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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ APRIL 2010

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FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN

For the rest of this academic year and into the fall, the WHS staff and Winchester community will investigate the future of teaching and learning at the high school. While Winchester High has enjoyed considerable academic, artistic, and athletic success, we cannot rest on our laurels. High school curriculum and instruction must have the capacity to meet the needs of future students and the demands of our times. To begin this process, the district has initiated a strategic plan process to reflect on current high school practices and to identify the strengths, challenges, and potential opportunities for improvement in the high school program.

Working with a consultant, a working group of community members and faculty members will assess the current curricular and instructional practices at the high school, conduct a literature review of educational research future high schools, and examine innovations at exemplary schools.

The input and ownership of students, faculty and community are critical to the success of this initiative. A facilitator will guide the discussion through focus groups, bringing together students, teachers, administrators, parents, educational nonprofits and the community at large. Ultimately this effort will culminate in a viable, 5-year strategic plan and vision that will provide clear direction, identify action steps, outline necessary resources, and reflect the integrated priorities and values of the Winchester community. It is important to define the current and future programmatic needs of WHS before the physical facility needs can be addressed. Stay tuned for more information about this strategic plan process at the spring continues.

The strategic plan will undoubtedly address the integration of 21st century skills into the high school program. These skills include thinking strategically and creatively, using technology to solve problems, working collaboratively, and communicating effectively. They also include financial and business literacy, global awareness, and innovation. Schools have the daunting task of preparing students for future jobs that currently do not exist. In a rapidly changing world, employers want workers who are well-versed in these 21st century skills. Last year, the Massachusetts Board of Education released a white paper on 21st century skills. The report, *School Reform in the New Millennium: Preparing All Children for 21st Century Success*, was prepared by a task force including leaders from the state legislature, education sector, and business and technology industries. The task force developed a set of recommendations for integrating 21st century skills into the state's K-12 curriculum frameworks. The website below presents a memo on the report from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester and a link to the white paper: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/boe/docs/1108/item1.html>

Seniors/ Senior Parents Meeting Thursday, April 29, 7:30 pm A very important meeting for seniors and their parents will be held in the WHS auditorium on Thursday, April 29 at 7:30 pm. At the meeting we will review the procedures for graduation, the prom, and other senior events. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Dress Code ~ A student's personal appearance should not disrupt the orderly conduct of school business or the educational process, nor should it constitute a threat to the health and safety of any member of the school. Students must wear shoes at all times. All clothing and hats with any insignia referring to alcohol, drugs and/or tobacco, racial and/or ethnic slurs, violence, homophobia, profanity, gender bias or any other inappropriate comments are not allowed to be worn. Teachers will decide if hats can be worn in their classroom. The torso must be covered, strapless tops are not allowed, a student is not allowed to have his/her head covered by a hooded garment, and under garments must not be visible. Inappropriate dress may result in a student being asked to change clothing, cover up, as well as parental contact. Administration and staff will decide if specific clothing is inappropriate. A teacher may ask the student to put a sweater or jacket on if they feel the student needs to cover up. A teacher may send a student down to the office if they feel the student's personal appearance is inappropriate.

CLASS NEWS

Senior Parents Night is April 29, 2010 - Prom & Graduation Instructions are the topics for the evening, please mark your calendars and watch for e-mail blasts for the scheduled time of this event.

Junior Class News

On March 11 the Junior Class held their annual Family Dinner. Anna's Taqueria provided the catering and many generous families donated raffle and silent auction items in addition to desserts and beverages. With over 125 people in attendance an enjoyable time was had by all.

On March 21 the Junior Class will host the always entertaining *Mr. WHS Pageant*.

After much research and legwork the Senior Prom will be held at the *Danversport Yacht Club* located on a picturesque, protected harbor in Danvers, Massachusetts. With a deck overlooking the water it will provide a beautiful setting for a memorable evening. Hold the date: *Wednesday June 1, 2011*.

