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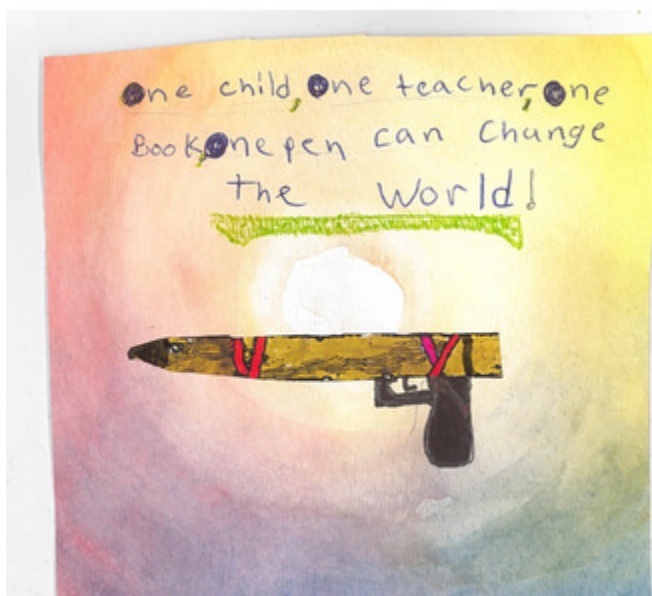
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### News from High School Guidance

Congratulations to Ian Wheeler, who has been accepted Early Decision into the highly competitive **Gaming Design program at Champlain College** and to Marissa Guidry who has been accepted by both **Elmira College** and **Clark University**. Clark is known nationally for its School of Psychology. Congratulations also to Amanda DeBellis who has been accepted into both the **Psychology** and **Pre-Med programs at UVM** as well as to Oliver Creech, who also has been accepted into the **Psychology program at UVM**. Finally, congratulations to Jonas Powell who has been accepted Early Decision to **Wesleyan University**. Bravo to all!

### 8th Grade Studies Current Events: Islam, feminism and resistance movements



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The eighth grade had been working for the last month in an innovative current events block designed to help them think about the world and their own role in making it better.

The first week focused on the work of youth activist Malala Yousafazi, a Palestinian school shot by the Taliban for speaking out for the right of girls to receive an education. Eighth graders studied and then created original collages on the themes of Islamic feminism, education, and peaceful action in the face of terrorism.

For the next three weeks students read newspapers for 20 minutes each day in class, then wrote and revised journal entries in response to events they'd read about. The article students read on Monday also became the inspiration for a week-long art project.

The focus of the current events block was "anti-fragility." Students were looking for events in which people not only met and overcame adversity, but grew stronger through it.

During this block a momentous event occurred when Nelson Mandela died on December 5. The eighth grade took up the study of his life and work with enthusiasm, creating posters about key aspects of his biography and ideas, and posting these throughout the school. They wrote about Mandela's incredible resilience, and his ability to rise above the most painful and confining circumstances to change a country and the world.

Lily Espenshade, eighth grade student, extended her study of Mandela when she combined it with another topic she'd read about in the *The New York Times*. A kind citizen in New York put notes on cars when their inspection stickers were nearly out of date. Inspired by this and other examples of "random acts of kindness," Lily designed a project in which she cut out 100 silver stars and put them up throughout the school, inviting students to write words of hope, kindness, and wishing. Cut letters hanging from the entry way declared, "Follow your star."



"I like that, starting by the first grade and going down the hall, you can see the way people's wishes and hopes change. In the first grade it's 'my class!' and 'skiing!' Further down the hallway wishes get more specific: 'Nutella,' or 'sleeping.' And there are many that are for others: 'my best friend,' 'Mandela,' 'Joshua.'"



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## Some more details about the building renovations:

With much thought on Nelson Mandela's struggle and accomplishments these past two weeks, an African idiom comes keenly to mind as we open our discussion on *The Time Is Now* Capital Campaign for our school!

**“If you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together.”**

And are we poised to go quite far together!

**The Vision** - The future completion and the ultimate success of the capital campaign will bring to our students, our teachers, and all of the families in our community - in perpetuity (what a powerful concept).

