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## Press Release

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# Vermont Commons School Holds Bookfair at Barnes and Noble



*VCS senior Addie Johnson works with local students during a VCS trip to Belize in 2009.*

Vermont Commons School has teamed up with Barnes and Noble this holiday season to help support a good cause. For anyone using the special voucher number (10049930) on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to make qualifying purchases in their Dorset Street store, Barnes and Noble will donate a percentage of sales to the Vermont Commons School Trips Abroad Program. This includes new books, calendars, music, movies, coffee, toys and more!

“It’s a win-win situation for everyone,” says Cynthia Cagle, parent of a VCS student and an organizer of the fundraiser. “Barnes and Noble has added an incentive to holiday shopping and Vermont Commons students will raise funds for their Trips Abroad Program.” VCS students will be at the store all day December 13th staffing a gift wrap station and offering entertainment and activities in the B&N performance space. “We plan to have students reading poetry, playing music, and reading stories to kids while their parents shop,” notes Vivien Enriquez, a VCS junior from Burlington. “We may even show slides of previous international trips and offer basic lessons in Spanish and Chinese if people are interested.”

International travel is a key element of the VCS experience. Vermont Commons is committed to moving students out of the classroom and into the world. Two trips are planned for the summer of 2010: a 5-week trip to Spain and a 3-week trip to China. The goal of these two trips is to immerse students in the language and culture of each country, expand their world view, and help students better understand their role as global citizens. The



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trips will be led by Mandarin Chinese instructor Zhenyan Li, a native of the Sichuan Province in China, and Spanish instructor Jordan Romm, who has lived and traveled extensively throughout Spain. About twenty students will go on these trips, many of whom have never traveled outside North America.

*NOTE: Shoppers who miss the in-store promotion on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 9pm can still support VCS Trips Abroad by shopping online December 14-18 and using the voucher number (10049930) at B&N's online store: [bn.com/mybookfair](http://bn.com/mybookfair). Anyone wishing to support the VCS trips abroad program can also make a donation online at [www.vermontcommons.org/trips](http://www.vermontcommons.org/trips)*

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**About Vermont Commons School:** *Vermont Commons School is an independent day school for students in grades 7 – 12. The school offers a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum that includes a focus on community service and experiential education. Vermont Commons School students experience a unique blend of academics and global emersion, master fundamental academic disciplines, grasp the profound interdependence of the natural and human systems they inhabit, and graduate with the values, knowledge, skills and commitment necessary to become ethical and engaged ecological citizens. For more information, please visit [www.vermontcommons.org](http://www.vermontcommons.org).*

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