

Integrated Arts Academy

October 23, 2017

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

Oct. 24 Photo Retake Day

Oct. 27 IAA Family
Halloween Party!
6:00 pm

Nov. 10 Literacy Breakfast
Grades 3-5
8:10-9:00 am

Nov. 17 Literacy Breakfast
Grades PreK-2
8:10-9:00 am



A Message from the Principal

We had a great presentation on brain development at today's Monday Morning Meeting by Hugh Garavan from the University of Vermont. This directly connects to growth mindset as well.

Children with a growth mindset think of their intelligence as something that they can develop through learning and study rather than as something fixed. Cultivating a growth mindset can help increase a child's self esteem, belief in themselves and motivation to learn.

We help children develop a growth mindset by teaching them how the brain functions, learns and remembers, and how it changes physically when we exercise it through study and learning.

The major takeaways from today's presentation were:

1. Mistakes are good. They help our brain learn.
2. We are not born with abilities, but we form them through mistakes, practice and effort.

So please reiterate these messages to IAA students and let them know that effort and practice is vital to learning. So don't get frustrated with mistakes and challenging activities, but use them as an opportunity to learn and grow.

What is really cool about all this, is that the arts is a major contributor to supporting brain growth and development. The way we engage with the arts, helps us learn and reflect in a way that promotes confidence, brain development and growth mindset.

Artfully,

-Mr. Bobby

Next PTO Meeting

Thursday, 11/2

6:00 pm in cafeteria

Guest Speakers:

Victor Prussack and Bronwyn Low
Speak about the **Achievement Gap**
Childcare available

Pizza for \$1.00 (donation)
per slice at 5:45

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Friday Town Meeting Schedule

Oct. 27 - Halloween Video

Nov. 3 - Magic Mailbox

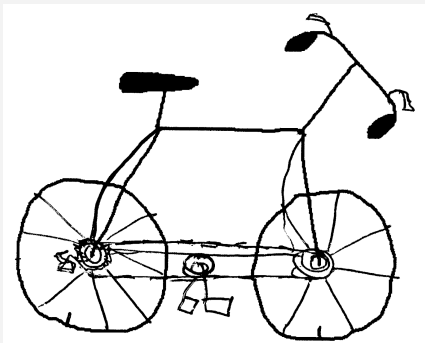
Nov. 10 - Class Presentation

Nov. 17 - Writer's Read

WE NEED CANDY DONATIONS
For the Halloween Party
Please drop off at the Front Office



IAA Physical Education brings us Bike Weeks!



We are excited to be starting our Bike Week this week with Kohl's Kids Bike Smart! The Kohl's Kids Bike Smart trailer will be visiting our school for the next two weeks. Second through fifth graders will hopefully be experiencing this wonderful program. This program brings around 30- 40 bikes (of all sizes), helmets, and bike skills training materials to our school at no charge. Your child will improve their bike skills through games and on-bike activities designed to help them become a safe and confident bike rider.

We were able to bring this trailer to our school through the generosity of the Kohl's Kids Bike Smart program. Kohl's Kids Bike Smart is funded by annual grants from Kohl's Department Stores to the Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care. The program is powered by Local Motion, Vermont's nonprofit advocate for safe walking and biking. For more information, visit

www.kohlskidsbikesmart.org.

Any questions,
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Kindergarten



Kindergarten students have been busy exploring leaves. We have looked closely at leaves using a hand lens and identified the different parts of a leaf - like a scientist! Then, we used leaves to learn about a new art technique - printmaking! Kindergarten students used brayers, plexiglass and printing ink. We used leaves to make beautiful prints and then removed the leaves to make ghost prints! We could still identify the vein, midline, tip and stem. Check them out in the kindergarten hallway.

Both Kindergarten classes will go on a field trip to Pomeroy Park on Friday October 27th. We would love to have some parent volunteers with us so please check your schedule and let us know if you can make it! We will leave IAA around 9:00 AM and should be back by 10:45. While we are exploring the new park, we will also go on a nature scavenger hunt and look for a variety of natural materials we have been studying.