Save the Date for Sophomore Semi - When: May 7th, 2010 -Time: 7:30 to 10:30pm - The sophomore parents' get together will be at Lucia's from 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm. A letter will be sent out within the next two weeks with more information about the evening. Tickets for semi will be sold the week before the dance in front of the school cafeteria during lunch periods. If you have any questions, email the sophomore class at: winchesterhigh2012@gmail.com. Thanks for your support, Sophomore Class Officers

PFA NEWS

From the PFA President, Caren Connelly

The flood of 2010 is quickly becoming a memory and spring is looking more real every day. Of course, this being New England, I have probably assured an April snowstorm with my words! One thing is for sure, we are moving the April PFA meeting from Wednesday to Thursday, April 8th at 7:30pm to avoid a conflict with the Women Helping Women event on the 7th of April. Please make a special effort to come to the PFA meeting as Liz Silva will be presenting the results of the Youth Risk Survey. The survey looked at a variety of risky behaviors including smoking, bullying, drug and alcohol use. Liz has promised to get the survey results on line before the meeting and I will send out a link as soon as that happens. April is also the time to step up our search for a new PFA Board for the 2010-2011 school year. It is a wonderful to stay involved in your children's lives and make a difference for our community. One final note - remember The Sachem Detailers, you can get your car washed, waxed and vacuumed right at WHS. Email them at tsdetailers@gmail.com to make an appointment. **NEXT PFA MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 8TH, 2010**

2010-2011 WHS PFA Board

The nomination process has begun to fill the 2010-2011 Parent Faculty Association Board. The PFA Board is made up of parents of students from all four classes at the high school. There are many volunteer positions available. If you are interested in finding out more about joining the PFA Board, please contact Carol Cashion at cjcashion@mac.com

In the News --

Ever wonder where your contributions to the PFA go? You don't have to look far. Their impacts are found in nearly every classroom and public area of our children's high school -- from paperback libraries in English classroom to student sculptures in the courtyard. Your gifts are making a difference every day! To read more about the PFA Grants Program, check out our recent publicity in the *Star*, where you can read, "Parent-funded grants enrich WHS curriculum" at: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/winchester/homepage/x1526462230/Parent-funded-grants-enrich-Winchester-High-School-curriculum>



Will you join us as part of WHS's first parent/student Eco-Team?

If you want to save money and energy, have fun with your WHS student, build community, reduce our town's carbon footprint and help the planet, join the very first WHS PFA Eco Team! An Eco-Team is a group of representatives from about 8 households that will meet just four times (April 12, 26, May 3, 10, 7:15-9:00pm) to learn about, discuss and pursue household energy-saving and carbon footprint-reducing actions. Each meeting lasts about 1.5 to 2 hours. A short, interesting and easy workbook entitles *A Low Carbon Diet: A 30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds* is used as a guide.

Eco Teams are the key element of the town-wide "Cool Winchester" initiative organized by Sustainable Winchester, a dedicated, energetic and competent group whose ambitious goal is to help 85% of Winchester households reduce their annual carbon footprints by 25% by the end of 2012. (For more information, see www.suswin.org/coolwinchester.)

This is the WHS PFA's first stab at organizing eco-teams, an initiative that is gaining moment across the town, in schools and other organizations. We think Eco-Teams represent a unique opportunity for parents and students to work together to achieve an important goal, in this case, reducing our energy consumption and our carbon footprint. We are hoping that WHS students and parents will participate together, although parents are most welcome to join a team on their own!

If you think you might be interested in the April/May WHS Eco-Team, please email Carol Cashion at cjcashion@mac.com. Please include your name and preferred phone number(s) and email address. If you cannot participate at this time, but might like to join a team next fall, please let Carol know as well. Thanks!

WHS PFA Direct Appeal / 2009-2010

The PFA needs your contributions to meet its budget this year to continue to fund grants to enrich the WHS Curriculum.

Please consider a contribution to the Direct Appeal today!

Your generous contributions are used to cover the cost of many important programs, materials, and supplies for WHS students and teachers not included in the WHS budget. Recent grants have been provided to update textbooks, upgrade technology tools, and fund extra-curricular student activities. Your contribution is an important source of funding for WHS, and benefits your children! Although a contribution of any amount is truly appreciated, the PFA asks that each family consider making a one-time donation for this school year of \$75.00 or more. For additional information, please contact Joanne O'Donnell at pfodonnell@verizon.net. **Thank your consideration, and your donation!**

Name of WHS Student(s) _____

Grade(s) _____ Amount of Contribution \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$125 _____ Other _____

Please make checks payable to the WHS PFA and send to **Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890. Thank you!**

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Retirement Open House in Honor of Vandy French - Photos Needed & Contributions Welcome

Save the date! The McCall Parents' Association and other community members are planning an Open House in honor of Vandy French the evening of **Thursday, June 10th** at the First Congregational Church. A slide show of photos of Vandy, McCall, the High School, and Vandy's many community service activities over the years is also in the plan. If your family has any photos to add, please contact Susan Verdicchio at 721-0441 or president@mccallpa.org

