

Meet the Exchange Students

The Vernonia School District once again has the pleasure of hosting a large contingent of foreign exchange students. This year twenty students have joined the junior and senior classes and the community for the 2012-2013 school year. Vernonia's Voice is happy to help introduce these young visitors in a series of articles in this and upcoming issues.

Anton Kelm is from Hamburg, Germany and is living with Ron, Trish and

Ronnie Maldonado. Anton is a junior and is playing football this fall; he says he also plans on playing basketball and baseball this year. He has traveled to the United States before—he says his parents got married in Las Vegas and so the whole family traveled together on the west coast. He has also traveled around Europe. Anton says he likes the country feel of Vernonia and also likes that everyone seems to know each other.



VHS foreign exchange students (left to right) Yuliya Pestova, Vardan Grigoryan, Anton Kelm, Helena Veselkova and Maina Martin.

Helena Veselkova is a senior from the Czech Republic and is living with Don, Kim and Samantha Wallace. Helena is

playing a significant role on the varsity volleyball team this fall and will try out for basketball this winter and run track *continued on page 13*

Art at Vernonia High School

Students in Ms. Allen's Intermediate/Advanced Art Class have been working on an interesting project. The students have been learning about using more than one art material through a mixed media project. Students had a chance to practice by combining contour drawing, shading, water color painting, and



Above: VHS Senior Sara McMahon works on her art project.

Below: A final piece by Hanna Farsh.



sewing to create beautiful pieces of work.

Students drew their own hands, keeping the pencil on the paper the entire time in one continuous line and then learned about shading. "I never knew how to do shading before," said art student Sara McMahon. "Once we learned it, it makes the drawing look more three dimensional and realistic."

After completing the drawing the students learned about different styles and techniques for water color painting and finished the piece by cutting out the hands and then sewing them to the background piece.

"Often times artists do incorporate things that are from other disciplines," said instructor Allen. "There is a feminist artist named Miriam Shapiro who uses a lot of cloth and quilt making techniques in her art work. She also paints and so we wanted to try to incorporate something like that in our work here."

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