**A relocated, and renovated, LCWS High School, located at the beautiful former Morgan Horse property on Bostwick road:**

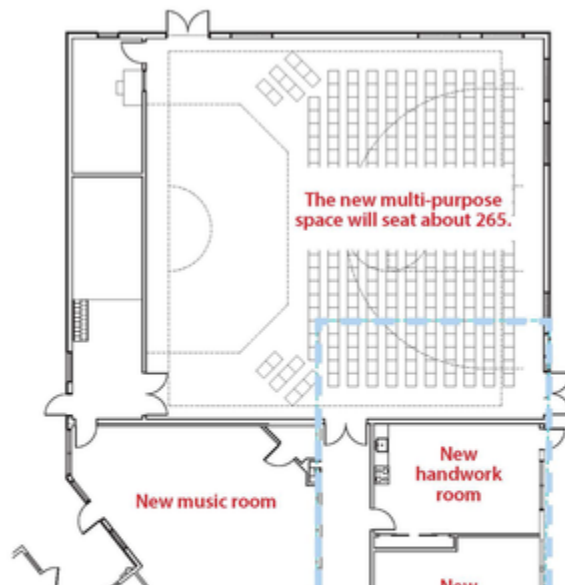
- 14,000 square feet - double our current high school, with enough room for 100 students
- Large classrooms and small group project rooms
- Spots for students to gather and study and perform
- A kitchen that will support the growing organic and local food movement within our school
- Light-filled, inspiring art spaces
- Faculty offices that support our faculty and are welcoming for students and teachers to interact
- Parking
- Easy access to public transportation - and our own Turtle Lane Campus
- Beautiful grounds and walking trails
- A prominent location in Shelburne's museum district

**Additionally, everyone studying, working, visiting and experiencing the Turtle Lane Campus will benefit greatly from the gifts made to the capital campaign.**

- Expanded and improved Community Room space - a place with room for ALL to gather
- New multi-purpose gym space
- Performance space
- New woodworking classroom



*Draft vision of renovation; the exact footprint is being developed.*



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- New handwork classroom
- New costume shop
- New movable stage



Current Community Room (blue outline) seats approximately 140 people.

**Here's another great reason to make a donation: **Year-End Prize Drawing for a \$250 Gift Certificate to the Hen of the Wood's new restaurant in Burlington!****

Everyone who makes a gift or pledge to the [Capital Campaign](#), up until December 31, automatically is entered to win. AND, everyone who makes a gift or pledge to this year's [Annual Fund](#) also is entered.

**Donate!**

**Pledge!**

**If you have already made your gift...thank you...and you have been entered into the drawing!**

Thank you so much for your generous support!



## High School Panel & Open House

Right after the holiday vacation, on Tuesday January 7, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, we are hosting our annual High School Open House and Panel Discussion Evening with LCWS high school students and graduates.

This is a great opportunity to come to our high school and meet high school students, faculty, and alumni. I would encourage everyone, but especially the students and families in the seventh and eighth grades to attend. We will have presentations and a panel discussion which is very informative and candid, to hear about the students' high school experiences

and their transition to college and beyond. This event is so popular with our parents and students that it has become a yearly tradition! RSVP to [Pam Graham](#) 985-2827 ext. 12.

## Got Games?

**The Woodlands Program**, our LCWS after-school program, is seeking donations of board games for extended-day fun. Do you have an extra or unused chess/checkers board, domino set, mancala board, or other simple game appropriate for early grade school students? Non-plastic pieces are preferred. Contact [tdinnan@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org](mailto:tdinnan@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org) with questions. Donations marked "Tai Dinnan" can be dropped off in the grade school main office.

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## Don't Forget!