Also, please make a donation to defray the cost of the Open House and gift honoring Vandy's long years of service. Contributions in any amount are appreciated! Please make check payable to McCall Parents' Association, with "Retirement Committee" on the Memo line, and mail to McCall Middle School, 458 Main St., Winchester MA 01890. **More details on the Open House to be announced soon!**

Congratulations to the Winchester High School Robotics Team, which tied for fifth out of 22 robots at the Rally in the Valley on Saturday. The team, along with sponsors and mentors at Custom Machine Group, got their new robot working well enough to win four straight battles, after an initial loss -- only losing the battle for fourth place by a split decision of the judges. Now it's on to the National Robotics League national competition in April where the team plans to field up to three robots.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE WPS SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR 2010 AT:

<http://WWW.WHSPFA.ORG/clientimages/39852/miscellaneous0910/2010summerenrichmentprogram.pdf>

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

"In the Mood" Band Dance Preparation Meeting for Concert Band and Jazz Band *parents* will be held in the WHS Band Room on Wednesday, April 28th at 7 pm. Mark your calendars for the Band Dance on Saturday, June 12th at 8 pm. Contact Debbie Benedict 781-721-3399 or ddjimb.pama@verizon.net for more information.

Please support the WHS New Band Uniforms Transfer Station Fundraiser on Saturday, May 8th! The WHS Band needs 30 more uniforms to outfit all members of the band for next year and in the future! Let us take your refuse to the Transfer Station on May 8th for a \$10 donation. Sign-up at the Transfer Station on Saturday, May 1st or mail the form below with your donation. Please have your refuse out at the curb by 8 am on Saturday, May 8th. Thank you for supporting the Winchester High School Band! Come and see us in our new uniforms at the EnKa Fair and Memorial Day parades.

Winchester High School New Band Uniforms Transfer Station Fundraiser

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Enclosed Donation: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Friends of Music" with Band Uniforms in the memo line. Please send this form to Debbie Benedict, 5 Tufts Road, Winchester, MA 01890 by May 1st.

The Guide



A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department

Course Selection for 2010-2011 - Guidance Counselors met with students individually during the last two weeks of March to review course selections for the 2010-2011 school year. At the conclusion of each meeting, students were given a print out of their potential courses for the upcoming school year.

SENIORS

As you receive decision letters from colleges, please inform your guidance counselor of your status at schools to which you applied

Making the Final Decision on College

For juniors, the college search is just beginning. However, for this year's Class of 2010, the question of where to attend college and how to make the final choice of which school to attend may yet remain unanswered. Here are some tips for seniors (and their parents) who may be trying to decide between two or more colleges:

- Review your original criteria to see why you originally chose to apply to each college. See if those criteria have changed over the course of your senior year.
- Consider how far from home you actually want to be. What seemed to be a good distance in September may seem too far away, now that going away to college is looming ever closer.

- Compare offers of financial aid to determine which college is more affordable and whether the family's finances have changed during the year. This might have to be the deciding factor.
- If you truly cannot decide between colleges, revisit them, attend freshman survey courses in your field of interest, eat all of your meals in the dining hall, and hang out in the student union to see if you would feel at home there.
- If you are interested in sports, meet with the coach of your sport and talk to players.

In the end, if all other factors seem comparable, seniors need to trust their instincts. Students and parents need to know that there is no one "perfect college". Every college will have advantages and drawbacks. It is important to make that final decision and then make the most of a wonderful opportunity!

REMINDER

Winchester Scholarship Foundation Applications are due May 15th

College Fair

Tuesday, April 27th World Trade Center - Boston, MA - 9:00 am-12:00 pm - 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

WWW.NACACNET.ORG

Comparing Financial Aid Packages

Colleges typically arrive at financial aid packages by subtracting the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) listed on the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the total cost of attendance to determine the student's financial need. The award letter notifies students of the total amount and type(s) of aid the school is offering. To compare offers, see *Award Analyzer* on www.EducationPlanner.org. This tool helps students compare award packages from different schools.

SENIORS: In April Seniors will receive notice for transcript money due.

Connect and Commit Service Club Meets Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the WHS Library

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the weekly meetings or in the Connect and Commit office, which is in the library of the high school. If you have questions about Connect and Commit, visit Kristen Ritchie, Program Director, in the Connect and Commit Office or contact Kristen via email kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us or phone 781-721-7020 x1999.

