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DECEMBER 5TH, 2016

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6th
Sibling Day

December 9th
Movie Night Sponsored
by the Student Senate

December 10th
ACTs

December 10th
ISEEs at
Vermont Commons

Raised \$20,084 on #GivingTuesday for Financial Aid!!!

by Mary Hamilton

Financial Aid is just one bucket that needs filling in the Commons Fund, and while we are very happy to be **41%** of the way to our goal of **\$150,000**, there is still work to do and donations to gather! Please consider a generous year-end gift.

[CLICK HERE](#) to give!

Also, [CLICK HERE](#) to read our first ever **Annual Report** for the 2015-16 school year!



Movie Night this Friday
Sponsored by Student Senate

There is a movie night this **Friday, December 9th!** We will be showing *Hunt For The Wilderpeople* and *My Neighbor Totoro*. There will be pizza and sweets for sale. Please join us for this family friendly social event! Movies will begin around **5pm**.

Note: If your student is under the age of 13 and would like to view the PG-13 film, please send permission to Katherine.

Auditions Now Open for
Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead

We will be holding auditions for our spring play production of Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* on **Wednesday, December 14th** and **Friday, December 16th, from 3:30pm - 5pm** after school. Sign-up sheets for each round of auditions are posted outside the Performing Arts room.

Please prepare a **2-3 minute monologue** of your choosing, to perform. All ages are welcome!

6th Graders Participate in Chinese Gallery Walk

by Hua Zhang

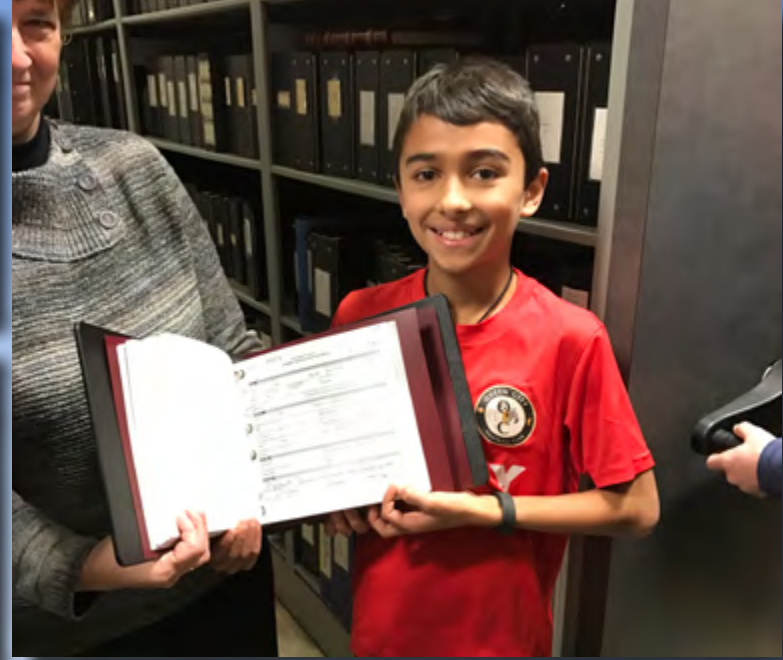
Chinese calligraphy is an ancient art form with 4000 years of history; it is also the mostly widely practiced art form in today's China, with 300 million practitioners. In the Introduction to the World Languages class, the VCS 6th-grade students wrote the character "forever" in regular script to learn the basics of Chinese calligraphy. They then explored the various styles and wrote in oracle bone script, seal script, clerical script, regular script or semi-cursive script. They signed their Chinese names as well as stamped their work with the name seals that they carved themselves.



6th Graders Study the Proposed Burlington Town Center

by Jory Hearst

In 6 Humanities, we've examined the proposals for the new Burlington Town Center, which was passed by the voters on November 8th. As the plan moves forward, we'll be making short documentary films about different aspects of this huge shift in Burlington's future.



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