**The K Team,
Ms. Emily, Ms. Maggie, Ms. Taylor**

Fifth Grade

This fall we have sailed on Lake Champlain, explored life in the 1800s in Vermont at Shelburne Museum, and seen an exciting dance group at the Flynn Theater. These trips offer the chance to build community, learn from experiences, and try working as a team. There are challenges along the way, but seeing the students smile, grow, and try new things is always rewarding. We have been hard at work on our first academic units as well. We are now comparing and rounding decimals, planning and writing stories, and practicing how to have productive conversations about books. Ask your 5th grader how it felt to be sailing on the lake, how the Johnny Cakes tasted, how to name a decimal, or to describe the main character in one of the stories they are writing. At the end of this month we are looking forward to starting our series of field trips with the Starbase program where we will literally get to do rocket science - wish us luck on our next learning adventure!

**The Fifth Grade Team,
Mr. Whitman, Ms. B and Mr. P**

Second Grade

The Second grade students have explored math through movement in their Co-Teaching class with Ms. V. As their classes conclude, students have learned how to create and interpret movements made up from their classmates. They have moved in unison, connected in symmetrical movements, and expressed number bonds through movements made in peer collaborations. We thank Ms. V for the wonderful lessons, and the practice at being performers and audience members.

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

Guidance

Hi Everyone,

I will be starting small groups soon and wanted you all to know in case your children come home talking about meeting in my office. I will meet with all K-3 students in rotating lunch groups: 2-3 weeks with a small group for lunch and then another group. I'm also starting small groups to address topics such as friendship and changing families. I use the concepts of Social Thinking by Michelle Garcia Winner in my work with kids. The following are two of the basic concepts of Social Thinking:

- I have thoughts about you, you have thoughts about me. The idea that people are always thinking about one another whether consciously or subconsciously. We want others to have good thoughts about us as that affects how they regard us and treat us.
- Expected vs. Unexpected Behaviors. Expected behaviors are what they sound like. Actions that are expected in a given situation such as staying seated in your desk at school, saying thank you when someone helps you or burping quietly. Unexpected behaviors are not expected and some obvious ones are sitting under your desk, throwing food, yelling loudly at other students.

Parent Volunteers

Hey Parents! We need you!
Do you have a little time to spare?
We are actively recruiting parent volunteers for a few areas of need:

Monday Morning Kindergarten

ABL (Action Based Learning)

Volunteers needed each Monday

Morning from 9-10 am

Halloween Party

Volunteers needed to help with the Halloween Party!

Please email Ms. Judy if you are able to volunteer. Thanks!

Every MONDAY Coffee for Parents



All IAA Parents! Please join us for Coffee Connections

Guidance cont....

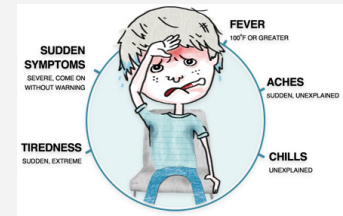
If you don't want me to meet with your child for a lunch bunch or any other group, please contact me at mhoising@bsdvt.org. If I don't hear from you I will assume I have your permission to meet with your child for lunch. Regarding small groups on specific topics, I will contact all parents to get permission to meet.

Take care.

Ms. Meredith

IAA School Counselor

Health Matters



What is the "flu?"

Influenza, commonly called "the flu" or seasonal flu, is caused by viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. The flu usually spreads through the air from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. Unlike the common cold, the flu can cause serious illness and can be life-threatening. Symptoms include a fever lasting several days, severe aches & pains, fatigue, dry cough and headaches. While nearly everyone will benefit from a flu shot, for some people the flu can lead to serious medical complications.

The Vermont Department of Health and the CDC encourage all Vermonters to get vaccinated. Did you know that it takes about 2 weeks after getting the flu shot for it to be fully effective? Get your children and yourselves vaccinated now so that you will all be protected and remain at work or school! The flu vaccine can reduce flu illnesses, doctor's visits, missed work and school days, and prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths in children. For more information, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm>

Take steps to prevent spread of illness:

- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs
- Stay home if you are ill
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

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Integrated Arts Academy • Snapshots



Surprise is key in all art.

Oscar Niemeyer

IAA Kindergarten explore leaves in art and science
through the art of printmaking