This year, each month will have a theme. Each meeting that month as well as the additional service activities and events will relate to that specific topic. For the month of April, we will be focusing on Animal Cruelty. Below are events and other activities that the students have planned around these issues.

HOOPS FOR HAITI

On Thursday March 11th and Friday March 12th Connect & Commit teamed up with many other WHS student organizations to host a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament. After two days of friendly competition between 30 teams Winchester High School has raised nearly \$10,000 to help support relief efforts in Haiti. The money will be donated equally between Partners in Health and Oxfam America.

We would like to thank everyone who played, watched, sponsored, volunteered or helped support this effort in any way. It was truly a whole school effort. Thank You!

April: Animal Cruelty

There are several opportunities for service and engagement during the month of April. Please stop by the Connect & Commit office or attend the weekly meetings to hear about and sign up for events.

Friday May 14th – Connect and Commit Book Club will be reading Three Cups of Tea. Participants will receive a free copy of the book as well as a free lunch as they engage in a discussion of the book. They will also be provided with opportunities to explore service that they are passionate about.

Ongoing Service Opportunities

PAWS

Students can sign up to learn more about working with a local animal protection society called PAWS. The organization mainly works with cats. For more information you can sign up in the Connect and Commit Office.



Winchester Youth Center, 458R Main Street, Winchester MA 01890, 781-721-0906, www.wynec.com

SUPPORT THE WYC PEER LEADERS' APRIL VACATION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRIP

During April vacation 18 of the WYC Peer Leaders will be participating in our 5th annual Habitat for Humanity trip. We will be traveling to Erie

Pennsylvania to complete a week-long service-learning experience building homes for families in need. We are currently working toward fundraising 100% of the expenses for our trip including a \$3000 donation to the Habitat affiliate. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience. Proceeds from all of the following fundraising efforts will benefit our trip:

Raffle tickets - Buy your \$20 tickets for the chance to win: iPod Touch, GPS Navigation System, or Simon Mall Gift Card. The drawing will be held on April 9th Contact the WYC for more information.

WYC COFFEE HOUSE - Jersey Shore theme - Friday, April 30th – 8:00-11:00 - Featuring live music, delicious homemade desserts and frappes - \$5 admission - High school students only - As with all WYC events, there is no re-entry and outside drinks are not allowed

WHS BLOOD DRIVE - Thursday, May 6th - 9:00-3:30 - Please contact the WYC if you would like to donate - Sponsored by Connect & Commit and the Winchester Youth Center

WINCHESTER YOUTH SERVICE DAY - Sponsored by the Winchester Youth Center and Connect & Commit - Saturday, May 22nd - A day to celebrate community service and... - Clean up sports fields - Clean up our parks - Beautify our schools ...be apart of a great cause! All WHS students are encouraged to participate!! Stop by the WYC to register - Everyone who signs-up by May 7th will receive a Youth Service Day t-shirt
We are also searching for adult volunteers and additional service projects that we can put on our list, please contact the WYC at 781-721-0906

COMMUNITY NEWS

WFEE News: It is not too early to begin planning for Prom...no, not that Prom, the WFEE Prom 'n Aid. This year's Prom will be Saturday, May 22nd, 6:30pm, proceeds to benefit teachers and students in the Winchester public schools. Tickets are \$350 per couple, \$175 if you are coming stag, live music by the very popular band Six. Check www.wfee.org for more information and to purchase your tickets on line. This is one spring garden party you don't want to miss!

Shalrie Joseph, captain of the New England Revolution soccer team and Grenadian national team player, is coming to Winchester on March 23 and 24 at 6:00 pm to coach a free clinic. If you are interested in playing with Shalrie or just meeting him, please respond to Michelle Ross at michelle-ross@comcast.net. Space is limited. 781-756-0198

The PAC Support Group for LBLD/Dyslexia invites you to attend our next meeting on Thursday, April 1st at the Lynch School Library at 7:00 pm. At this meeting Donna Marcotte-Rizza will be joining us. Donna is a part time Assistive Technology Specialist for the Winchester School District. She will be discussing and demonstrating various types of Assistive Technology we have available in our schools as well as other types of software, tools, etc. that can help our children learn. We hope to see you at the meeting. Amy Kraft akpk1282@verizon.net and Kim Lazarus kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net

Parent to Parent Presents a Parenting Book Group on:

