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April 18th, 2017

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21st
Progress Reports sent home

April 21st
Earth Day: *The Human & Environmental Cost of Electronics*

April 21st
Movie Night @ VCS
Twister

April 22nd-30th
April Break

Senior Send-Offs!

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Coming Very Soon (May 6th): The Spring Food Truck Fling!

Taco Truck All Stars! White Buffalo!
Jazz with our own Matt Davide and his band Funk Dumplings!

Buy your tickets here!

Art Show and Sale Artists!

Amira Silverman ‘17
Ben Patrick, Faculty
Charles Townsend, Grandparent
Cheryl Betz, Parent
Elena Mudd ‘10
Eli Jager ‘09
Jack Homer ‘09
Jan Cannon, Alumni Parent
Jane MacDonald, Grandparent
Jessica Redmond, Faculty
Josh Decatur ‘11
Julia Luckett ‘08
Lisa Lillibridge, Alumni Parent
Mia Jager ‘13
Ned Richardson, Parent
Pauline Tyler, Parent
Phil Retzloff, Parent
Ryan Senior ‘17
Sarah Bunker, Parent
Stephanie Woods, Grandparent
Tom Marrinson, Alumni Parent
Will Homer ‘11

Auction Experiences! All with added gift certificates and treats!

Charlotte Lake House
Stowe Vacation Home
Adirondack Inn
Hotel Vermont

R&S Students Teaching Humanitarian Mapping in the Community

by Mark Cline Lucey

Eleven students in the Mapping for Humanity Research & Service class have spent a lot of time this semester learning how to digitize map data for priority regions of the world, to be used by humanitarian organizations such as the United Nations, Red Cross, and Doctors Without Borders (MSF). By having access to information about the size and location of residential communities, and the roads to get there, humanitarian workers are much better able to do their work.

Students in this class have also been researching and exploring the challenging nature of humanitarian work, especially in regions confronting both climatic change (drought) and civil unrest - such as South Sudan and Somalia.

On Thursday the students were invited to bring their expertise and laptops to the Association of Africans Living in Vermont to teach members of the resettled Somali Bantu and South Sudanese communities how to do the mapping. This was just their first meeting, but it was an overwhelmingly positive experience for all, and they'll be returning to the AALV in the weeks to come.

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Yearbook Ads

by Adriana Comtois

As we are creating the yearbook 2016-2017, we have reserved some space for you to send a special message to a graduating senior, a hard-worker student or just your favorite VCS person. We also welcome ads for your growing businesses. Prices are as follows:

- Business Card Size (3 1/2 x 2") $15
- Quarter of a page (3 3/4 x 5 ") $25
- Half a page (7 1/2 x 5") $50
- Full page (8x11) $75

If you are interested, please send me an e-mail. We will be accepting ads until Wednesday, April 12th. If you have any questions, please let us know at a.comtois@vermontcommons.org.

Seeking Parent Volunteers for Green Up Day

by Dexter Mahaffey

We are looking for some parent volunteers to coordinate the building of Adirondack chairs and/or picnic tables for our outdoor spaces on campus on Greenup Day (the afternoon of Friday, May 5 at Vermont Commons). You'll have lots of student and faculty helpers, but we need parent leaders willing to organize donations of materials, determine plans/designs, and oversee construction on the day-of. If interested, please contact Dexter.

Looking Ahead

Friend Day

Where: VCS

When: Tuesday, May 9th

Who: VCS students & their friends

Tell your pals & mark your calendars!

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Where: Spirit of Ethan Allen III

When: Saturday, June 3rd

Who: VCS students & their friends (grades 8-12)

Tickets: $35 now (to Chance), or $40 at the door

Tell your friends and start practicing those dance moves!

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