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FEBRUARY 15TH, 2017

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 16th
Evening of Readings,
Part I

February 17th
Progress Reports
sent home

February 18th
Winter Ball at
Shelburne Town Hall

February 20th
Enrollment Contracts &
Financial Aid Applications Due

Winter Ball at Shelburne Town hall this Saturday!

by Zelda Ferris

Our Winter Ball will be held this Saturday, Feb 18 at the beautiful Shelburne Town Hall! All VCS students are invited!

Middle school students are invited to attend from 7:00-8:30pm, and high school students from 8:00-9:30pm. Tickets will be \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. All profits will go towards the Student Senate & Prom. If you would like to be put on the list, speak and give money to Chance or Katherine. VCS students may invite (and are encouraged to bring) friends from outside VCS if they inform Chance ahead of time and provide parental contact information. The more the merrier!

There will be music, friends, food (snacks are included, and pizza will be available for an additional price), and good times as always. See you there!

Important Reminder

Re-enrollment contracts are due **February 20th, 2017** to ensure a spot for your student next year. Please be sure you have clicked on the “submit” button at the end of the contract. Financial aid applications are also due February 20, 2017. Be sure to upload the required forms.

Please contact Linda Bursell at lbursell@vermontcommons.org with any questions.



First Evening of Readings

February 16th

Our first Evening of Readings, featuring students whose last names start from A-L, will take place tomorrow, **February 16th**. We hope to see you there! Students with last names M-Z will read next month, on Tuesday, March 21st.

Calling All Students Who Take Pictures!

by Graham Byers

We are looking for your photos to hang in a permanent installation here in the Vermont Commons building. Choose up to five of your best VCS photos and submit to our juried competition panel.

Photos should be:

- Connected to the VCS Community in some way.
 - Aesthetically pleasing.*
 - Artistically interesting.
- School appropriate - no nudity, profanity, or offensive language.
 - No watermarks/names attached to your actual images
 - At least 3000 x 4200 pixels

*Beware of plain landscapes and sunsets. They're wonderful. They're also potentially repetitive.

All photos must be sent to Jory

(jhearst@vermontcommons.org)

by **Friday, February 17th.**

Peer Tutoring

by Jenna Bisset

If you have a student who is struggling in a content area or wants to improve a specific academic skill, then peer tutoring might be a great option. This is a newer program that features students in National Honor Society, as well as some 10th or 11th graders who are strong academic students and have an affinity for helping younger students succeed. Additionally, we have some peer tutoring pairs who are at the same grade level. Students on both sides of this program have been enjoying it thus far and we hope it continues to flourish. Please contact Jenna Bisset if you would like to set this up for yourself or your child.

Thanks from the Massive Cooking Crew

by Hua Zhang

A special thanks to the Williams family for hosting the Massive Cooking EWeek group in their restaurant, Archie's, and Scoops Ice Cream Shop. They even came up with a special "flying turtles" ice cream flavor which the students made from scratch and took home.

A special thanks also to Schoolhouse chef Zach DeFranco for allowing us to prepare the school lunch with him and teaching the students about spices and cutting techniques.

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