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Innovation Academy Charter School

June 2012

All School Reminders

6/4 Student Services Meeting 6-7pm
6/4 IACA Meeting 7-830pm
6/5 IACS Dance Team Recital 5-6pm
6/5 Music at IACS 7-8pm
6/6 Full Day Wednesday
6/11 Annual board Meeting 630-730pm
6/13 Full Day Wednesday
Monday 6/18- **Last Day of School-1pm Dismissal**

Please remember to turn in your **Carpool and Emergency forms** before June 18.
Please take the time to complete our end of the year family survey. This provides us valuable feedback related to achieving our schools mission.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IACSPARENTSURVEYSHORT

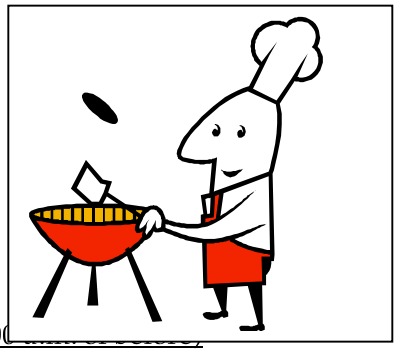
The Performing Arts Program of Innovation Academy Proudly Presents Drama Camp and Glee Camp 2012.
For students going into Grade 5 through 12!
Drama Camp is 8:30-3:30, July 9 through July 13 with a performance of scenes from THE HUNGER GAMES on Friday night!
Glee Camp is 8:30-3:30, July 16 through July 20 with a musical, drama and dance production of parts of the Broadway musical WICKED on Friday night!
Don't miss your opportunity to shine on the IACS stage! Contact rhawthorne@innovationcharter.org for details! Registration forms are in the performing arts section of IACS website.

It's time to celebrate the **last day of school** with the
IACS Staff & Student Year-End BBQ.
(Due to planning considerations, we are **not** able to accommodate family members)
To make this a success, your help is needed!

Volunteers:
- Set-up Crew: 9:00 a.m.
- Cooks: 9:30-12:00
- Servers: 9:45-12:00

Clean-up Crew: 12:00 p.m.

Items to be provided by the IACA:
- Cheeseburgers/Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Boca Burgers



Items needed for donation (please have to school by 9:00
- Salads (pasta, potato, garden and fruit)
- Rolls (hamburger and hotdog ~ by the dozen)
- Desserts (NUT-FREE cookies or brownies ~ by the dozen)
- Sliced Watermelon
- Chips (individual bags)
- Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard and Relish)
- Paper plates and Plastic utensils
- Other creative BBQ favorites

To volunteer or donate any of the above, please e-mail Kerry Wellenstein wellensteins@comcast.net or call (978)-551-2759.
If you have already responded, please disregard this notice

Middle School Updates

Curriculum Spotlight on Innovation on Earth:
Innovation Academy students are learning to be strong community members on a global scale through Sara Krakauer's website, InnovationOnEarth.com. In April and May, Ms. Krakauer traveled to Ukraine and Turkey with the Teachers for Global Classrooms program, funded by the U.S. Department of State. As she visited many different schools, cultural sites, and local hang outs, IACS community members were learning alongside her through her blog. Daily photographs, videos, and stories helped those back in Massachusetts learn about the importance of cross-cultural relationships. Many students, parents, and teachers joined the dialogue by commenting on posts, asking questions, and even video taping responses to students may miles away. If you didn't get a chance to check it out, it's not too late to experience the trip online. Ms. Krakauer will be continuing to blog this summer as she brings IACS along with her to China!

The Innovation on Earth website is just the beginning of an effort to increase global citizenship at IACS. Ms. Krakauer will be working with other Innovation teachers to write a global education resource guide and create other initiatives at our school. Want to learn more about her most recent experience in Ukraine and Turkey? Come to an after school session on Tuesday, June 5 from 3:30-4:30 to hear about her experiences. Have other ideas to help build global awareness at Innovation? Join the conversation online at www.InnovationOnEarth.com.

