

May 8, 2012

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 7-19**

Annual Fund  
Auction

**May 9**

Guest Speaker  
Melinda Moulton  
9:40-10:40 AM

**May 10**

State of the School  
6-8 PM

**May 18**

Fourth Quarter  
Ends

**May 21-25**

Spring Encounter  
Week

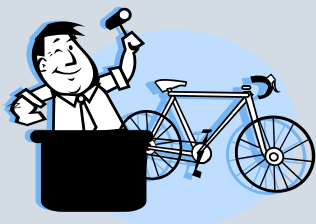
## State of the School—Thursday 5/10 from 6-8 PM



Are you interested in knowing more about VCS in the big picture? Do you want to see our financial position explained in easy terms? Are you yearning to see our plans for future facilities improvements?

Then come to the State of the School this Thursday at 6 pm.

## VCS Auction Now Open! –by the Auction Committee



Our annual Auction is now off and running! Please check out our amazing array of items - restaurant gift certificates, vacation homes, unique experiences, and more! Check out our Bidding for Good site and remember to register and refer your friends by [clicking here!](#)

The Auction proceeds benefit the Annual Fund, which supports Encounter Weeks, Financial Aid, and the World Languages Program.

**Prize for the most referrals:** We will give a \$50 Visa gift card to the person who refers our auction to most people! See the auction site for details on how to refer to your friends.

## College Corner –by Sarah Soule



As the Director of College Counseling, I am very proud to report that our talented Class of 2012 has been awarded a staggering \$1,230,000 in merit based aid towards the cost of attending college. Colleges and universities grant merit aid to honor students for their academic record and extra curricular activities. As a former college admission officer, I know that institutions do not dole out these awards lightly. Candidates are chosen carefully from a national pool of gifted students. Please join me in celebrating the seniors and congratulating their tremendous accomplishments as they prepare to enroll in college in the fall.

## Melinda Moulton Talks to VCS About Her Work on Burlington's Waterfront—Wed 5/9



On Wednesday, May 9 at 9:40am, local developer Melinda Moulton will speak to students about her personal story, her life growth, and experience through the sixties into her professional life and how she came to the work of redeveloping the Burlington waterfront. She will also show a visual presentation of the [development of Burlington's waterfront](#).

## Reminder: Please Fill out the Parent Satisfaction Survey



Dear fellow VCS Parents,

Below is a link to the **Annual VCS Parent Survey**. The purpose of this survey is to identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement from the perspective of the VCS parent community and to monitor changes in responses over time.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VCS20112012parentsurvey>

The survey should take five to seven minutes to complete. Please follow the link to complete the survey in the next week. The deadline is Friday, May 11th.

Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtfulness in your feedback. You will have an opportunity to include your name at the end, but if you prefer for your responses to be anonymous please feel free to leave that question blank.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Lindy Coll  
on behalf of the Board of Trustees

## Watch Graduation on RETN Channel 16 or Purchase a DVD



Watch the 2012 VCS graduation on the education station, RETN Channel 16, on Thursday, June 14, at 8 p.m. and again on Sunday, June 17, at 5 p.m., or watch online at [www.retn.org](http://www.retn.org) after June 14.

Order a DVD and watch it anytime! SAVE \$5 when you buy your DVD prior to graduation [[click here](#)]. DVDs will be \$20 starting graduation day. For more information, contact RETN at 802-654-7980 or [info@retn.org](mailto:info@retn.org). A portion of the proceeds will benefit Vermont Commons School.



## This Week in Photos



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