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**PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ APRIL 2011**  
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**FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN**

The Focus on the Future Steering Committee met on March 17 to review the latest draft of the high school strategic plan from the consulting company, Future Management Systems (FMS). FMS has completed its work on the project and a subcommittee of the steering committee will now fine tune the action plan to ensure that the action steps are as clear as possible and the evidence of implementation and completion are measurable. This work should be completed by mid April and the final plan will be presented to the School Committee and at a public forum in May.

Clearly defining school-wide expectations for the quality and quantity of student homework assignments is one of the action steps in the strategic plan and the charge of the Homework Policy Committee. At its last meeting, the committee reviewed the data collected from the online surveys of parents, students, and teachers regarding homework. Currently the group is reviewing homework policies from other high schools. The committee intends to have a policy in place for the 2011-12 school year. In checking with the nine other Middlesex League principals I discovered that only Lexington High has a homework policy. This policy states that the time for homework in a class should not exceed the amount of time spent in that class. Interesting.

**MESSAGES 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.

**Personal Electronic Equipment** ~ Students are not allowed to use a cell phone at any time during the school day. A student in violation of this policy will have their cell phone confiscated, given to an administrator, and a parent must pick up the phone in the Main Office. IPod's, MP3's, etc., may be used at lunch only.

## MESSAGE FROM SRO STEPHEN PALMER

Students should not park in the visitor parking spaces that are located in the front driveway of the school. Parking ticket violations have been issued and will continue to be issued. Students who do not park in the student designated areas and/or do not use good judgment in operating and parking their vehicles will be denied the privilege of bringing a vehicle onto school property.

## PFA NEWS

### FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

*Ann Hibbard and Martha Sampson*

At our March meeting, we had Tom Howley from the Board of Selectmen come and talk about the override vote that is coming on March 29. He spoke about the thoughtful plan from the selectmen for this override and hopes that the community will support their efforts to provide fiscal stability to the town. We also had Kristen Ritchie from Connect & Commit updating us on all of the projects this group has undertaken this year. This is a student-driven organization and they do great things! We should be proud of them. And finally, Principal Tom Gwin gave his regular update, including the fact that there has been a committee established that will put together a school-wide homework policy.

At our next meeting on **Thursday, April 7 (note date change!)**, we will have a presentation from WFEE and some coffee and desserts from WHS Librarian Karen Miller to thank us for our support of the library over the years. Please come and enjoy! Other items that we will discuss are the possibility of becoming a 501(c3) organization and updating our PFA By-laws, as well as revisiting the issue of recycling at WHS.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30pm in the WHS Library.

### 2011-2012 PFA BOARD

The nominations process has begun to fill the 2011-2012 PFA Board. There are a number of volunteer positions available - this is a great way to stay involved with your child's school! For more information please email [caren.connelly@gmail.com](mailto:caren.connelly@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **"SPRING IN YOUR STEP" DANCE--WHS National Honor Society**

Saturday, April 9th, 2011 from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Jenks Senior Center.

"Spring in Your Step" Dance is sponsored by the Winchester High School National Honor Society. Featuring the musical styling of the Winchester High School Jazz Band. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and \$30.00 per couple. Tickets are on sale at the Jenks Center, Bookends and in the main office at Winchester High School. Tickets will also be on sale at the door. Come join all who are "young at heart" for an evening of dancing, to all that jazz, along with door prizes, light food, beverages, and more.

## WHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

### WHS Music Department Proudly Presents: SPRING A CAPPELLA FEST 2011

*Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Winchester Town Hall Auditorium- 7:30 pm.*

Please join the WHS Octets and Chamber Singers, and their special guests Northeastern University Nor' Easters, Trinity University Accidentals, UMass-Amherst Dynamics, and Similar Jones, for an evening of all a cappella vocal performances. Tickets are \$8 students/seniors; \$15 adults; and \$40 family. More info at [www.WinchesterHighSchoolChoir.com](http://www.WinchesterHighSchoolChoir.com) or from WHS Choir Director Christopher Nickelson, 781-721-7020.

