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Some of the key events in our community for March, 2015:

March 3: Commodore Booster Club Meeting VUHS 6:00 PM
March 3 and 17: Ferrisburgh Selectboard Meeting
March 5: Sixth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM FCS
March 6: Bixby Library Movie Club L'illusioniste 6:00 PM
March 6 and 20: FCS Tot Gym 9:00 AM -10:30 AM
March 7 and 21: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede Card Parties 6:30 PM
March 8: Ferrisburgh Historical Society 2:00 PM
March 9: Ferrisburgh Central School PTO 6:15 in Staff Room
March 9: VUHS Board Meeting 6:00 PM VUHS Library
March 11: Commodore Parent Teacher Group 6:30 PM VUHS
March 12: Ferrisburgh Central School Board meeting 6:30 PM
March 16: Vergennes Middle School Band, Chorus, Jazz Jammers Concert 7:00 PM
March 18: Vergennes High School Band, Choir, Jazz Band, Commodore Singers 7:00
March 20: FCS Lantern Parade 7:00 PM
March 28: Ferrisburgh Children's Theater, 7:00 PM, VUHS
March 30: Ferrisburgh Children's Theater, 3:00-5:30 FCS

The Bixby Library's Movie Club meets on the first Friday of each month from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Each meeting begins with an introduction of the evening's film, then the showing and then an optional discussion follows a short break. Alex Jay Dubberly, a local screenwriter, is the evening's facilitator. The object of the club is to expand participants' awareness of good filmmaking and their appreciation of the various aspects of the art and entertainment format. The next showing will be *L'illusioniste* (2010) on March 6, 2015. It is a beautiful French animated film (with minimal dialogue) about an aging magician who meets a young girl who believes his magic is real. It was nominated for an Oscar for Best Animated Feature in 2011.

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday March 8 at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall and Community Center. There will be a showing of the documentary film "Life in Addison County," a presentation that shares the memories of the people who lived in the county in the early 1900's. The oral history contained in these stories provides a fascinating insight into the challenging and wonderful way of life in our county during this period.

The Ferrisburgh Grange's famous "King Pede" card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of March 7 and 21. These get-togethers are held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center and begin at 6:30 PM with a sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. All are welcome – this is a great way to meet your

neighbors and support our Grange.

Ferrisburgh Central School is beginning its Arts Enrichment residency on March 4 with artist Gowri Savor leading the students to learn about the ancient art of lantern making. Ms. Savor is a well known artist who has exhibited in Vermont, nationally and internationally: <http://www.gowrisavor.com>. Her expertise is in working with environmental sculpture, painting, and works on paper. During this two week residency, the students will learn how to make lanterns using willow and tissue paper. The school will be filled with these wonderful creations to celebrate the Spring Equinox. The community is invited to join the FSC students at their Community Lantern Parade on Friday, March 20 at 7:00 PM. The parade will also offer music and a bonfire with cookies and cocoa. In addition, there will be a community lantern making workshop on Saturday March 14 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. There is a limit of 20 participants so sign up early by contacting Judy Elson at jelson@anwsu.org. If you are able to volunteer to assist with this student projects, please contact Allison Parsons (aparsons@anwsu.org) or Julie Gramling (julie.gramling@gmail.org).

The Ferrisburgh Children's Theater will again offer one of its excellent plays at the VUHS auditorium on the weekend of March 28 and 26. This theater production has been an annual event at FCS for many years and offers a quality experience for our student thespians. Up to date information on the production and student actors will be available on the FSC website at www.anwsu.org/fcs.

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is an inspiring after school program that helps young girls grow strong, inside and out. It incorporates curriculum for positive peer group experiences for and lesson to challenge girls whatever their fitness level. Registration is in online and scholarship funding is available. Meetings will be at FCS on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:35 PM – 4:30 PM, starting the week of March 22. The program will culminate in a 5K run on June 6. For more information visit <http://girlsontherunvermont.org> or contact Cathy at cberj@comcast.net or Sue Brileya at sbrileya@anusu.org.

