

Integrated Arts Academy

January 26, 2015

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- Feb. 2** New Parent Info Session 8:15 am
- Feb. 3** New Parent Info Sessions 5:30 pm
- Feb. 5** PTO Meeting 6pm
- Feb. 6** Integrated Arts Morning
Grades 2-5 8:15-9:15
- Feb. 9** New Parent Info Session 8:15 am
- Feb. 11** New Parent Info Sessions 5:30pm
- Feb. 16** New Parent Info Sessions 5:30pm
- Feb. 18** IAA Math Night 6pm
- Feb. 21-March 3** Winter Recess
NO SCHOOL !
- March 4** School Resumes



IAA PTO

Come to the next meeting!
Thursday, Feb. 5 6:00 pm
 Sign up to help with coffee
 connections here:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0849A5AB2B0-coffee/13281172



Senora B. and 3 student teachers, Ms. Jen, Ms. Emily, and Ms. Kea create a sculpture which shows our students flourishing through the arts



An IAA staff sculpture created by Mr. P, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Anthony, and Ms. Jenny showing what it looks like for IAA to flourish through the arts

A message from the principal

IAA Belief # 4 Flourishing Through the Arts

We believe that the Arts allow us to develop our capacity for creative expression, for engagement in powerful learning, for understanding the world, and for finding and using our voices well.

At IAA we have some staff that can sing, dance, act and paint, and flourish in that way, but every single person in this school, regardless of whether or not they hold specific artistic talents, can create an environment in which the arts flourish. At IAA we thrive on creativity and exploration through the arts.

Last Tuesday we met as a staff to discuss the vision of our fourth belief and how we can continuously improve the artistic experience and integrated approach at IAA. We want our students to be the best learners they can be. We have grown so much in the last 6 years. We were recently highlighted in a mindshift article ([How Integrating Arts Into Other Subjects Makes Learning Come Alive](#)) that nicely documents our transformation. However, we are not complacent and want to continue moving forward and deepening our mission.

I look forward to continuing this journey as a community and I am excited about what we will accomplish next!

Artfully,

Mr. Bobby

Grade 5 News

Winter is a busy and adventurous time for 5th grade. We have had a series of small field trips already - to see **Doktor Kaboom's** fun approach to rocket science and math at the Flynn and to see the UVM women's basketball team. **Doktor Kaboom** was a great introduction to the physics and engineering that we will be exploring at Starbase in February. The UVM women showed us what good teamwork really looks like, even when things get hard. Next week the staff from Starbase will orient us to their program, then each of our classes will spend 4 days at Starbase making rockets, programming robots, flying airplanes (via computer simulation of course!), etc.



We are also exploring events leading up to the American Revolution as actors in our current Social Studies and Drama unit, and examining how to make logical arguments in Writers Workshop. These units were preceded by a Human Rights and Visual Arts unit, where we discussed the rights that every human should have access to, we then created collages using various techniques to emphasize our point of view. We look forward to sharing this work with you at our **Integrated Arts breakfast** on Friday, February 6!

fifth grade continued...

Speaking of Integrated Arts, we will also begin production soon on our 5th grade musical. We are partnering again with **Very Merry Theatre**, an amazing playwright (our own IAA parent, Amy Cudney!), and Ms. Joan, our drama coach to present, "If Only," *A Play About Wishful Thinking*. The musical will be at the heart of an integrated reading, writing, music, and dance unit. Performances will be on April 15 and 16 - so mark your calendars!

Ms. B & Mr. Whitman

Presentation to The School Board

On Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:45 pm the IAA Student Council will be discussing **Arts Integration** with members of the school board. We will be presenting along with the fourth grade teachers and Mr. Bobby. We are going to talk about co-teaching and share some of our favorite integrated arts activities. "For example right now we are doing a very cool drama unit with the American Revolution and we did the Boston Tea Party which was really fun because I got to burn down the tavern and it is a really cool way of learning." says co-president Cooper Cudney.

IAA in the News!

Mind/Shift
How we will learn.