### Tuition Payments: Please do not delay.

Please remember to get all tuition payments current to avoid to avoid late fees and finance charges. Tardy tuition payments cost the school time and money! Please attend to this immediately. If you need to have a statement emailed to you, please email [tborden@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org](mailto:tborden@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org). Thank You, Terri Borden

### New Enrollments

If you have a child who is not yet a student at LCWS and you are planning to send him or her next year, please fill out an application form (download from [our website](#) or call me for an application). I am especially looking at the demand for spaces in our multi-age preschool/kindergarten program. If you have any questions about admissions, please give me a call at 985-2827 x12 or email me at [pgraham@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org](mailto:pgraham@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org). -- Pam Graham

### Tuition Adjustment

Right after the holiday break, those of you who are interested in applying for tuition adjustment will need to do so for the next school year. We will be distributing a document that will describe the process and the timeline. To apply, go to [their website](#) and fill out the Parent's Financial Statement and pay this organization's \$41 fee. The deadline for applying is February 1st.

## Interesting Articles & Resources

[Nature Was My Ritalin: What the New York Times Isn't Telling You About ADHD](#) *Children & Nature Network*

### Renewal Magazine

The latest edition of the Renewal Magazine is here! The Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA) publishes this journal biannually. This publication is full of articles addressing Waldorf education and parenting issues. This edition includes interesting articles on media and computer use, conflict resolution, and current brain and educational research that tells Waldorf "You Have Got It Right!" I put copies in the foyers of all three buildings so please pick up a copy. Enjoy! -- Pam Graham

## Community News

### Congratulations! The Sparkle Stories Podcast named "iTunes Best of 2013"

Sparkle Stories, a small, independent media company owned, and produced by LCWS parents David and Lisabeth Sewell McCann, was just graced with some good news. Apple named its iTunes "Best of 2013" Podcasts today, and Sparkle Stories' Podcast was among twelve in the "New this Year" category. iTunes currently hosts over 250,000 Podcasts, according to a USA Today online article from August 15th of this year. But today only 42 made it to the Best of 2013 list. And the Sparkle Stories Podcast is one of them.

Sparkle Stories now has over 500 stories on offer, and subscribers from the U.S. to Ireland and Australia. Sparkle launched their "Free Story" Podcast on iTunes in early August of this year. Within twenty-four hours, it became the number one Podcast in iTunes Kids and Family, above the well-established Sesame Street. The iTunes curators took note, and consistently placed the Sparkle Podcast in the number one slot in "New and Noteworthy" for the Kids and

[Families category. Families can enjoy weekly free stories through the iTunes Sparkle Stories Podcast, plus single](#)

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### Champlain College Young Writers' Conference

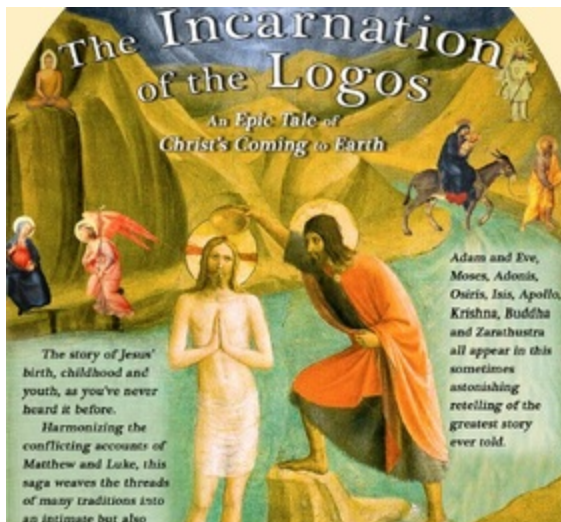
You are cordially invited to attend a weekend of writing workshops, craft sessions, and open mic at the Champlain College Young Writers' Conference, May 23-25. Now in our fourteenth year, our doors are open to high school students who wish to share their passion for story, drama, and song with their writerly brothers and sisters, and with celebrated New England authors. We offer three days of readings, improv, Moth storytelling, poetry slams, literary jazz/blues fusion, and extended friendship on the hillside campus of Champlain College in Burlington. Our 2014 keynote speaker, renowned essayist and naturalist, Terry Tempest Williams, is the author of the environmental literature classic, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*. She has worked as a "barefoot artist" in Rwanda, camped in the remote regions of Utah and Alaska wildernesses, and was featured in Ken Burns' PBS series on the national parks. In 2006, Williams received the Robert Marshall Award from The Wilderness Society, their highest honor given to an American citizen. The postmark deadline of February 15 is fast approaching and our search lights are on. If you have a tale to spin, or a story to share, please download an application (or cover letter & brochure) from [our website](#).

