



# Integrated Arts Academy

September 25, 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**

## 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](mailto: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. 29 - Classroom Presentation  
Mr. Scott & Mr. Adam's classes**

**Oct. 6 - Magic Mailbox**

**Oct. 13 - Performance**

**Heidi Wilson**

**Sing-a-long**

**Oct. 27 - Halloween Video**

**Nov. 3 - Magic Mailbox**



## Welcome Back to School, 2.0!

*We have fully embraced restorative practices this year as a district and at our school. So it is with this frame of mind I contemplate next steps for our school, district and community. Within this turmoil, understandably, many are not considering how we heal and create cohesion after. There will invariably be ill will, hurt feelings and damaged pride. How do we recover? How do we learn from the experience? How do we heal?*

*I'm afraid I don't have the answers to these questions, but I hope, even before this is over, we can start entertaining them. Then, following the strike, engage all stakeholders in restorative conversations that will help us collaboratively repair any harm. My hope would be, these conversations and explorations and all perspectives, would be a proactive step in both healing our community and avoiding these unfortunate circumstances in the future.*

*These difficult times can become a blessing of sorts. Our children, the students of Burlington, are watching and listening. Our response and growth from all this discomfort and contention has the potential to be the groundwork for the restoration of hope, solidarity, healing and compassion for generations to come. I hope we can all exercise the strength and leadership to send our youngest community members this message.*

I wrote the above words as I found out that the teachers of the district would be striking. I am so glad we are back to school and these talented and amazing folks are back in the classroom nurturing children's minds and engaging them through the arts. I am also psyched that we have fully established restorative circles as part of our community culture.

There are circles happening at least once a day in all our classes. Please ask your child about the things we talk about the circles' components. In a nutshell, circles allow us to build community, grow closer emotionally, empower all voices, promote active listening and assist us in having conversations that fix problems or explore difficult topics. They are just another way we ensure we are meeting the social emotional needs of everyone in our community and building skills for our youth that they can carry all their lives.

So again, welcome back. I am most excited to continue this work in building our community and making it a model for all schools.

Peace, Love & Art, **-Mr. Bobby**

## IAA Halloween Party



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

## English Language News

Students are Studying Toward English Proficiency (STEP) in Ms. Mary's and Ms. Lynda's classrooms. In Ms. Mary's classroom, students are learning nursery rhymes to understand the foundation of reading. They are acting out the story and then coloring the picture and rhyme. They have a binder of their rhymes and they can recite every one!

Ms. Lynda's class is working hard to follow the rules. They have already earned 500 ROAR cards! They know that following the rules means they can learn more easily. Ms. Lynda's students are ready for a great year of academic and language learning. They are also ready for lots of ROAR celebrations!"

**Ms. Aranka, Ms. Mary, Ms. Lynda, Ms. Kristen, Ms. Andrea, & Ms. Chaska**



## Kindergarten



We have started studying Vincent Van Gogh with Ms. Judy and looking closely at a lot of sunflowers. On your way to school take a look for some! Ms. Judy will be visiting both K classrooms with the focus on a variety of media using sunflowers. We will be drawing, printing and painting them. We also will connect the sunflowers to scientific labeling and the life cycle of a sunflower. The Kindergarten Team is looking for parent volunteers for our awesome program - **Action Based Learning**. We need consistent volunteers from 11:30-12:30 on Tuesdays. The K teachers work with Ms. V (our PE teacher) in the gym and set up a variety of stations for small groups of K students to move through. Each station works on a learning objective and gross motor goal. It's a lot of fun and great for reinforcing what we are working on in the classroom. Please talk to one of the K teachers if you are able to help out!

**Ms. Emily and Ms. Maggie**

## School Counseling

I am using the Restorative Practices model in all classrooms this year and am specifically focusing on Circles. Here is information on the [Circle Forward Book](#) and a website that explains the power of [Restorative Processes](#). Often the Circle is the basis of the lessons, although sometimes I use it as more of a check in with the class.

