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MARCH 15TH, 2017

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21st
Community Potluck &
Evening of Readings II

March 22nd
LATE ARRIVAL
12:25p Start Time

March 23rd
Crow Canyon
Family Meeting

March 24th
End of Third Quarter &
Spectrum Sleep-Out

World Wildlife Day

by Taegen Yardley '21

Background photo by Graham Byers '18
taken on Belize Encounter Week 2017

I was invited by CITES (Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species) to create a new movie and attend World Wildlife Day events at the United Nations in NYC on March 3rd. The theme of this years WWD 2017 was "Hear the Young Voices". While I was at the UN, I met with John Scanlon, Secretary General of CITES as well as representatives from U.S. Fish and Wildlife and representatives of different countries from all over the world. They were very inspired by the movies that we have created here at VCS.

The discussions were focused on how our generation is beginning to take the lead and helping to inspire change. My friends Carter and Olivia Ries, from Atlanta, GA, are the co-founders of a non-profit called One More Generation or OMG. Carter spoke at the UN event about the different ways young people can work together to make a difference and make sure their voices are heard. He and his sister Olivia (ages 16 and 14) have been invited to speak all over the world, and their organization runs several different campaigns to inspire environmental conservation, wildlife conservation and youth empowerment.

The WWD movie never would have been possible without the AMAZING Mark Cline Lucey who shared his incredible talents with so many students here at VCS. Mark worked countless hours to make sure we met the very tight deadline. The movie is titled "Young Voices for Wildlife" and is a call to action for young people to #DoOneThingToday to help save the world's wildlife.

While at the events, I was invited to become an Ambassador for The Perfect World Foundation. The Perfect World is a Scandinavian based non-profit organization which works to raise awareness and funding and to take action together with animal and nature conservation projects around the world. Their work is very inspiring and I am so excited to be a part of their organization. Please take the time to watch the movie and #DoOneThingToday!

Long version - "Young Voices for Wildlife"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVTUUb4NXQ>

Short version - "Young Voices for Wildlife"
<https://www.youtube.com/>



World Language Day!

by Henry Harder '17

Background photo by Graham Byers '18
taken on New York City Encounter Week 2015



Spectrum Sleep-Out

by Amira Silverman '17

On March 24th, VCS students and faculty will be sleeping outside to raise awareness and funds for homeless youth in the Burlington area. Spectrum is a wonderful local organization that we've partnered with often before, and we are so excited to be supporting them again.

Join us for discussion, hot chocolate, and a slightly chilly night, or donate to our [page](#).

Lost and Found

by Adriana Comtois

The lost and found bin is overflowing with sports equipment, water bottles and lunch boxes. Also the kitchen has a huge number of plastic containers. Please, stop by and take a look to see if any items belong to you. Items not claimed by the end of the week (3/17) will be taken to Goodwill.

Crow Canyon Meeting

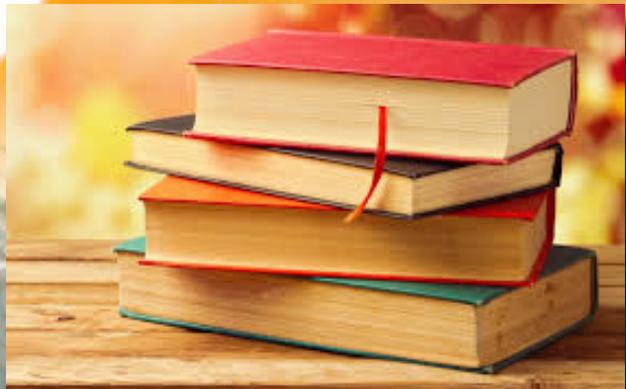
by Jory Hearst

We'll have an informational meeting for students and parents from 5-6pm on Thursday, March 23rd, in the Commons Room. This will give us a chance to go over trip logistics, expectations, and answer any questions you might have.

Calling All Borrowed Books

by Jory Hearst

Quick announcement to remind students who have borrowed books from my shelves to please return them. You can leave them on my bookshelf, and then remember to cross out your name in the book borrower. Happy to lend you more! Thrilled for everyone who stops by to borrow a book, but please return what you've already borrowed.



Student Senate Survey

by Jalen Gibbs and Graham Byers '18

Calling all students!

The Student Senate is currently working on remodeling social events. We would greatly appreciate it if you took five minutes to answer the three question survey shared with students last Friday and Monday. The more feedback we receive, the better these events will be.

Thank you for your time.

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.

Spring Open House

by Jill Strawbridge

Spring has sprung! This season's Open House will take place on Sunday, April 2nd, from 1pm - 3pm. Please let your friends know!

Summer Opportunity

by Heather Moore

Join the Maritime Museum for a co-educational kayak building and paddling adventure for teens age 13-16. The programming runs from June 19th-July 22nd. For more information contact Nick Patch: nick@lcmn.org, 802-475-2022 x 133

Come and Celebrate With Us!

Green Mountain Film Festival

is showcasing the

Wind Energy Documentaries

produced by

Sevi Burget-Foster '19

Aiden Daniels '19 &

Lilah Neider '21

on

March 25th

12 NOON at the Pavilion

109 State Street

Montpelier

Q & A to follow

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