



December Newsletter



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Hello, Friends of Big Picture!

Our students have been working hard to finish their Fall Term Exhibitions and we all look forward to seeing family and friends come out to support them. If you're looking for another opportunity to visit Big Picture, check our website for our Spring Open House dates.

Enjoy the December Newsletter!



Above- Students and educators discuss Project-Based Learning at Big Picture's student gathering.



Guidance Corner

January 17 – Semester 2 Classes begin – See Halina to add a class ASAP!

January 19 - Gap Year Fair 6-9 pm

January 23 – Dual Enrollment courses at CCV begin for Spring Semester

January 26 – Junior Post-Secondary Info Session 7:30 -8:30 am

Big Picture Hosts Student Gathering

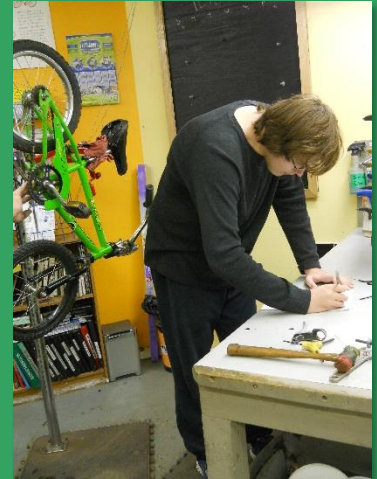
On November 21st, around 80 students from project-based learning programs around the state congregated at a gathering hosted by Big Picture to discuss their programs and projects. CVU's Nexus Program, U-32's Pilot Program, Winooski's iLab, Vergennes' Walden Project, Twinfield's Renaissance Program, and Burlington's School Innovation Seminar all attended our gathering. We spent the day comparing our various innovative high school programs and discussing our independent projects. The day was planned and led by Big Picture students, and is a first step towards more collaborations with the growing number of personalized, project-based High School programs in Vermont.



201 Internship Spotlight: Peter Lumholdt

I work at Bike Recycle Vermont, where a group of experts and I restore old bicycles. Most of them are donated, so we're able to give them to other groups like Refugee Resettlement

Vermont, or KidSafe Vermont. So far, I've learned how to replace tires and re-inflate them, polish a surface, re-position wheels, and straighten the wheel-frame. Jeremy, the head mechanic, is a pretty cool guy. He likes bands that can play all genres of music, and we've been listening to them while we work.



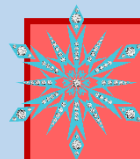
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Volunteering 101: Big Picture Students Give Back to the Community

On November 11th, Big Picture 101 spent the day baking bread and cookies for the Ronald McDonald House, a residence for families with seriously ill children seeking treatment at the UVM Children's Hospital. The 101 students selected recipes, bought ingredients, and baked in teams in the Ronald McDonald House kitchen. Volunteering in the community is an embedded component of the Big Picture curriculum, and the 101 students are planning on returning to Ronald McDonald House to bake again in the spring. Other volunteering this fall has included helping erect fencing at New Village Farm and painting walls at The Generator, a Burlington makers' space.



Big Picture students display their baking skills at RMHC.



Exhibition Reminder!

Fall Exhibitions are right around the corner! Students will be presenting their learning from **December 16-22nd** here at SBHS.

Contact Kevin Downey (kdowney@sbschools.net) or Ellen Parent (elparent@sbschools.net) for more information!

