

JANUARY 9, 2015

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 12-16  
Exams

January 19-23  
Encounter  
Week

January 21  
Parent Encounter  
Week Dinner

January 28  
Film  
Screening

## Vermont Commons Documentary Series Part II

### *The Internet's Own Boy*

Please join us for a screening of the film *The Internet's Own Boy*, on January 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Commons Room. The film examines the life and work of Aaron Swartz, and explores the implications of the interplay between technology and our civil liberties.

Guest panelists for a discussion following the film will include:

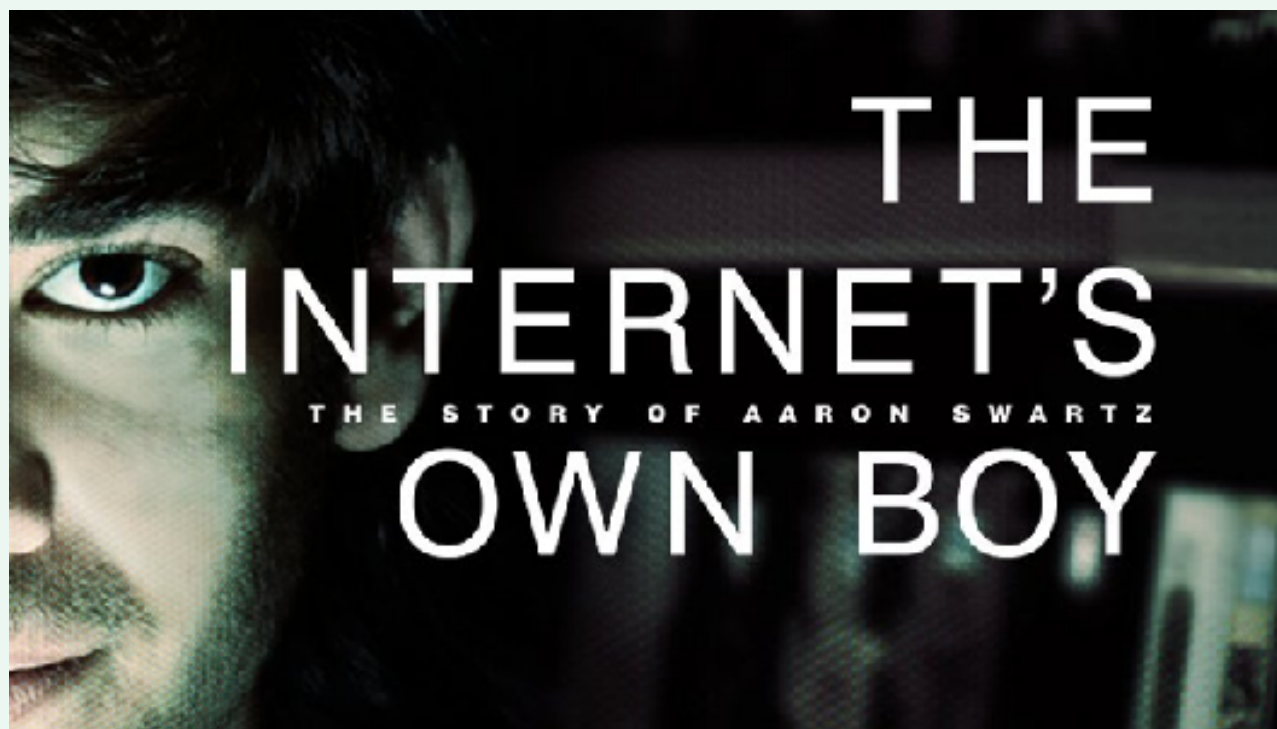
**Brian Knappenberger**, award-winning filmmaker of *The Internet's Own Boy* and *We are Legion: The Story of the Hactivists*. Knappenberger will be skyping in to attend the discussion.

**Martha Reid**, Vermont State Librarian and Open Internet proponent.

**Bill Simmon**, is a filmmaker, writer, media educator and the Director of Media Services at Vermont Community Access Media. Bill enjoys talking about free speech and the democratization of media & technology.

**Cathleen Stadecker**, lawyer with Downs Rachlin Martin, focuses her practice on intellectual property counseling involving trademark, copyright, advertising, unfair competition, and Internet issues.