The Talk: What Your Kids Need to Hear from YOU About Sex, Parenting in an Over-sexualized, Online, In-Your-Face World by Sharon Maxwell, Ph.D. In conjunction with Sharon Maxwell's talk on March 10th, Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library are offering a book group discussion on her book. How do we talk to our kids about integrity, values, and behavior? Completion of the book or prior attendance at the talk is not a prerequisite. Join us on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the meeting room of the Winchester Library from 7 to 8:30 pm. The book can be requested online through the Minuteman Library Network: www.min.lib.ma.org or purchased at BookEnds at the book group discount price. For more information on Parent to Parent, please visit the new and improved website at www.parenttoparentwinchester.org

WFDC 2010 KENTUCKY DERBY RAFFLE DRAW WILL BE LIVE

The Winchester Field Development Councils (WFDC) 2010 Kentucky Derby Raffle winner will be drawn live on WinCam at 7:30pm on April 1, 2010. This event will be available on channel 8 for Winchester Comcast customers and on channel 36 for Winchester Verizon customers. The live broadcast will also feature a status report on the Manchester Field Renovation project. The winner of this raffle will receive Airfare, Lodging, 4 Premium seats to the 2010 Kentucky Derby and a Private Farm visit to one of the elite Thoroughbred breeding farms in all of Kentucky. The 2010 Kentucky Derby will be held at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky on May 1st. Tickets for this once in a lifetime opportunity may be purchased in person during regular business hours at Book Ends in Winchester center on Friday March 19th and 26th and Saturday, March 20th and 27th. Interested parties may also purchase tickets anytime prior to April 1st by contacting Lisa Basile at lisa.basile@comcast.net or Paul Manganaro at 781-937-8880 x325. The cost of a raffle ticket is 100.00 dollars and a maximum of 500 tickets will be sold.

Proceeds from this raffle will benefit Phase 2 of the Manchester Field Renovation project. To learn more about the WFDC please visit us at www.wfdc.net. Don't miss out on your chance at this first class experience for four, order your tickets today!

En Ka Society Seeks Book Donations The En Ka Society, Winchester's oldest women's service organization, seeks donations of lightly-used children's and adult books to support the book sale tent at the Society's annual Street Fair, scheduled for May 14 and 15. This year's Fair is titled Hats Off to You! Beginning April 1st, books can be left anytime on the wooden collection pallets at the Sanborn House's Carriage House, adjacent to the Ambrose School at 27 High Street in Winchester. Look for signs saying "Book Drop Here". Books should be placed in small, easy to handle boxes. Please wrap boxes in plastic to protect the books from the elements. En Ka is particularly in need of gently read paperback fiction, mysteries, and children's books. Videos, DVDs, audiotapes and CDs in good condition are also appreciated. No text books, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed books please. All proceeds from the book sale will support En Ka's annual grants to dozens of Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Books that remain unsold at the end of the Fair will be donated to a variety of charities. Questions: email enkabooks@yahoo.com.

ENKA FAIR "HATS OFF TO YOU" MAY 14 and 15, 2010!!! ENKA PARADE MAY 15, 2010

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ENKA FAIR Volunteers who are over 18 years of age are needed for the upcoming EnKa Fair being held Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. Those interested in taking tickets for a Ride or helping with a Game for a two-hour shift, please Contact Karen Knouse at 721-2829.

En Ka Day at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge to Be Held Wednesday, May 13th The En Ka annual fundraiser will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 13th at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center, 242 Cambridge Street in Winchester. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates and more. For the 28th consecutive year, Mahoney's will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the En Ka Society to help fund grants for Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Please pay at the Main Greenhouse.

Winchester Pop Warner 1st Annual Fundraiser! Please join us on April 10th for our "Tailgate Fundraiser" at the Sons of Italy from 7pm - Midnight. Tickets are \$40. More information is available here: <http://www.winchesterpopwarner.com/fundraiser/>

Greetings! Please join WMCN at our annual weekend Community Workshop: Deepening Your Multicultural Understanding

Friday evening, April 9th, 7 to 9 PM - Continuing Saturday, April 10th, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM - 478 Main Street, Winchester Unitarian Society - Limited space, pre-registration required

The workshop is offered free of charge, thanks to support from the Cummings Foundation and the generosity of Network contributors.

Who should come? Anyone interested in fostering multiculturalism, the ongoing process of recognizing, understanding, and appreciating differences--as well as similarities--in family, community, schools, and workspaces, should attend.

What does it cost? The workshop is free, thanks to the generosity of Network contributors. We welcome contributions of any amount to help defray our expenses.