### Concert Dates

**Saturday, April 02**, at 7:30 pm -Spring A Cappella Fest at the Winchester Town Hall

**Monday, April 04**, from 6:00 - 8:15 pm -WHS Choral Dress Rehearsal, WHS Auditorium

**Wednesday, April 06**, at 7:30 pm- WHS Spring Choral Concert, WHS Auditorium

**Wednesday, April 06**, from 3:00 - 5:30 pm- Spring String Fling Rehearsal in the WHS Auditorium

**Tuesday, April 12**, at 7:30 pm - SPRING String Fling, WHS Auditorium

**Friday, April 08**, WHS Jazz and Symphony tour Elementary Schools

**Wednesday, April 13**, at 7:00 pm -Spring Band Zing in the WHS Auditorium

## CLASS NEWS

### CLASS OF 2011

#### Seniors Parent Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 pm

A very important meeting for seniors and their parents will be held in the WHS auditorium on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. At the meeting we will review the procedures and expectations for graduation, the prom, and other senior events. Please plan to attend this important meeting. A separate meeting will be held for seniors to discuss the same issues on April 27 during the school day.

The **Senior Class Family Dinner** was enjoyed by all. The Mr. WHS Contestants gave us a sneak preview of the talent show. Elianna Miller was the lucky winner of the prom tickets in the raffle. Thank you to all who attended and to all who contributed to the raffle fundraiser.

Mark your calendars for April 10 and the always popular **Mr. WHS pageant**. The 2011 contestants are James Anderson, Kyle Prates, Sam Stratton, James Gill and Connor Steckel. Come and cheer them on! You will not want to miss their rendition of *California Girls!*

## **CLASS OF 2013**

We will be hosting a Sophomore Class Dinner featuring the cuisine of Anna's Taqueria on **Thursday, April 14th** from 6:30-8:00 in the WHS cafeteria. This event is open to all students and their families. The tickets for this event will be \$15 per person, and include your choice of steak, chicken or veggie burrito, rice and beans. Invitations will be in the mail soon, but in the meantime, please mark your calendars! We hope that you will join us for a fun evening supporting the Class of 2013.

*Class Officers: Kenzie Koss, Mike Marotta, Dan Boulanger and Alex George.*

*Parent Advisors: Anne Marie Hill, Lia Borrelli, Cicely Hall. Teacher Advisor: Krystin Morin.*

## **CLASS OF 2014 NEWS**

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISER**

Lucia's Restaurant, Friday April 29th

Connect with old friends and meet some new ones--while supporting your child's class! This fundraiser coincides with the Class of 2014 Semi Formal at Town Hall. Sign in your student to the dance, then join us at Lucia's for class social/fundraiser. All donations go towards WHS 2014 graduation activities.

Items for SILENT AUCTION are needed! If you are able to donate items, tickets, services, gift certificates, vacation rental etc. please contact one of the class parent advisors listed below.

Please help us make this event a success!! More details to follow....

### **RECENT EVENTS**

Our theme of Class Unity was front and center once again at the WHS production of Bye Bye Birdie. Freshman Friday was well supported at the play to everyone's enjoyment. Congratulations to the cast for a wonderful show. The concession stand, hosted by the Class of 2014, was filled with delicious donated snacks and homemade cookies. Thanks to the parents who donated and participated. We want to acknowledge all the Freshman who played JV and Varsity Fall and Winter sports. The fan enthusiasm was exciting and supportive. Congratulations to all the teams for their success. Plans for the Freshman Semi are well under way. Don't forget to share your decorating ideas with the officers. The dance will be April 29th at the Town Hall - and for the parents, we will enjoy each other's company at Lucia's. Stay tuned for more details. As Spring days gets warmer, the Class Officers are planning a Car Wash fundraiser and a class trip to Kimball's for mini golf and ice cream. June 10th is the date for the class cookout featuring a kickball game.

*Parent advisors - Sheryl Brennan, Kathleen Foley, Patti Greene, and Karen Hanson*

# The Guide



## A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department

April 2011

### **Course Selection for 2011-2012**

Guidance Counselors met with students individually during the last two weeks of March to review course selections for the 2011-2012 school year. At the conclusion of each meeting, students were given a print out of their potential courses for the upcoming school year.