We practice mindfulness daily and throughout the year we will address topics related to social emotional development. Subjects include self-advocacy, personal and physical safety, diversity, social skills through a Social Thinking curriculum (Kindergarten and 1st grade), empathy through the Changing Perspectives curriculum (2nd and 4th grade) and managing social dynamics through the Owing Up curriculum (5th grade).

I will soon begin seeing students individually and in small groups. Feel free to contact me anytime at [mhoising@bsdvt.org](mailto:mhoising@bsdvt.org), 652-4214 or stop by my office, which is across the hall from the first grade classrooms. Take care. **Ms. Meredith**



**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](mailto:iaaptoprez@gmail.com)**

## Parent Coffee Connections

Every Monday Morning!  
Right after Monday Morning  
Meeting in the cafeteria.  
**SOMETIMES - there are even  
pastries!! Come join us!**

## Second Grade



Second grade is so happy to welcome back Flynn teaching artist Lois Trombly and the ONE Step program. Mr. Adam's class was excited to demonstrate their breakdancing moves! We will have weekly 30 minute dance integration sessions for eight full weeks until we rotate to our ONE Sings program with Brian Perkins from Young Tradition Vermont. We are so lucky to have these experts in our classroom! We are also excited for Open House this Thursday at 6:00... we hope to see you there!  
**The Second Grade Team,  
Mr. Leal and Mr. Adam**

## Fifth Grade

The 5th grade team is excited for some upcoming events in our classroom. We have ONE Strings starting with Ms. Kathleen Kono and her helper, Mrs. Barfield this Friday. Kids will continue to learn to read music and play the violin twice a week for 30 minutes. We are also planning a trip to Shelburne Museum this month to accentuate our learning about Early America with some hands on experiences. In Math, we are integrating our math vocabulary with drama with the help of Ms. Jenny, our new drama coach. (see last page photos) Ask your child about some of these fun learning experiences going on in our classrooms!

**Ms. B, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. P**

## PE

### WAY TO GO CHALLENGE!

Not only can we keep our bodies healthy, we can keep the environment healthy. IAA has been challenged to walk, ride a bike/scooter, take the bus, or carpool to school on September 27, 28, and 29 as well as October 4, 5 and 6. Classroom teachers will tally transportation methods on those days and we can be eligible for prizes if we get more than 50% participation.

Way to Go IAA!

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**Twitter:** @dlvierling

**Danielle Vierling,**  
Physical Educator

## Health Matters

### Move it! Movie it! Join the IAA running and walking club!

Start your mornings running or walking laps in the IAA recess yard. Earn prizes, get fast and fit and have fun with other IAA students and parents.

The Move it! Move it! Club will be out every Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning from 7:45 - 8:10 a.m. Join us whenever you arrive at school to run or walk laps at your own pace.

We will keep track of your progress by handing out Popsicle sticks for each lap and counting them up when you are done. 12 laps is a mile! Runners and Walkers will be celebrated at Friday Town Meeting.

**1 mile = a pencil**

**5 miles = Move it! Move it! Bracelet**

**10 miles = Move it! Move it! Water Bottle**

**25 miles = Move it! Move it! T-shirt**

**You've got to Move it! Move it!**

We are looking for volunteers to help in the mornings. See me or Ms.

Vierling if you are interested.

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# FLEMING

## Afternoon Art Classes

Art Classes at the Fleming begin this week on Wednesday for our youngest learners. The Fleming Museum at the University of Vermont and the IAA team up to offer our students a fall art adventure class at the museum. 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. We have 3 spots still open for session one if your child is ages 6-9.

Sessions Dates 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](mailto: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



Encouraging young people to believe in themselves and find their own voice through drama is so important in giving young people a sense of self-worth.

Michael Morpurgo

Welcome to our new drama coach, Ms. Jenny!