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MAY 15TH, 2017

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 16th**  
Trustees' Day

**May 16th**  
Parent Coffee with  
Dexter & the Faculty

**May 19th**  
End of Fourth Quarter

**May 22nd - 26th**  
Spring Encounter Week

## VCS Amnesty International USA Chapter Launches with Cell Phones for Soldiers Drive *by Mary Hamilton*

Matt Furtusch '19, Sama Mahdi '20 and Kent Vaccaro '20 have organized the first AIUSA chapter at Vermont Commons!

Do you have cell phones at home that are unused, unloved and unappreciated? Send them into Vermont Commons for the newest Green Grey Competition! The Amnesty International student members are collecting them, both to help soldiers overseas be able to contact their families and to keep the harmful minerals used to make them out of our landfills.

Students made calls to local libraries, bookstores and Post Offices to ask to drop off collection boxes. Stay tuned for where those boxes will be but in the meantime, bring your old cellphones to Vermont Commons and support your child's team!



Catie '21, Maya '21, Helena '20, Sama '20 and Matt '19, missing: Kent Vaccaro



## 9th Grade Anatomy Class Vists UVM Pathology Museum *by Peter Goff*

On Tuesday, 2May, the 9th grade Anatomy class spent time at the Pathology Museum at UVM's College of Medicine. Our host, Dr. Sharon Mount, is mother of Lucas...some of you will remember him as my (large, bearded) student teacher from a couple of years ago. The students were tasked with sorting (by hand) healthy and diseased (real) human organs. Dr. Mount was so impressed by the students' interest that she has offered to set up summer internships for interested members of the class.





# Prom 2k17

by *Graham Byers '18*

Prom is **June 3rd, 6pm–9pm** this year on the Spirit of Ethan Allen III! Enjoy beautiful sunset views, food, music, and Jalen's dancing ([see video here](#))! Inviting your friends is highly encouraged! Tickets are \$35 now until May 31st! If you'd like to pre-order your ticket, talk to Chance ([chance@vermont-commons.org](mailto:chance@vermont-commons.org)) or Graham ([gbyers@vermontcommons.org](mailto:gbyers@vermontcommons.org)). See you then!



## Yearbooks On Sale!

by *Adriana Comtois*

This year we have made them more affordable and dropped the price to \$45. Get your copy by clicking on the image below:



## Summer Music Lessons

by *Matt Davide*

Do you play an instrument, or have you always wanted to? VCS Music Teacher Matt Davide is currently putting together his private lessons schedule for the summer. Lessons are at VCS and tailored to each student's interest and learning style.

Matt teaches kids and adults on a range of instruments including saxophone, guitar, bass, piano, clarinet, ukulele, and trumpet. Lessons can be 30 or 60 minutes and weekly or every other week. Email [mdavide@vermontcommons.org](mailto:mdavide@vermontcommons.org) for more info!

## An Excellent Friend Day!

by *Jill Strawbridge*

We had another *amazing* Friend Day last Tuesday, with 21 friends visiting our community! Much thanks to those who came to hang out for the day, and to our students for hosting them with signature VCS excellence!



# Green-Up Day!



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