Attention Families of 6th & 7th graders: Every two years, the 7/8 teams travel to the Sargent Center at Hancock, NH for a 3 day trip. Living and learning at Sargent Center helps students gain a powerful sense of community membership. Mark your calendars. On June 13th at 3:30 pm, Larry Chambers will make a presentation to the parent community to learn some initial details of the trip. Please come to hear more about the trip and have your questions answered. While final costs have not been calculated, we estimate the cost of the 3 day trip (which includes all lodging, meals, and bus transportation) to be $300 per student. Financial assistance will be available for students in need. This field trip will take place on October 22-24th for the Self-Direction team and October 24th-26th for the Problem-Solving team.

Middle School Art Show - Friday, June 1, 7-9 pm. Join us for an exhibition of original student art by students in grades 5 - 8. Enjoy a wide variety of works, including paintings, drawings, collages, and short clay-animated movies! Hope to see you there!

Dance Team News
Congratulations to the inaugural dance team! All groups received honors that would allow them to move on to the national competition. The large group piece, "Hit the Road Jack" is entered for a scholarship at Nationals as the overall highest scoring piece at the competition. The IACS dance team also won the overall Entertainment Award.
You are cordially invited to the Innovation Academy's first, Dance Team Recital!! "ALL THAT JAZZ" Performed by the IACS Dance Team, Tuesday, June 5th 5-6pm in the Innovation Academy Common Area
We will have complimentary snacks and drinks as well as a free raffle ticket for a great prize.

8th grade Moving Up Ceremony
The 8th Grade Moving Up Assembly will be held in our school auditorium from 8:30-9:30 am on Friday, June 15th. Eighth grade students will participate in a ceremony including a retrospective account of middle school written by students and recognition of students' completion of middle school. This will be followed by a continental breakfast for students and their guests. **Due to space constraints in the auditorium, students are limited to no more than 2 guests at the assembly.**

Student Concert
Tuesday June 5th at 7PM; IACS Student Concert will feature the MS Band and HS chorus, each presenting new music as well as their work this spring on **Soundpainting!** During the month of April, band students were led in several sessions on Soundpainting by Boston musician and teacher Vitalijus Lisofskis, and we will be presenting our work with these "outside-the-box" methods of playing and conducting on our final concert!.

Reminders

- Our Lost & Found is currently located on the 2nd floor. Please encourage your student to look carefully through the many belongings on display. Families are also welcome to stop by. All items will be donated after school lets out on June 18th
- The deadline to order yearbooks has been extended to Friday, June 8th. No orders can be accepted after that. The order forms are available on the website at: http://www.innovationcharter.org/current-students-and-families/forms or at the front office.
- Tickets for the 8th grade semi formal to be on sale ($15 ea.) during the 8th grade lunch periods A professional photographer will be on site. Students must be in school for the entirety of the school day in order to attend. Please refer to the letter that was sent home for more details. If you would like to come in and view gently-used semi-formal attire for this year's dance, please contact Mariclare Pollicelli at mpollicelli@innovationcharter.org or Charlene LaRoche at claroche@innovationcharter.org
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Dancers, Singers and Actors in Grades 5 through 7:
Join Us for Middle School Auditions for the Fall Middle and High School Musical!

Auditions for IACS students in 5th through 7th grades are on Tuesday, June 5, during your recess and SSR! Please check in with your homebase teachers so they know, and then go to the first lunch. (5/6 – at 10:51, 7/8 at 11:48) After lunch, come to auditions! No preparation is needed! People interested in a singing role will be asked to sing a bit of "Happy Birthday." People interested in a speaking role will be asked to read pieces from the script. People interested in a dancing role will learn and perform a short dance.