The Commodore Parent Teacher Group's next meeting is March 11 in the VUHS library at 6:30 PM. The PTG's famous annual Treasures and Trinkets rummage sale is scheduled this year for Saturday, April 11. If you've never been, you won't want to miss what is becoming the best rummage sale in Addison County! The PTG will be collecting for the Treasures and Trinkets Rummage Sale every Saturday in March from 9:00 – 10:30 AM at Kennedy Brothers in Vergennes. All proceeds from the rummage sale go toward supporting enrichment opportunities for students at VUHS. Contact Carla Mayo at cmayo@anwsu.org for more information.

We are proud of our Ferrisburgh students who will be active in concerts and performances in March "Music in Our Schools" month. VUMS/VUHS will present two concerts in March. The Middle School Band, Chorus and Jazz Jammers Concert will be on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 PM. The High School Band, Choir, Commodore Jazz and Commodore Singers Concert will be on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 PM. Both concerts will be in the VUHS auditorium. The Green Mountain District Music Festival

will take place on Friday March 6 at 7:00 PM at the College of St. Joseph in Rutland. The concerts feature performances by the Middle School Band and orchestra, and the High School Jazz Ensemble and Choir. Congratulations to those VUHS students who auditioned and were selected to perform at this district concert! For more music department news visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/anwsu.org/vuhs-music/>

Even though there is still a lot of snow on the ground, we expect that summer will eventually arrive and it is time to starting thinking about the many camps and events that are available to our students. The Fusion Summer Program will run from July 6 - July 31 at VUHS and VUES. Fun, hands-on math, engineering, science, social studies and literacy activities will be offered in a camp-like atmosphere for students entering 1st through 8th grades. Credit Recovery classes will be available for some high school students. Please contact Jill Strube at 343-5804 or jstrube@anwsu.org if you have questions.

“Conversations from the Open Road” is a travel event for high school students to experience their world in a meaningful way. This citizen-journalism media crew explores the challenging issues and individual stories found in our communities. This “road trip” culminates by creating a collection of mixed-media shorts that reflect the various threads of a place and its people. This year, CFOR is heading to the bayous of Louisiana to find out why these lands are rapidly sinking into the Gulf of Mexico (June 16-30), to the Allegheny Mountains of Western Pennsylvania to find out why fracking is so controversial (July 10-24), and to New York City to investigate the many different ethnicities that make up this great city (August 6-20). The Green Mountain Film Festival is highlighting this group’s collection of shorts on March 28 at 1:30 at the Pavilion Auditorium in Montpelier. This is a great way to learn more about CFOR and meet students and parents who have previously participated. Feel free to contact VUHS parent Carla Mayo at cmayo@anwsu.org about this incredible opportunity. Her daughter participated in a trip last summer and will return again this summer for another experience. To learn more, please visit our website: <http://www.conversationsfromtheopenroad.com>

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is proud to partner with Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront to announce its inaugural Lake Adventure Camps this summer for students ages 8 – 14 years. Each program offers hands-on experiential adventures for young explorers to discover our region’s rich maritime heritage and environment. Participants will work with the museum’s team of summer counselors, professional archaeologists, ecologists, divers, and mariners while learning new skills in and out of the water. The students will participate in ROV expeditions, snorkeling archaeology, and lake ecology canoe ventures. Information and registration: www.lcmm.org

The Governor’s Institutes of Vermont (GIV) Summer Programs for 2015 is offering eight programs this year. Eight programs are being offered this year. Scholarships are available. Applications and information are online at giv.org or at the VUHS Guidance Office. The application deadline for VUHS students is March 19, 2015 and VUHS

applications are submitted online. The following programs are offered this summer at GIV: 1) Arts June 28-July 12, 2) Asian Cultures June 21-June 26, 3) Mathematical Sciences June 21-June 26, 4) Engineering July 11-July 18, 5) Entrepreneurship July 6-July 12, 6) Environmental Science and Technology June 21-June 27, 7) Information Technology June 20-June 28, 8) Current Issues & Youth Activism June 28-July 7.

Note: We are always interested in having a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column; so if you have news that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at smwkersch@comcast.net. You are able to access these columns and other information about Ferrisburgh news and events by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at www.ferrisburghvt.org.