

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2015

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 7th  
ACTs

Feb. 7th  
Penguin Plunge

Feb. 8th  
VCS February  
Open House

Feb. 10th  
First Evening of  
Readings

## February Open House This Sunday, 2/8

*Sarah Soule & Jill Strawbridge*

On behalf of the Vermont Commons community, we thank you for helping us to share the news of this weekend's Open House for prospective students and their parents. Current students and parents are a vital part of our enrollment efforts and help us tremendously as we seek to inform inter-

ested families about our school. Word of mouth promotion is our best form of advertising. Please invite your friends to join us on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. for the Open House. Our guests will meet current students, parents, and faculty, staff, and administration. Thank you!



*Photography by Amira Silverman, VCS '17*



## First Evening of Readings, Tuesday, 2/10

Family and friends of students are welcome to come to our first Evening of Readings, this Tuesday at 6pm! Sponsored by Vermont Commons' Language Arts department, this event is one of the highlights of the academic year.

Students will present some of their written work and showcase their talent to the entire community. The event is free to attend, and there will be refreshments and music to go along with the fantastic readings!

A reminder to students presenting: please plan to arrive no later than 5:45pm.

For a sample of some of the amazing work done by our students, we invite you to review our [Uncommon publication from the 2013-14 school year](#).

## Valentine's Dance!

**Saturday, February 14th, 7-9:30pm**

Vermont Commons invites students to the annual Valentine's dance, here in the Commons Room, from 7-9:30pm on Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14th. Admission is \$10/person, and snacks will be provided. Special guest Eliot Crawford, of Vermont Commons' Class of 2012, will be DJing! Students are reminded to check with Chance regarding any guests accompanying them from outside the Vermont Commons community. Only 1 outside guest allowed per student.

## Yoga Class for All at VCS

**February 18th, 4-5pm**

Instructor Rachel De Simone will be offering a yoga class for students, faculty, and parents on Wednesday, February 18th, from 4-5pm. The cost for the class will be \$10, and participants are encouraged to arrive 5 minutes early, and to bring a yoga mat if they have one, a water bottle, and comfy clothes. The class will take place in the Commons Room. Special thanks to Susan Randall for organizing this class!

## Chinese New Year Celebration

**Friday, March 6th, 5:30-7pm**

Come enjoy a meal at Zen Gardens, support the China trip, celebrate Chinese New year, and connect with the community! All faculty, students, parents and families are invited. Cost: \$20/adult, \$15/child under 12. Includes a buffet dinner!

## World Language Celebration Day

**Friday, February 20th, 1-3:30pm**

World Language Celebration Day is coming! Come see our students present songs, skits, dances, etc. in Chinese and Spanish.

Everyone in our community is invited!

## Coffeehouse

**Friday, March 20th, 6-8pm**

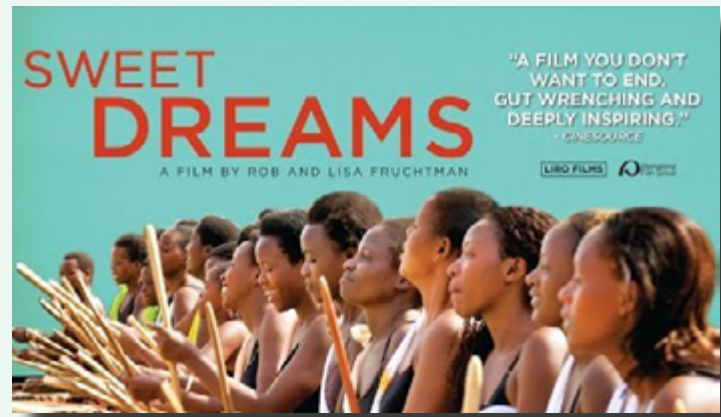
Come see some local talent! We will be holding a coffeehouse to benefit the England and China trips. Students, faculty and parents are all invited to perform. Food and beverages will be served!



# Screening of *Sweet Dreams*

Thursday, 2/12

Join us for *Sweet Dreams*, the story of how women from both sides of Rwanda's devastating genocide came together to form their country's first women's drumming collective. It is also how they managed to open the country's first ever ice cream shop. The screening will take place on Thursday, February 12th at 3:45pm, and will be followed by an ice cream social. The screening and social are generously sponsored by [Home-made Island Ice Cream](#).



## State of the School Rescheduled

**New Date: Tuesday, March 10th**

The State of the School Community Meeting currently scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th, will instead take place on the evening of Tuesday, March 10th.

We hope that every community member will join us for this very special evening! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

## Announcement Regarding Admissions

As some of you know, Sarah Soule will step away from her admissions role over the next few days and will focus her time on college counseling for our Juniors and Seniors. On Monday, Jill Strawbridge, currently responsible for 6th and 7th grade admissions, will become our point person for admissions school-wide through the remainder of the winter and spring. If you have admissions questions or any admissions referrals, please contact Jill directly at [jstrawbridge@vermontcommons.org](mailto:jstrawbridge@vermontcommons.org) or 864-8084, ext. 19.

## Goods & Gear Valentine's Sale!

**Jen Oldham**

- Sweatshirts - \$45; two for \$72
- T-shirts - \$18; two for \$28.80
- Pajama pants - \$28; two for \$44.80
- Baseball caps - \$15; two for \$24
- Water bottles - \$12; two for \$19
- Pint glasses - \$5; two for \$8
- Syrup - \$20; two for \$32

Items will be on sale at upcoming events, including the Evening of Readings (2/10) and the Screening of *Sweet Dreams* (2/12).

Items can also be purchased:

- at lunch and after school on Tuesdays thru February
- via the [on-line order form on the VCS website](#)
- at [A Little Something](#), 2989 Shelburne Rd. in the Shelburne Bay Shopping Center
- by contacting Jen Oldham at [jenontheroad@yahoo.com](mailto:jenontheroad@yahoo.com)

**Buy 2 of any item and get**

**20% off!**

**thru February**

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