in the class.

Integrated Arts Academy • Snapshots

From Kindergarten through 5th grade,
we welcome all of you back to school!

