

May 7th, 2013

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Upcoming Events

May 20th-May 24th

Spring Encounter Week

May 28th

Night of Glory

May 31st

Field Day

June 7th

Graduation

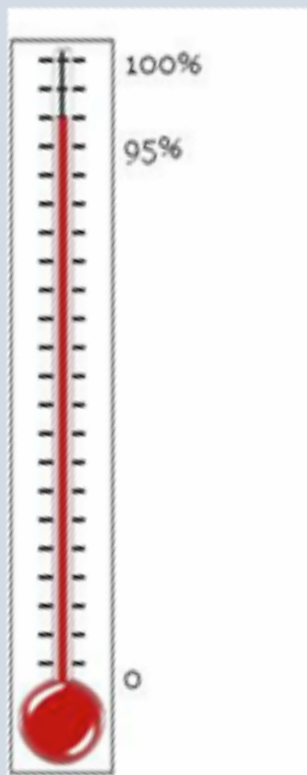
State of the School: Thursday, May 9th from 6pm-8pm



Do you like charts and graphs? Do you like pouring over admissions statistics? Do you have questions about what makes VCS tick?

It's time again for our yearly "State of the School" evening. Each spring we take a night to get everyone up to speed on all the inner workings of Vermont Commons School. This Thursday, May 6th, we will hold an informative discussion on how we are doing financially and academically, as well as report on lots of new ideas we tried out this year. The evening is open to all and we encourage you to attend!

Annual Fund Update— Mary Hamilton Homer



We are so VERY VERY CLOSE!

We are at 95% of our \$150,000 goal!

80% of our Parent Community has given.

Our goal is 100%!

PLEASE take this MOMENT IN TIME to GIVE!

Remember, it doesn't matter WHAT you give, just THAT YOU GIVE!

Go to www.vermontcommons.org/donate or drop off cash or a check with Linda in the Business Office, or Adriana in the Development Office.

Two VCS Academic All-Stars

Justin Decatur and Charlotte Rutz were named [Academic All-Stars](#) by the Burlington Free Press!

Congratulations!



Spring in the Air and VCS Students in the Community



The fabulous weather makes for a wonderful time for the 8th grade geology class to go outside and look for evidence of glaciers! We don't have any here currently, but Vermont was once covered by glaciers, and we have evidence from the scratches they left in rocks (Bradley Materick pointed out an excellent outcropping of metamorphic rock off Route 2 that we explored), and the till they deposited near Winooski.



The juniors in the physics class heard about how much fun the 8th graders were having looking at rocks, so on a recent trip to St. Mike's they insisted on inspecting the rock garden (or possibly they were leaving no stone unturned trying to find the seniors who are off on final projects). The purpose of the trip was exploring electric potentials, and Professor Alain Brizard was once again kind enough to share his lab space with us at St. Mike's. Thank you to him and all of our VCS students who represented themselves and the school fabulously in the community.

VCS in Ultimate Frisbee “Champlainship”

On Sunday, May 5th, eight teams from six high schools in Vermont competed in the “Champlainships,” a tune-up Ultimate Frisbee tournament in preparation for the Vermont State Championships on May 25th and May 26th. Teams featured were Montpelier, South Burlington, St. Johnsbury, CVU, MMU, and Middlebury. All teams travel to St. Johnsbury for another tournament before the state championships in Lyndon.

[Camille Bartsch](#) and [Eli Hulse](#) were interviewed after the tournament, in which the Montpelier So-lons defeated MMU 15-2.



MCW Global Youth Leadership Retreat– Mark Cline Lucey



Interested in fostering positive change and connecting with other cultures? Available to spend the week of July 11th at Champlain College in Burlington with a very committed group of youth working on local and global changes? Consider joining peers from such places as Indonesia, Tanzania, Hungary, Kosovo, Palestine, Russia, India, Israel, New York and Kyrgyzstan at the MCW Global Youth Leadership Retreat. Topics include social media, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and cultural sharing. It culminates at New York University on July 18th. Financial assistance is available.

For more information, check out <http://mcwglobal.org/Project.asp?cid=18&pr=13&i=59>.

And please let Mark know if you plan to attend!

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