

MAY 15, 2015

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16  
England Big  
Trip Departs

May 18-22  
Spring Encounter Week

May 25  
Memorial Day  
VCS Closed

May 26-27  
Exam Review

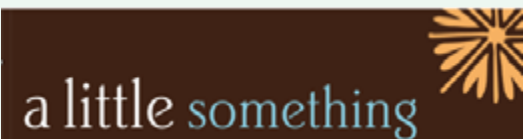
## 2015 Spring Gala

*Mary Hamilton*

As the program said “It’s Time to Have Some Fun!” and that goal was well met! Families and friends turned out to eat, dance, be merry and support the Vermont Commons School Annual Fund through generous bids on awesome auction items! Many thanks to everyone for their participation!

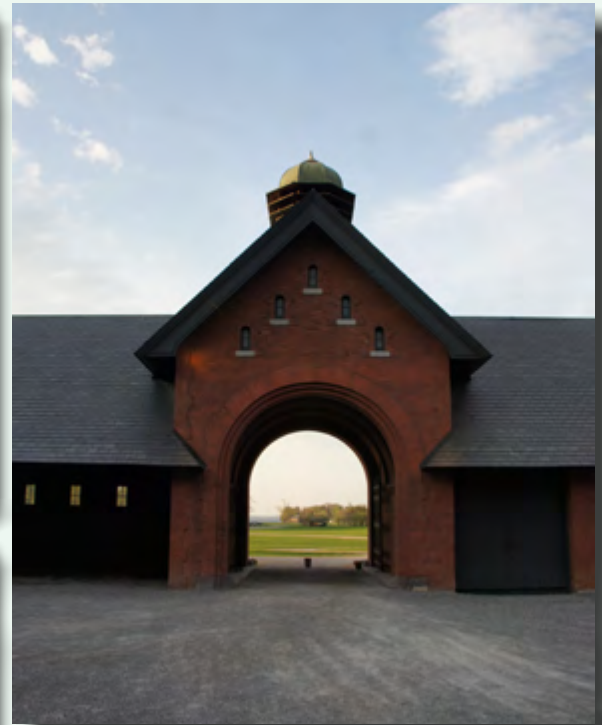
Thank you to our Auction Item Donors, Auction Item Bidders, the Gala Committee, Gardenside Nurseries and our first ever Business Partner Sponsors:

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# 2015 Spring Gala (cont.)





# Screening of Jay Craven's *Northern Borders*

*Mary Hamilton*

We were very happy to screen Vermont independent film director and producer Jay Craven's movie *Northern Borders* on Tuesday eve. The attendees were treated to a remarkable film and a wide ranging discussion on film making, working with different actors and the process of engaging and mentoring Marlboro College students in a film internship program run by Craven at Marlboro.

Jay started his day with a group of 8 VCS students

discussing the joys and challenges facing independent filmmakers, sharing his history of filmmaking and showing a "closely observed" documentary (in this type the story line is created purely through editing of many hours of filming without interviews).

Many thanks to Sarah Soule for bringing Jay to us. She is presently on the Board of Directors of his film company, Kingdom County Productions.



# Science 9 Visits UVM Pathology Lab

*Peter Goff*

Thanks to Lucas' mother, Dr. Sharon Mount, we were able to visit the 'Path Lab' at UVM's College of Medicine last Friday. Students were presented with trays of real (preserved) human organs, alongside diseased/damaged versions of the same organs. After first trying to determine which organs were which, the Vermont Commons students were asked to

separate them into healthy and diseased groups. Some of the organs were truly amazing, a polycystic kidney that was (actually) the size of an NFL football and a remarkable teratoma (ask a ninth grader....) Our kids were great and represented VCS so well that Dr. Mount said she'd love to host future VCS classes!



## There's Still Time!

*Yearbook*

There's still time to order a yearbook! It's out to be printed but you can still buy a copy by clicking [here](#) or by giving a check for \$55 to Adriana.



## There's Still Time!

*Maple Syrup*

The England trip is selling 500ml bottles of maple syrup for \$20 apiece, courtesy of James Jennings! Order with Christie at [cbeveridge@vermontcommons.org](mailto:cbeveridge@vermontcommons.org)

### **A Note Regarding Emergency Contacts**

Encounter Week is upon us! Parents & guardians: if you have not already done so, we ask that you please log onto ParentsWeb and make sure your child's Emergency Contact and Medical forms are updated with any changes that have accrued over the school year. If you have trouble logging in, please feel free to call the front desk at (802) 865-8084 and an administrator will be able to enter the information for you. Many thanks!

### **9th Grade Social Studies**

Mark Cline Lucey's 9th Grade Social Studies history videos are getting through their final edits! Here's a sample from Graham Byers, Nick Jennings, and Nick Mantegna, called *Mongol Steal*. Enjoy!

[Click here to watch!](#)

## **HAVE AN AWESOME ENCOUNTER WEEK!**



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