

MAY 2, 2016

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6th
Starbuck Day

May 7th
SATs

May 11th
Parent Coffee w/
Dexter & the faculty

May 14th
Spring Food
Truck Fling

Food Truck Fling Reminder

by Mary Hamilton

Don't forget to RSVP for the Vermont Commons School Spring Food Truck Fling! Go to www.vermontcommons.org/giving to buy your tickets!

Here's a teaser of some of this year's auction items:

- Paddle Board Package
- Jamis Coda Sport Bike Package
- Fantastic Faculty Experiences
- Tuscan Dinner for 8
- Cape Breton Vacation Home
- Artwork and More...

VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL SPRING FOOD TRUCK FLING 2016!

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016
6:30-9:30 PM

THE INTERVALE BARN
128 INTERVALE RD
BURLINGTON

\$65/PERSON, \$75 AT THE DOOR
NON-VCS FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

INCLUDES ENTREE, DESSERT, AND BEVERAGE (CASH BAR THEREAFTER)

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND MUSIC

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT:
BEN WANG AND FRIENDS
CELLE KRONICK
THE BONY TENANTS

RSVP AND PAY FOR TICKETS AT WWW.VERMONTCOMMONS.ORG/GIVING/
OR SEND IN CHECKS TO 75 GREEN MTN DR., So. BURLINGTON 05403



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Sixth & Seventh Graders Attend the First Annual Youth Climate Rally

by Jory Hearst, photos by Amira Silverman

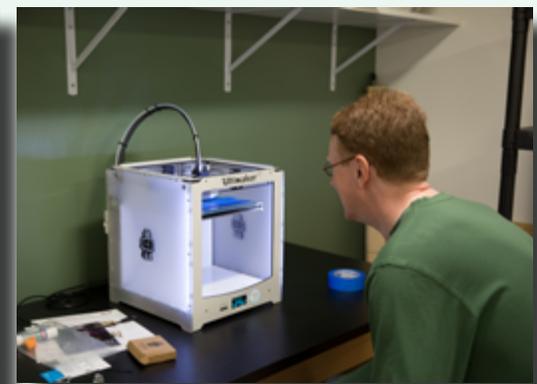
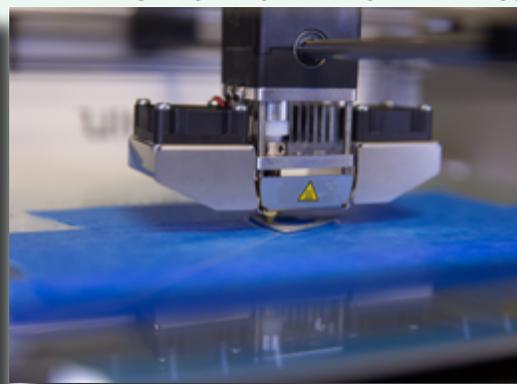
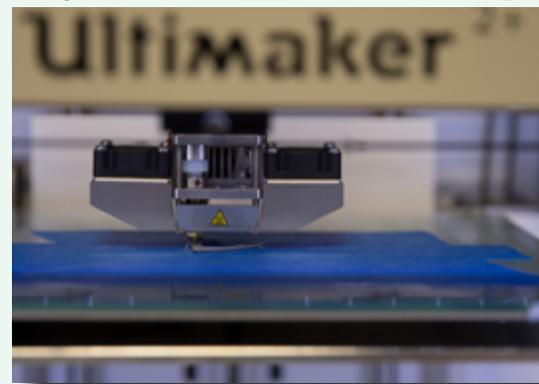
The 6th Graders, as part of their study of state government and the role of citizens within that system, headed up a trip to the Youth Climate Rally in Montpelier on Thursday, April 28th. This was a rally for Vermont youth to support action against climate change, and was organized by Youth Rally, with help from Winoski High School students. About 1000 students from across the state joined us to march on the State House to advocate for strong legislation in VT to stop climate change. The 6th graders invited the 7th graders to join them, and as a class, they voted to come along!

It was a conversation starter for many students: What would a carbon tax mean? Should Vermont divest funds from fossil fuel companies? What are other ways we can help Vermont become a leader in the fight against climate change? On a beautifully sunny day at our state's capitol, students were exposed to an important part of our democracy, and they represented VCS beautifully. Thanks to Amira, Mark C-L, and Kris for coming with us!



A Science Teacher's Dream Come True

The science department recently acquired a long-awaited new addition to the physics lab - a 3D printer! Come by and join Keegan in reverence of this wonderful piece of cutting-edge engineering technology.



Running for Refugee Resettlement in Vermont

by Christie Beveridge

I am running the Vermont City Marathon this year on May 29th, and hope to raise money for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program at the same time! A suggested donation is \$26.20, or one dollar per mile run.

[Click here](#) to give to this great cause.

Thank you!

Working with Vermont Students & the 52 Kids Foundation

by Camille Bartsch

The 52 Kids mission is a three-part goal for students to have access to **education**, **empowerment**, and **employment**. My Global Citizenship project embodies this mission in the middle school classroom. The mentoring curriculum will include: **education** with establishing pen pal relationships, **empowerment** in arranging Skype sessions for Vermont and Ugandan interaction, and **employment** in learning about the local Ugandan agriculture. The project will involve team-teaching with middle school teachers at the Endeavour Middle School, Sustainability Academy, and Vermont Commons School, and arranging 52 Kids guest speakers when available. [Click here](#) to follow the project on my blog!

Reminder: Building Dedication to George and Pammella Starbuck & Celebration of George's Life, this Friday at 4pm

by Mary Hamilton

Please join us for the naming and dedication ceremony of our school building to George and Pammella Starbuck. The Starbucks are long time supporters of Vermont Commons School having been deeply involved since our formative years as our landlords, later financing the sale of the building to the school, and, most recently, working tirelessly to help make sure our Capital Campaign was successful and that the building project was completed on time and on budget. We will gather at the front entrance if the weather permits. In the case of inclement weather, we will be in the Commons Room.



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