

OCTOBER 26, 2015

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27th
9th Grade Potluck

October 31st
Volleyball
State Championships

November 6th-8th
Brown University
Model U.N.

November 7th
SATs

Common Text Day

Over the summer, students took part in reading our assigned Common Texts: middle schoolers read Farley Mowat's *Never Cry Wolf: The Amazing True Story of Life Among the Arctic Wolves*, and high schoolers read David Baron's *The Beast in the Garden: The True Story of a Predator's Deadly Return to Suburban America*.

Last Friday, we celebrated these works in our annual Common Text Day. After an amazing community potluck lunch, students got a chance to talk to David Baron over Skype, getting an inside look at the author's process of developing his work as well as participating in a Q&A session. Afterwards, students, faculty, and parents took part in a number of workshops related to each text, including:

Canine Figure Drawing

Acting Workshop: Animal Study

Yellowstone's Wolves

Reading Wild Short Stories

Wild Poetry Share

Viewpoint Discussion: Ethics of Hunting

Farmers vs. Wildlife

Real World Math: Using Functions & Matrices to Predict Population

Real World Math: Using Animal Prints to Predict Animal Size

Big Cat Folktales from Around the World

Special thanks to all of the parents, faculty, and students who helped make our 2015 Common Text Day a success!



Parent Coffee with Dexter

Mary Hamilton

Parents, come and enjoy a cuppa with other parents, Dexter and available faculty! We will be gathering in the VCS Foyer on Thursday, October 29th, from 7:45am-9am.



VCS at Outright Vermont QSA Conference

Christie Beveridge

On Friday, October 16th, members of the GLOWing (Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever) Turtles, attended the Outright Vermont Queer Straight Alliance Conference. There, we learned about activities and best practices for QSAs, as well as met students from around the state of Vermont. There were 27 schools in attendance! We are planning to have Dana Kaplan, education coordinator for Outright Vermont, speak about LGBTQ issues at a Common Hour in November. Stay tuned!



Darth Rainer & Maroon 5

Mark Cline Lucey & VCS Class of 2016

Vermont Commons recently played host to an unexpectedly musical father figure from a galaxy far, far away.

[Click here](#) to watch this special video presentation from Mark Cline Lucey and the Class of 2016. Enjoy!



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