Jim Ellefson, CCYW Director, Champlain College, Poet-in-Residence Lesley Wright, Co-Director  
(802) 247-5920, [ccyw@champlain.edu](mailto:ccyw@champlain.edu)

### Yoga, Music and Art, January 3rd at Yoga Roots!

Emily Bissell Laird, has an exhibit of her paintings for sale at Yoga Roots in Shelburne through January. Come visit their beautiful space and see the work. Cards are also available. On Friday, January 3rd, there will be a special evening of Yoga, Music and Art that begins with a Restorative Yoga class taught by Heidi Bock accompanied by John Creech, on Guitar. Following the class at 6:30, we'll gather to celebrate the paintings, share a warm drink and snacks and John's new acoustic music. Fee/advance sign-up for the class, music by donation. Info: Facebook Emily Bissell Laird-Vermont Artist and at Yoga Roots. 985-0090, 425-2463.

**New Playgroup** starting January 2014! The Magic Playground is a drop-in playgroup for parents and children ages birth to four. This program, located at the Magic Forest Early Childhood Center in Shelburne, is a place where parents can socialize while supervising their children's play. The program will have a gentle rhythm of play, snack, circle time and there will be time for group discussion around a different topic each week. The Magic Playground will be held daily from 9:30 -11:30 am. Registration details: [www.magicforestearychildhood.com](http://www.magicforestearychildhood.com).



**"The Incarnation of the Logos: An Epic Tale of Christ's Coming to Earth,"** performed by Glen Williamson (Member, Actors' Equity Association), Wednesday, January 8th 7:30 pm, at LCWS. Presented by: The Green Mountain Branch of the Anthroposophical Society

The story of Jesus' birth, childhood and youth will come to life at LCSW as professional New York actor and storyteller Glen Williamson performs *The Incarnation of the Logos: An Epic Tale of Christ's Coming to Earth* on January 9th at 7:30. The Green Mountain Branch of the Anthroposophical Society presents the *Anthropos* production, which harmonizes the conflicting accounts of Matthew and Luke and weaves the threads of many traditions into an intimate but also cosmic drama. -- Per Eisenman, [peisenman@gmail.com](mailto:peisenman@gmail.com), (802)825-8636.

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## Classifieds

**Are you still looking for the perfect holiday gift?** Massage gift certificates make great presents! Therapeutic massage, relaxation massage, and hot stones massage. \$30/30 minutes, \$60/hour, and \$90 for 90 minutes. Hot stones massage costs an additional \$10 per session. Kirsten DeLuca, NCMT. 53 Front Street, Burlington. 802-318-2431. [kdelucamassage@gmail.com](mailto:kdelucamassage@gmail.com).

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**Does anyone have** a "heavy" millet filled baby that would like to come live with our 4 year old? Please call 482-3090  
Thanks! Parker Clarks

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**Carpenter/Handy Fellow:** Available to help complete your autumn project or necessary winter checklist. Experienced tradesman with a conscientious eye towards the details. Finish work a specialty - windows, doors, closets, trimwork and built-ins. Please call Christopher White, 425-5961 / [cckmw@gmavt.net](mailto:cckmw@gmavt.net).

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**For Sale:** 15" training viola in very good condition, \$350. 16" training viola, also in very good condition with hard case, \$450. Contact Nancy Lewis, LCWS 12th grade, 802-825-1948, for details.

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**Do you need babysitting,** odd jobs done or help with errands? I am available over the holiday break for babysitting or other odd jobs, during the week and weekends. I have a car. Nancy Lewis, LCWS 12th grade student, 802-825-1948. Happy Holidays!

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## The Week Ahead and Beyond...

**TO SEE THE SCHOOL CALENDAR** [click here.](#)

There are four, layered calendars (All School, College Guidance, Middle and High School Sports), which you can turn on or off. Click on the drop-down arrow next to the "Agenda" tab.

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