High School Orientation

All incoming Freshman and new Freshman families need to attend a H.S. Orientation. H.S. Principal Greg Orpen will present important information about transition to H.S. In order to plan for an accurate number of families, please call or email Kathleen Feeney, (kfeeney@innovationcharter.org) as soon as possible. Please plan to attend one of the following dates:

Tuesday, June 5th, 3:00 - 4:00 **Thursday, June 7th, 6:00 -7:00 PM** **Monday, June 11th, 3:00 - 4:00**

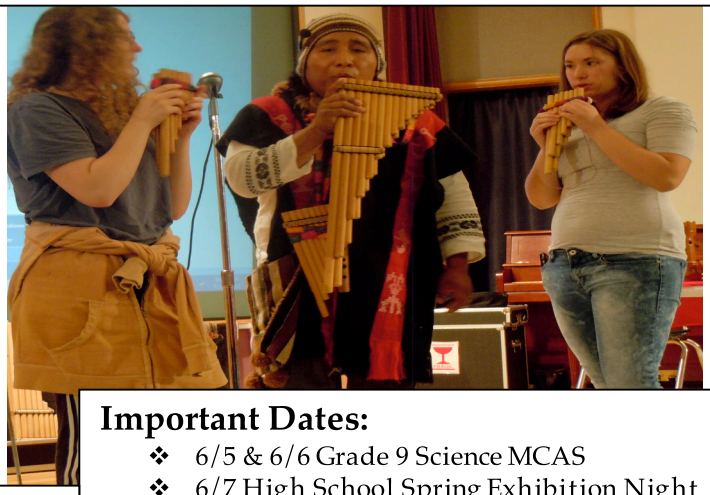
High School Updates

Learning Spotlight:

Students taking Spanish 3 with Sr. Carvajal concluded the unit "Perú Tierra de Incas" with a cultural event that took place in the main auditorium on May 25th. The students received a native speaker from Perú and descendant of an indigenous andean tribe who spoke about the Inca civilization and Peruvian culture. He also played different ceremonial and musical instruments that have been used in several countries in South America since pre-Columbian times. For this event, students of all Spanish levels in the High and Middle school were invited to participate and ask questions freely about Perú. During this informal conversational exchange, students not only practiced their oral skills, they were also exposed to a new accent and diverse vocabulary. They acquired a new awareness of Spanish culture and discovered Perú through the eyes of a Peruvian visitor.

Spanish 1 students have recently finished their "Propaganda para Latinoamérica" commercial projects. Students worked in groups to produce a commercial, entirely in Spanish, advertising several historic and cultural sites in Latin America, such as Chichén Itzá, the Galápagos Islands and Angel Falls.

In Spanish 2, students are in the midst of creating their own cooking show, in groups, about the cuisine of a particular Spanish-speaking country. In addition to learning about a particular country's food, they are also reinforcing informal and formal commands, and the subjunctive tense. All Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 classes are also now in the midst of completing their year-long grammar review in order to reinforce the concepts they've learned this year.



Important Dates:

- 6/5 & 6/6 Grade 9 Science MCAS
- 6/7 High School Spring Exhibition Night
- 6/8 Last day of semester
- 6/11-6/15 Endersession!
- 6/15 Graduation Rehearsal 6-7pm, followed by Senior Night 7-8pm
- **6/16 High School Graduation 10am**

Yearbook 2012

Order forms for the 2012 edition of the Yearbook are available on the school website. Order prices of a Yearbook is $30 . Complete forms with payment can be left in the drop box outside Mr. Orpen's office. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Kelly at skelly@innovationcharter.org

June Athletics

The Innovation Academy High School Athletic Department would like to invite you to its first annual high school sports banquet! On June 4th, from 6:30 to 8:30, we will be getting together to recognize the accomplishments of our teams, our outstanding athletes, and enjoy a meal together as a community. To minimize cost and maximize community involvement, it will be a potluck dinner held here at school. Please plan to bring a dish or beverage to share. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email our High School Athletics Director, Mr. Renau at ORenau@innovationcharter.org, or complete and return this invitation to him in the athletics department. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations! Job Well Done!

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized on their accomplishments at the Junior/Senior award night!

Class of 2013: Kam Boutin, John Chadbourne, Jeremy Cottle, Alyssa Cowan, Maria Figueroa, Mike Frey, Sophie Harrington, Chris Kaffine Josh Levin, Charlie Linskey, Tracy McTiernan, Eddie Ouano, Claudia Smith & Maddie St. Jean.