*The event is free and open to the public.*



# Vermont Commons 7th Grader Races at Daytona

by **Anthony Vaccaro**

My son Kent and I spent three days at Daytona International Speedway. At the annual banquet Kent received recognition as the 2014 National Champion in two classes for 12-15 year olds, Junior Enduro Light and Junior Enduro Heavy. Then he took first place in both of his races that are considered the start of the 2015 series. This was at Kart Week at Daytona, one of the biggest events in the country for karting. Kent ran on the 3.6 mile road course that comprises the entire stock car oval which connects with the in-field road course. He came home with four first place trophies.



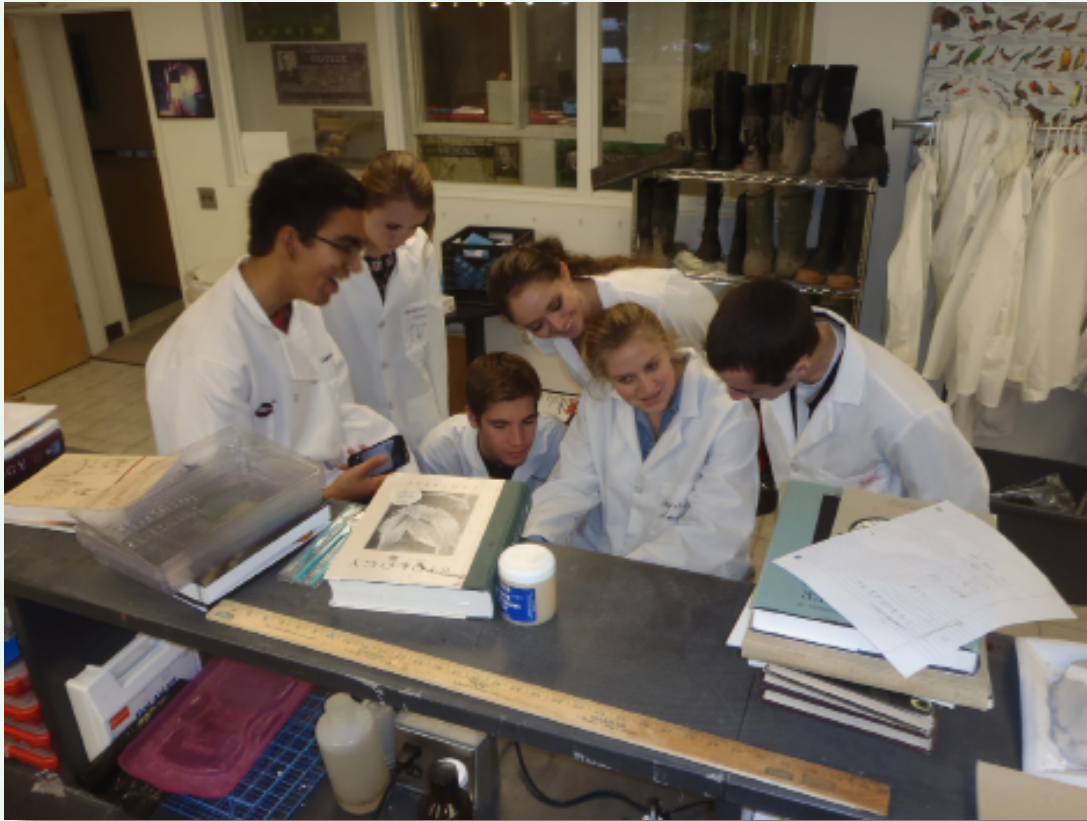
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VERMONT COMMONS STUDENTS:  
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR EXAMS  
NEXT WEEK!

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Mark Keegan's eleventh grade chemistry class presents research projects to other students. Click [here](#) to watch the video.



*Students in Senior Anatomy II dissect a pigeon.*



## Exam Schedule

Monday 1/12: Social Studies  
Tuesday 1/13: Language Arts  
Wednesday 1/14: Math  
Thursday 1/15: Science  
Friday 1/16: World Language

## Save the Date

**March 6 from 5-7 p.m.**

Students traveling to china are hosting a Chinese New Year party at Zen Gardens to benefit their trip. Buffet dinner and entertainment will be provided.



# ENGAGING STUDENTS WITH THE WORLD

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