How Integrating the Arts Into Other Subjects Makes Learning Come Alive

On January 13, the NPR education blog, MIND/SHIFT published an article featuring the good work we do here at IAA. Click the link above or type in the url below to read more.

<http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/2015/01/how-integrating-arts-into-other-subjects-makes-learning-come-alive/>

Grade 1 News



Mrs. Patalano's happy puppeteers

Both of the first grades are so lucky to welcome student teachers into our classrooms. Ms. Jen's class will work with Ms. Ashley from Champlain College and Ms. Alice's class will work with Ms. Margaret from UVM. They are a welcome addition to our class communities!!!

The first graders have been thinking about Martin Luther King Jr. and how he helped to make the world a better place. Children are thinking about how we all can make the world a better place. We were so lucky to be able to participate in the artist in residence program with the No Strings Marionette Company. Both first grade classes have been using the Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems to think about how characters feel and how to use expression. We made Elephant and Piggie puppets during our workshops with the artists to help make our stories come alive!!!! Just a few important dates: On Monday, February 16th we are going to the Flynn Theater for a 9:30 show of Schoolhouse Rocks!!! We definitely need some parents to join us. Please let us know. Report cards will be sent home on Friday Feb. 20th, as we start our winter break! There is no school Mon Feb 23 for that whole week. We return to school on Wednesday March 4.

Ms. Jen & Ms. Alice



Savannah and Gus show off their elephant and piggy puppets

Burlington Chamber Orchestra

Invites 4th and 5th grade strings students and their families to an Open Dress Rehearsal on **Saturday, February 7**

A bus is provided and will transport all kids and families to the performance at McCarthy Arts Center and back again. Contact Ms. G at the office if you would like to join. There is also a flyer and sign up sheet coming home with students. Please RSVP to your classroom teacher by February 2.

The orchestra will perform with guest conductor and violinist Soovin Kim. Kim is a Vermont Youth Symphony alumnus, Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival founder, friend of the BCO and the IAA.

The Burlington Chamber Orchestra was founded by Michael Hopkins in the summer of 2007 with a group of twenty Vermont musicians to advance the arts and culture in the City of Burlington and surrounding communities. Hopkins stepped down as Director in 2010 to accept the position of Associate Professor of Music Education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Despite the loss of our Founding Director the Burlington Chamber Orchestra remains a vibrant and important organization in Burlington's classical music scene. The musicians of the orchestra are talented Vermont performers who also are responsible for the music education of hundreds of students in Burlington and surrounding areas. We are a community orchestra that is also a high quality professional orchestra.

Guidance News

Kindergarten through 5th grade have now finished the Second Step Bullying Curriculum. It was particularly pleased to see some of the focus was on bystander behavior during a bullying incident. Again, students were reminded of their choices as bystanders: speaking up/standing up to a bully with strong, serious language as in " Stop it! That's not OK, that's bullying!" Or they could report the bullying to an adult. Or they could show support to the student being bullied by saying "Are you OK?" or "Do you want to play with me?" Or they might do nothing. Doing nothing is never a good choice as it tends to allow the bullying to re-occur. It was serendipitous that the *No Strings Marionette Company's* performance was about bullying last week. 4th and 5th graders also had a lesson in cyber-bullying, and again, attention was given to how they are in bystander role perhaps, if they are online and are aware of mean texting towards another. That awareness should always prompt them to make a report to our principal and then there may be police involvement to investigate the originator of any mean text through social media.