Class of 2012: Jess Belanger, Nicole Comer, Brian McFeeley, Ian McGaunn, Carrie Nagle, Rikin Patel, Emily Printz, Erika Taylor, Liz St. Germain, Jenzel Espares, Shannon Comer, Sarah Landy, Chris Riemer, Rick Wight & AJ Morquette.

IACA

Innovation Academy Community Association

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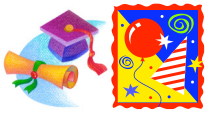
Next IACA Meeting
Monday, June 4th
7-8:30pm in rm:237



LAST BASH 2012: Senior post graduation party: The IACS Last Bash will be a substance-Free celebration for IACS graduating seniors! The Post-Grad Party will take place, Saturday Evening, June 16th (evening of graduation) from 10pm to 6am at The Holiday Inn Boxborough. The evening will include, Music, Dancing Prizes, Games, Entertainment, Food and wonderful memories. Please consider supporting our seniors by donating towards the bash. We are asking for a minimum donation of $20.12..but will gladly accept any and all donations made. Please return donations to the main office by June 1st. Please go to http://iaca.weebly.com/ for the "Bash" donation form to make your donation. We need help with set-up, clean-up, Chaperoning and decorations..to volunteer or to find out more about the Bash,Contact: Lisa Tagliavento: lisatagliavento@comcast.com. *(To keep this tradition going, any donations left over after covering expenses will be passed on to the next graduating senior class post grad party)* Also Attached is a Corporate Donation solicitation letter for the bash. Please pass this letter on to the appropriate people at your workplace to solicit their tax deductable donation!

Congratulations to Seniors Shannon Comer & Jenzel Espares Winners of The 2012 IACA $1000 Scholarship Awards!

2012 IACS Student and Staff Year-End Barbeque:
Monday June 18th (Dismissal will be at 1:00 p.m.)
It's time to celebrate the last day of school with the IACS Staff & Student Year-End BBQ. We need volunteers for setup: 9am, Cooks: 9:30-12, servers: 9:45-12, clean-up crew 12noon. Most of the food items will be provided by IACA, but we will need some food donations including: Salads (pasta, potato, garden and fruit),Rolls (hamburger and hotdog ~ by the dozen), Desserts (NUT-FREE cookies or brownies(by the doz),Sliced Watermelon, Chips (individual bags), Ketchup, Mustard and Relish, Paper plates and Plastic utensils and any other creative BBQ Favorites. To volunteer or donate any of the above, please e-mail Kerry Wellenstein, wellensteins@comcast.net or call (978)-551-2759. For more details see the attached flier or visit: www.iaca.weebly.com

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"ALL THAT JAZZ"

Performed by the

Order of Show
Too Much
Hit The Lights
Unbroken
SkyScraper
Hit The Road Jack
All That Jazz

Tuesday, June 5th
5pm- 6pm
Innovation Academy Common Area

Please come see what the Middle School Dance Team has been working on this season. This event will be emceed by the fabulous Mr. Maier.We will have complimentary snacks and drinks as well as a free raffle ticket for a great prize. Hope to see you all there to support these 30

Box Tops: FINAL WEEK! Keep those Box Tops coming! Although we continue to collect Box Tops all year round, this is the FINAL week for submissions to count towards this contest. Competition is fierce and the volume of entries is impressive. When we add this to the bonus 5,000 Box Tops awarded to the school in a recent contest - it all adds up to more money for IACS. I'll continue to collect each week through Friday, June 8th and then determine the winner for a COOL TREAT. Be sure to include your homebase name on your entry. Here are the current standings:

Box Tops Baseball Standings – As of May 31st, 2012

Team	1st Inning	2nd Inning	3rd Inning	4th Inning	5th Inning	6th Inning	7th Inning	8th Inning	9th Inning
Barton	4	4	4	6	6	7	7		
Mandela	3	3	3	3	3	6	6		
Gandhi	-	-	-	4	4	5	5		
Edelman	-	-	3	3	3	3	3		
High School	1	1	1	1	3	3	3		
Bell	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		

Advance one base for every 50 box tops submitted. 200 box tops required for every "run".