



Turtle Tracks

February 12, 2010

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEB 13

VCS Winter Ball

FEB 13

Admissions Open House

FEB 15-19

Parent Conference Week

FEB 16

Evening of Readings

FEB 22-MAR 2

Midwinter Break

MAR 11

Localvore Dinner
Kitchen Table Bistro

Next Localvore Dinner set for March 11th

Submitted by Wendy McArdle

Maybe you heard the buzz about how fun the first Localvore Dinner was. Or maybe you read the article in the Savorfare section of the Burlington Free Press last weekend about the Kitchen Table Bistro. Either way, you won't want to miss the next event in the VCS Localvore Dinner Series scheduled for Thursday, March 11th at the Kitchen Table Bistro in Richmond.

Dinner will include a 4-course meal featuring delicious, locally-grown food; a presentation by two VCS students about their R&S courses related to the Food Shelf; and guest speaker Megan Camp.



Megan Camp is program director and vice president of Shelburne Farms. She is passionate about environmental education and committed to promoting sustainable agriculture and local communities in Vermont and internationally. Our Localvore Dinner provides a fantastic opportunity to meet Ms. Camp in an intimate setting and hear her speak.

Reservations are required and space is limited to 50 guests. Tickets are \$75 per person. To reserve your spot today, please contact Allison Fayle at 865-8084 x10 or Allison@vermontcommons.org.

NOTE: The Localvore Dinner Series is a friend-raising event for adults, not a fundraiser for students. The cost of the meal covers event expenses only. Cash bar. If you cannot attend, please consider sponsoring a faculty ticket to the dinner. Contact Allison for details.

[Kitchen Table hosts tasty trial run for Beard event](#)

New Language Arts Teacher Greg Askew

Submitted by Hannah Stanyon

Greg Raymond Askew, who enjoys eating mini Luna bars, has joined the VCS community to teach language arts to the 8th, 9th, and 11th graders for the second half of this year. His childhood was spent in New Jersey fantasizing about the African jungles, making a banner for his room that contained colorful wild animals. But Greg soon put aside that wonderful banner to pursue an undergraduate degree at UVM, as well as a Master's degree. He would like the VCS community at large to know that he likes to "keep an aura of mystery about [himself.]" With that, let's all say welcome, Greg!



Head of School:

Peter Gilmore

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Greg Askew

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Knewstub

Mark Cline Lucey

Jennifer Cohen

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Conor Driscoll

Peter Goff

Kathy Hockman

Zhenyan Li

Hans Manske

Ben Patrick

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Jordan Romm

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Allison Fayle

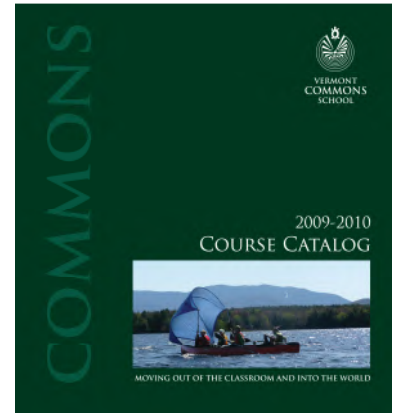
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Allison Fayle

NEW VCS Course Catalog

Submitted by Wendy McArdle

Vermont Commons is pleased to announce that we now have an official VCS Course Catalog. The catalog arrived today and is available for distribution. Please stop by the office, and Allison will be happy to give you a copy. And if you'd like a second copy to "Pass Forward" to a friend, we'd be happy to comply. You can also view the catalog on our website at www.vermontcommons.org/publications. Thanks again for your help in spreading the good word about Vermont Commons.



Update On VCS Annual Fund from the Development Office

Submitted by Kathleen Carrara, Annual Fund Chair

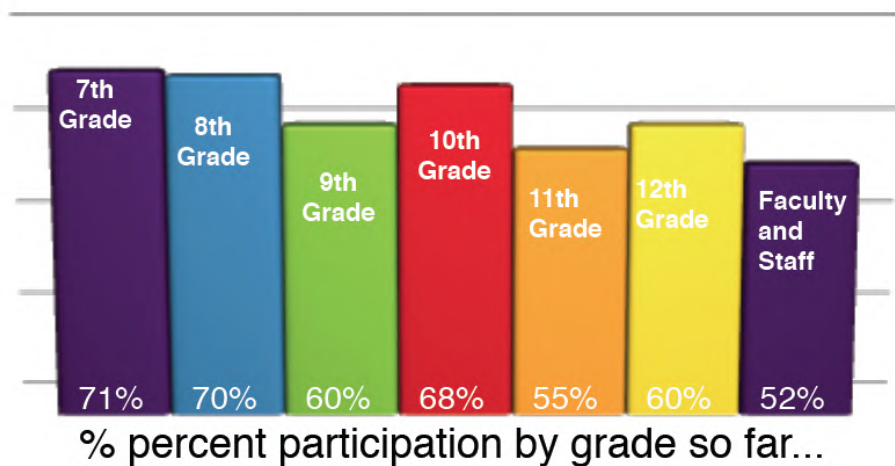
The VCS Annual Fund has been underway for 5 months now and we have great momentum. Huge THANK YOUs to all that have participated so far this year. We are forever grateful to all of our donors, large and small, as every gift to the Annual Fund help maintain the wonderful programs and faculty that make VCS so unique!

Our goal this year is \$265,000 and so far, we are at \$227,681.55! This is AMAZING! We are getting SO CLOSE...

We have \$37,318.45 to go.

Annual fund is as much about participation as it is about giving.

OUR GOAL IS 100% FAMILY PARTICIPATION



Help your child's class reach 100% first! GIVE TODAY! It's easy, mail a check or go online to www.vermontcommons.org/giving.

Stay tuned for more Annual Fund updates each week in Turtle Tracks—Our Spring Annual Fund Telethon is coming soon. We are looking for volunteers, so stop into the development office and see Jordan Romm if you're interested.



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VCS Second Quarter Honor Roll Recipients

Submitted by Allison Fayle

Congratulations to all Second Quarter honor roll recipients! The students listed below received at least 2 A's and nothing lower than a B.

7th Grade

Hill, Nora
Hotaling, Chloe
Monsey, Shea
Lord, Dyson
Yudien, Mikhal

8th Grade

Barber, Baxter
Galbraith, Oban
Koenig, Emil
Lamberson, Miles
Leffler, Mitchell
Villani-Holland, Aidan

9th Grade

Boudette, Katiya
Cartularo, Lillian
Decatur, Justin
Hollender, Chiara
Jager, Mia
Mantegna, Gabriel
Pittman, Dylanger

10th Grade

Ackert-Smith, Alexandra
Frey, Christian
Gadway, Leslie
Hollyer, Elsa
Jackson, Alexis
Jaffe, Nathan
Kemsley, Mae
Magowan, Justine
Mueller, Sarah
Sears, Timothy
Self, Milo

11th Grade

Boudette, Mikela
Cowan, Schuyler
Enriquez, Vivien
Hanson, Alexander
Homer, Will
McGarghan, Callie
Retzloff, Teddy
Rowland, Mark
Villani-Holland, Keenan
Wolfstein, Shana

12th Grade

Congdon, Joseph
Daigle, Sophie
Fournier, Eric
Mudd, Elena
Mueller, Catherine
Van Cooper, Kathryn