### **Senior Parents**

#### **Making the Final Decision on College**

For juniors, the college search is just beginning. However, for this year's Class of 2011, 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!

### **Scholarships**

Scholarship opportunities are posted on Naviance. Please allow at least 10 days to process transcripts for scholarships

### **REMINDER**

Winchester Scholarship Foundation Applications are due May 15th

In April Seniors will receive notice for transcript money due.

### **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](http://www.EducationPlanner.org). This tool helps students compare award packages from different schools.

## **Junior Parents**

### **College Admissions Testing**

Most four-year colleges (and some two-year colleges) require applicants to submit results of at least one admissions test. It is extremely important for students to check each college's specific testing requirements to be certain to take the right test for each college.

### **The SAT Reasoning Test**

The SAT Reasoning Test is 3 hours and 45 minutes. It costs \$47.00 and consists of the following three sections: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing.

### **SAT Subject Tests**

Subject Tests are one-hour, multiple-choice tests that measure your mastery of specific subjects and your ability to apply that knowledge. Students should check colleges that they are interested in to find out what specific requirements they have for Subject Tests.

### **Spring 2011: SAT Program Test Dates**

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
May 7	April 8
June 4	May 6

### **Suggestions for Attending a College Fair**

Planning ahead can make attendance at a college fair a much more productive experience. Some easy-to-use suggestions include:

- Identify the colleges you definitely want to visit.
- Prepare a list of questions to ask.
- Bring mailing labels if you have them to save time when filling out cards.
- Bring a pad and pen.
- Only pick up brochures you really need and want.
- Do a computer search ahead of time to find colleges that meet your criteria.

### **NACAC College Fair**

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> World Trade Center, Boston  
9:00 am-12:00 pm and 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

[WWW.NACACNET.ORG](http://WWW.NACACNET.ORG)

5598 for information.

### **College Fair for Children with Learning Differences**

will be held at Woburn Memorial High School on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm. Fifteen colleges are expected to attend.

### **New England College Fair**

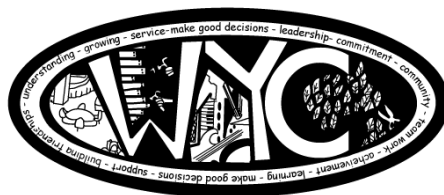
High school students and their parents are invited to meet representatives from colleges. The fair will be hosted by Regis College in Weston, MA on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm.

**Connecticut College**, New London, CT will host its Spring Open House programs on April 11 and April 18 for high school juniors. Tours and small group orientations will be provided. For specific details call (888) 553-8760

**Johnson & Wales University**, Providence, RI will be hosting two Open House Programs for both Business & Culinary Arts Programs on April 16, at 10:00 am. Please call (800) 342-

**New York University**, The Steinhardt School of Education will be hosting its Steinhardt Connection Luncheons for high school juniors and their families during Spring, 2011. Each of the programs will feature presentations regarding: Education, Communication Studies, Health, Arts and Music. To pre-register for a program call Emily Fields, Coordinator of the Junior Connections Program at (212) 998-5142 or consult the NYU web page [www.educaton.nyu.edu/juniorconnection](http://www.educaton.nyu.edu/juniorconnection)

**Wellesley College**, Wellesley, MA - Junior Open Campus Program - April 23, 2011. This program will feature workshops in the following areas: College Application Completion, College Interview Process, College Essay Writing, and mock classroom meetings. The program will include a lunch and will end at 3:00 pm. For more information or to register call (781) 283-2270.



**Winchester Youth Center**, 458R Main Street, Winchester MA 01890, 781-721-0906,  
[www.wynec.com](http://www.wynec.com)

**It's our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**The WYC has been in its current space at McCall for 10 years. Come celebrate with us!**

*If you are a teenager who wants: to do something good for others...something fun to do after school...cool events and activities to attend...to spread the word about important issues...to be a role model to others...to give something back to the community...to learn more about yourself and what you're capable of...then the WYC is the place for you*

The WYC offers something for everyone, come check us out and find out how you can get involved. Go to [www.wynec.com](http://www.wynec.com) for more information.