Mr. Lane



Library News



Beyond the Hour of Code

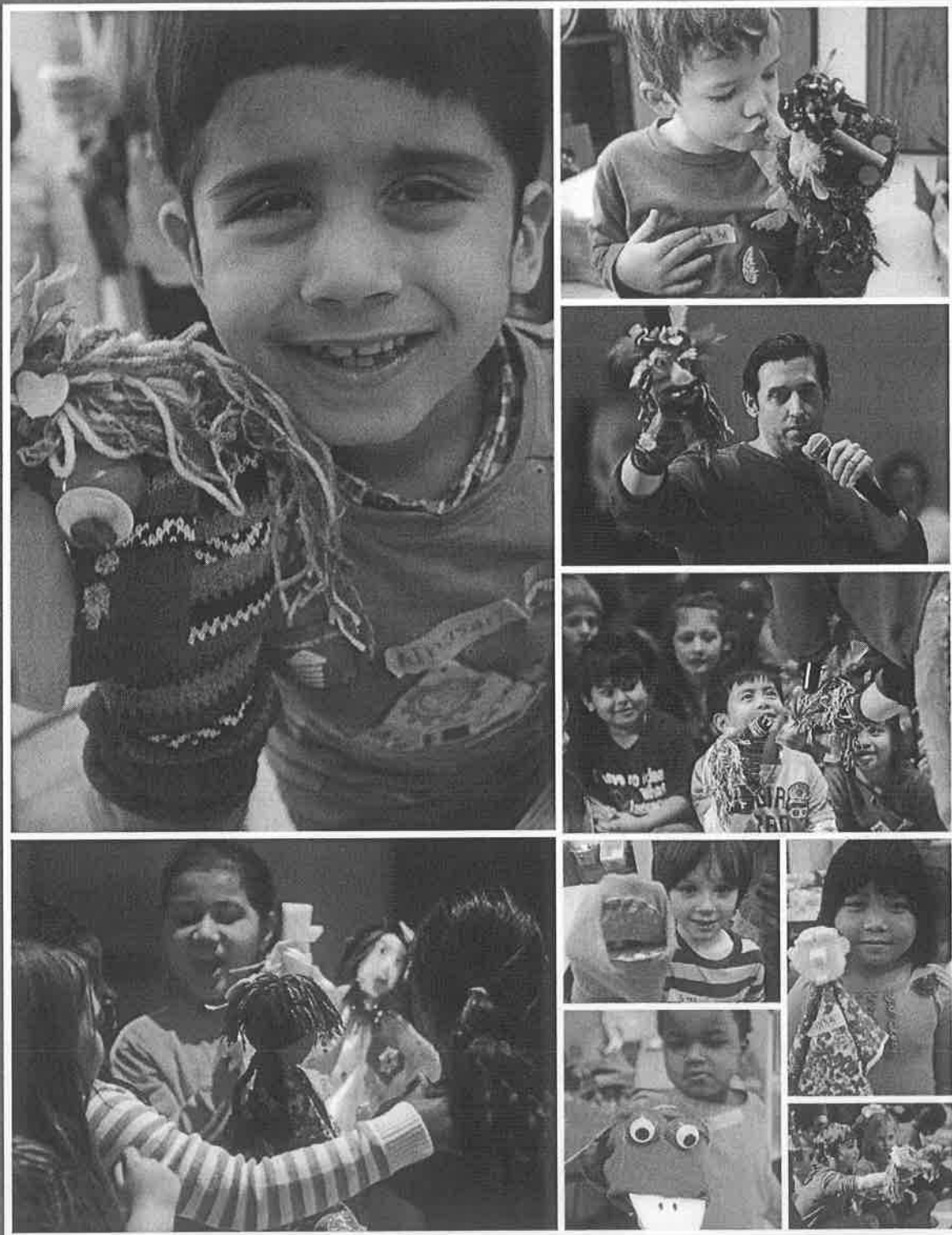
IAA students in grades 1-5 joined tens of millions of students of all ages in the Hour of Code, a one-hour introduction designed to demystify computer science and show that anybody can code. We began with an unplugged challenge to help our characters navigate an obstacle course, using controlled vocabulary and commands. At IAA, the Hour of Code introduced students to the lesson dashboard, where they can continue to work and learn at their own pace, from any internet connected device. To learn more, check out our Beyond an Hour of Code site at iaalibrary.weebly.com/hour-of-code.html If your child needs a reminder of their login information, feel free to email me at swalters@bsdvt.org or have them stop by the library. 4th and 5th grade students are invited to join our Scratch / Coding Club. This group meets during the ½ lunch & recess block on Tuesdays, to code, create and animate!



Ms. Walters

Integrated Arts Academy • Snapshots

No Strings Marionette Company Residency!



**The most sophisticated people I know -
inside they are all children.** Jim Henson