Who leads this workshop? Angela Giudice, an independent multicultural consultant, educator, and community activist, will facilitate the workshop. The VISIONS model for looking at multiculturalism is the basis of the Network's philosophy and approach to addressing issues of difference.

LEAVE WITH YOUR OWN PERSONAL TOOLBOX!

Guidelines for Discussion, Common Language and Vocabulary for Multicultural Issues, Framework for Understanding, and More... Call the WMCN office (781 729-7100) or e-mail ([<mailto:office@wmcn.org>]office@wmcn.org) immediately to reserve a space or get more information.

"The Path to ZeroEnergy Homes" - Presenters: Stephanie Horowitz, AIA and Jordan Goldman, LEED AP from Zero Energy Design - Place: Winchester Public Library - Large Meeting Room - April 13th 7:00 -8:30 PM Come and learn about deep energy retrofits and zero energy homes. The discussion will include understanding how energy performance is measured, explanation of major energy upgrades for existing homes, and overview of energy design options for new high performance homes. ZeroEnergy Design (ZED) is an architecture and energy consulting firm, specializing in new construction and major renovations, and offers innovative and ecologically sensible design. The firm is committed to designing homes and buildings that use 50% less energy than building code requires, in pursuit of energy independence. ZeroEnergy Design has been rewarded for excellent architecture and mechanical engineering by some of the industry's most prestigious associations and organizations such as: Boston Society of Architects - Citation for Sustainability, PRISM Gold Award for Most Innovative Single Family Green Design, 2008-09 Kitchen Design Award sponsored by appliance manufacturers Sub-Zero and Wolf. Recently the Managing Director of ZED, Stephanie Horowitz, AIA has been awarded with the Five Under Forty Award of New England Homes, spotlight the hottest emerging talent in residential design in New England.

FANsplash Update It's not too late to contribute to the Borggaard Beach Revitalization project. We are moving forward with the development, and in the final stages of determining what type of splash park we will be able to build. Any and all contributions are welcome, and naming rights to certain elements are still available. **Be a part of the legacy!** We've also extended the tile decorating fundraiser deadline until May 1st Send checks made out to FAN, and send to FAN-Splash, PO Box 805, Winchester. \$150 for first tile, \$50. each additional child. You can drop off your artwork at WinRec or 8 Sachem Road at your convenience. For more information visit to www.fansplash.org

COME ON DOWN AND SEE WHAT THE "SURVEY SAYS"

On April 7th, 2010 at the Woburn Hilton, the Winchester Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Sixth Annual **Women Helping Women** fundraiser. This year, the chamber has put together the "Ultimate Game Show". We have organized 8 amazing teams and they will compete in the **"Battle of the Broads" – FAMILY FEUD style!!!** We are inviting you to come and see what the **"Survey Says"** and cheer on your favorite team. Participants include **PTO Representatives:** Emily Ehl, Maria O'Connor, Hillary Baker, Sue Kim and Heidi Driscoll. They may be competing against the team of **TOWNIES** which includes: Peggy Walker, Lynda Rae, Andrea Burbage, Trish Intravaia Cronin and Cathi Flaherty. Tickets are on Sale now!!!! Tables of 10 can be purchased and reserved by calling the Chamber office. Tables of 10 assigned only upon receipt of full payment. Checks payable to: **Winchester Chamber of Commerce, 25 Waterfield Rd. Winchester, MA 01890** Individual tickets for sale at Book Ends. The cost per ticket is \$50 Sit Down Dinner included /cash bar. Questions call: 781 729-8870

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THIS EVENT!!!

FUN AT THE WRIGHT-LOCKE FARM - Sunday, April 11 from 1-3 PM - Come to our Spring Fling at Winchester's own Wright-Locke Farm. Enjoy a wonderful family afternoon waking up the farm and see how we look in the months before raspberry season. Come play with alpacas, goats, sheep, and a host of baby animals like lambs, piglets, bunnies, chicks and ducklings at our petting zoo. Dance and sway to the music of "Off the Record". Visit our many fun and informative tables. Take a tour of the farm. Run around. Roll down the hills. The suggested donation of \$10 per person and \$25 per family will go towards the necessary re-roofing of our historic 1827 Barn. Come on over and enjoy the awakening of spring. Info at www.wlfarm.org

LEARN TO DANCE: Ballroom, social and Latin dance lessons in teens-only class. - Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - April 7 through May 26 (but not Apr. 28). Jenks Center (just across the street!) - \$48 for the seven-week course, due 1st class. - Don't miss out on the fun! - Questions? SydelleLaw@aol.com