**All WYC leadership programs, special events, and service-learning projects are open to all WHS students. Anyone who is interested in doing something good in the community, being a role model for others, working and hanging out with other great kids, and making good decisions should check out the WYC!**

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

During April vacation 30 of the WYC Peer Leaders will be participating in our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Habitat for Humanity trip. We will be traveling to Salem County, New Jersey 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 \$5500 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 \$10 tickets for the chance to win: Xbox 360, GPS Navigation System or \$100 Gift Card to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. The drawing will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **WYC COFFEE HOUSE**

Jersey Shore theme

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30-10:30

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. All proceeds will benefit the Peer Leaders' Habitat for Humanity trip.

**WINCHESTER YOUTH SERVICE DAY Saturday, May 14th**

Sponsored by the Winchester Youth Center and Connect & Commit

A day to celebrate community service and...clean up sports fields, clean up our parks, beautify our schools...be a part of a great cause! All WHS students are encouraged to participate!! Stop by the WYC or Connect & Commit office to register. Everyone who signs-up by May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 or [winchesteryouthcenter@gmail.com](mailto:winchesteryouthcenter@gmail.com)

**COMMUNITY NEWS****TEAM MILAN UPDATE**

Save the Date! A Springtime Gala of Hope: A Benefit for Milan will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This semi-formal gala will be held at Town Hall. Tickets are \$75 and include cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, a live jazz band and a silent auction. Sponsorship opportunities are also available at three levels: Silver Level is \$500 - \$1,000; Gold Level is \$1,000 - \$2,500; and Platinum Level is \$2500 and above. Tickets will be available online at [www.teammilan.org](http://www.teammilan.org) and also at Bookends. If you're interested in donating an auction item, please contact Liz Pipes at [epipes@verizon.net](mailto:epipes@verizon.net). For all other information, contact us at [hope@teammilan.org](mailto:hope@teammilan.org).

**APRIL 13th WPS FUNDRAISING DAY AT MAHONEY'S**

*Co-sponsored by Mahoney's Garden Center and the Winchester Parents Inter-School Council ("PISC")*

Celebrate spring and support Winchester schools! Mahoney's Garden Center is generously hosting a Winchester Public Schools Fundraising Day on **Wednesday, April 13th**. If you shop at Mahoney's on April 13th during regular hours (9 am to 6 pm), 10% of the day's retail sales will go directly to Winchester Public Schools. Please join us at Mahoney's on April 13th!

**PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS**

An informal book discussion group on Pressured Parents, Stressed-Out Kids: Dealing with Competition While Raising a Successful Child by Wendy S. Grolnik, Ph.D. and Kathy Seal. Monday, May 2, 2011 in the meeting room of the Winchester Public Library 7pm to 8:30pm.

This timely book provides solid research about competition and its role in learning. The authors offer powerful insights on what really motivates kids and the importance of changing one's mindset in order to counteract over-emphasis on competitiveness. With practical information on how to let kids live and learn at their own pace, the authors stimulate the reader to question long-held assumptions about learning and achievement. How do we foster healthy self-esteem and a love of learning without unwittingly pushing too hard and causing more pressure? How do we manage our desire for our children's success and avoid the tendency to live through them? Join us as we ask these and other thought provoking questions the book raises. You don't need to have read the book to participate in the discussion. Books are available at BookEnds and at the Library's Circulation Desk. For more information visit our website: [parenttoparent.org](http://parenttoparent.org).



## **9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MICHAEL DUNLEAVY 5K WALK/ROAD RACE**

Join us at the Vinson-Owen school on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in support of the Michael Dunleavy 5K Walk and Road Race for Pediatric Brain Cancer research. Walk or run in memory of Michael who died at age 8 from a brain tumor, or because you know other children or families who are suffering because of cancer. Come because you want to spend a fun-filled afternoon with your own family and friends. There will be lots of great food, entertainment and raffle give-a-ways for everyone! Whether you come down to compete for one of the many race prizes or just show up because it will be a really fun day, we hope you will just plan to come. By joining us on April 10<sup>th</sup>, you will be helping other kids with brain cancer. An official registration form will be sent home with your children but can be found on our facebook page 'Michael Dunleavy Foundation' or our website [www.michaeldunleavy.com](http://www.michaeldunleavy.com).

