



Turtle Tracks

April 2, 2010

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APR 2-3

School Play
"Thoroughly Modern Millie"

APR 2-17

Awesome April Auction

APR 6

3rd VCS Localvore Dinner, American Flatbread Waitsfield

APR 7

Early Dismissal 12:00

APR 8

Edible Car Competition

APR 13

Evening of Student Readings, 6:00 pm

Let the Bidding Begin!

Submitted by Wendy McArdle

The VCS Awesome April Auction is officially open for bidding! We've moved out of the theater and are totally online this year. You can visit our auction website at:

www.biddingforgood.com/vcsauction

The VCS Auction Committee has gathered more than 100 items, including a great selection of products, services, and unique experiences. Some of the more exciting items include: Red Sox vs Yankees tickets, a Ben Patrick painting, a Paella Dinner Party courtesy of Jordan Romm, and a vacation package at Smugglers Notch. Online bidding will be open through Saturday, April 17 at 8pm. **Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for VCS.**



You can help us reach our goal by doing 3 simple things:

1. Register to bid
2. Bid generously
3. Refer friends

You should have received an email today (April 2) that includes links with simple directions to register, bid, and refer friends. Please don't be shy and don't delay! If everyone refers at least 5 friends this week, we'll greatly increase the exposure of our auction and the likelihood of reaching our goal by April 17th. If you're on Front Porch Forum and would be willing to post an announcement, feel free to use the blurb below.

SPECIAL THANKS to all everyone who donated items; the VCS Auction Committee (Ginny Rowland - chair, Laury Shea, Claudia Barber, Page Frantz, Christina Gill, Debra Lord, Colleen Leffler, Suzanne Mantegna and Wendy McArdle); and the auction sponsors: Paintbox Gardens, Hoff Curtis, Seventh Generation, Stephen & Burns, Vermont Development and Behavioral Medicine, and Burlington Tennis Center.

***Thank you for supporting the VCS
Awesome April Auction!***

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FPF BLURB: The Vermont Commons School's Awesome April Auction is now open for bidding! This online auction includes more than 100 items, including a great selection of products, services, and unique experiences. Some of the more exciting items include: Red Sox vs. Yankees tickets, a summer vacation package at Smugglers Notch, and a chance to have Tammy Fletcher perform at your party. Just go to www.biddingforgood.com/vcsauction and register to bid to get started. All proceeds benefit Vermont Commons School educational programs. Thanks in advance for your support!

Last Localvore Dinner on Tuesday, April 6 at Lareau Farm

Submitted by Wendy McArdle

Tuesday is your last chance to participate in the VCS Localvore Dinner Series. The final event will be held at Lareau Farm in Waitsfield with guest speaker George Schenk, founder and owner of American Flatbread. The menu and additional info is on our website at

<http://www.vermontcommons.org/dinner-series>.

Tickets are just \$38 per person (includes tax and gratuity) and there's even an option to stay overnight at the Inn for just \$75 per couple (includes a hearty breakfast). Limited seats are available. Contact Allison to reserve your spot today!

Reserve your spot today by contacting Allison at

allison@vermontcommons.org or calling 865-8084. More info at www.vermontcommons.org/dinner-series



Tidbits from Trips Abroad

Submitted by Sarah McGarghan

Trips Abroad has several fundraising initiatives that we would love to share with you.

- Come hungry to the play this weekend, as we will have all sorts of yummy things to eat; we can even provide your dinner! There will be hot dogs, chips, drinks, apple turnovers, whoopie pies, carrot cake, cookies, cupcakes and even BEN & JERRY'S!
- This Saturday, come on down to the Shelburne Farmer's Market (it will be held outside, on the Green this week) where our travelers will be selling coffee (we now have ground coffee as well) and more baked goods. If you are lucky, you might even hear Julian Lenz playing his cello.
- Please save your returnable bottles, as we are planning a HUGE bottle drive in May. Start saving your bottles and stay tuned, more details to follow on that.
- And of course, we continue to have our hot lunches on Tuesdays and our Pizzas on Friday. The Carrara family will provide hot lunch on Tuesday, April 6th!

Thanks for supporting the Travel Abroad Program!

High School Students Interested in Health & Wellness?

Submitted by Jeff Mandell

The nonprofit [Vermont Institute on Health and Wellness](http://www.vermontinstituteonhealthandwellness.org), leads a week-long intensive residential summer experience for current high school students and upcoming freshman who are interested in wellness, health, and related careers. We provide students with direction, encouragement, and information on how to live and make healthy lifestyle choices that will stay with them into adulthood. From yoga instructors to medical doctors, students investigate, ask questions, and learn from a variety of skilled professionals. Students leave empowered to return to their



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communities as role models in their families and communities. We aim to be an integral player in helping Vermont's youth to live better, healthier lives.

For more information and to apply, see the website at www.vihw.org.

Canadian College Fair

Submitted by Sarah Soule

On Wednesday, March 31, Vermont Commons welcomed a group of college representatives from Nova Scotia to our school to meet with our juniors and sophomores as they begin to contemplate their options for 'life after VCS'. On Monday, April 5th, all VCS juniors will head to a college fair at CVU where they will have the opportunity to meet with admissions officers from over 100 colleges and universities!



WANTED: Electric Burner

The Cowponics R&S class will be making cheese from raw milk this week, and we are in need of an electric burner. If you have an extra burner that you can loan to us for a few days, please email Adriana at acomtois@vermontcommons.org. Thanks!

Welcome our New Arrivals!

Submitted by the Cowponics R&S Class

The Cowponics R&S Class is growing organic and conventional vegetables in the hallways of VCS- check out our baby seedlings!