If you would like to make a donation (gift card or sporting event tickets, etc.) for the race prizes and raffle, please contact Kim Mullin at 781-721-7713 or [kimmullin@comcast.net](mailto:kimmullin@comcast.net). We appreciate your support!

Thank you so much!

## **ABC BOTTLE DRIVE**

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, May 7, 2011, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans help to finance the ABC Program. As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242 or Mary D. Jordan at 781-729-8397. Again, thank you for your continued help.

## **ENKA NEWS**

### **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 20-21, 2011. This year's Fair is titled "Your Ticket To Fun"

Beginning April 2nd, 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 much appreciated. No VHS tapes, text books, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed books please. Items donated should be in adequate condition to be sold.

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](mailto:enkabooks@yahoo.com)

**ENKA's ANNUAL YARD SALE**

9:00-1:00, Friday, MAY 6 and Saturday, MAY 7, 2011

At the ENKA EXCHANGE

1037 Main St Winchester

**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 20 and 21. Those interested in taking tickets for a ride or helping with a game for a two-hour shift, please email [nancyhickey@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhickey@gmail.com).

**EN KA DAY AT MAHONEY'S ROCKY LEDGE**

Wednesday, May 18th

The En Ka annual fundraiser will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 18th at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center, 242 Cambridge Street in Winchester. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates and more. For the 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A TASTE OF BROADWAY IS COMING TO WINCHESTER!**

Broadway is coming to Winchester! On Friday and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at McCall Middle School in Winchester, The Winchester Field Development Council will present Richard Dresser's critically acclaimed, "Rounding Third".

Featuring New York actors, Matthew Lawler (*The Sopranos*, *Knight and Day* with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz) and veteran off-Broadway actor Arthur Aulisi, "Rounding Third" is a hilarious two-man, two-act play whose characters coach their sons' Little League team. "Rounding Third" focuses on these two characters rather than the game itself, with Don, wonderfully played by Lawler as the sarcastically funny and opinionated head coach, and Michael, artfully played by Aulisi as his inexperienced though warm-hearted assistant. Dresser brings these characters to life with brilliant, comedic writing and presents "a look at how our culture is teaching kids-and our parents-to deal with competition and success." The play also offers an opportunity to empathize with Don and Michael, both of whom are dealing with their own personal issues, with baseball providing for them the necessary relief from their daily lives. Don't miss the chance to see "Rounding Third", a show the entire family, from Little Leaguer to Mom and Dad, can enjoy.

Proceeds from the production of "Rounding Third" will benefit Phase 2 of the Manchester Field Renovation project, which is to include a state of the art track and field facility. Tickets can be purchased in person at Bookends (Winchester Center) and Gloria's Pizza (Main Street, Winchester) or on line at [www.wfdc.net](http://www.wfdc.net)

Evening show times are 7:00pm on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday matinee show time is 2:00pm. For additional information on this event or the WFDC please visit [www.wfdc.net](http://www.wfdc.net)

## WINCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration is now open for the Foundation's annual golf tournament, to be held on Monday, May 2 at the Winchester Country Club. Registration for golf and for sponsorships at varying levels is available online at <http://winchestersportsfoundation.com/golf.html>. The Foundation has been raising money to help preserve and promote the sports programs at Winchester High School for more than 20 years. By helping defray the increasing costs of athletic programs, and supporting the introduction of new sports programs, the Foundation helps ensure that as many students can participate in sports programs as possible. In just the last year, the Foundation has made a significant donation towards the fund-raising for development of new fields, and has also supported the wrestling, tennis, ski, volleyball, field hockey and basketball teams with specific donations. The Foundation also provides the funding for the baseline concussion testing that all student athletes at the high school receive. The golf tournament is the Foundation's flagship fund-raising event. The afternoon of golf is followed by a dinner at which the Foundation honors a person who has made a significant contribution to the Winchester athletic programs.

## WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

The Winchester Multicultural Network and Winchester Hospital host a screening of excerpts from the prize winning film, "*Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick*," followed by a panel discussion on Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Jenks Room at the Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Road. Panelists are Dr. Nancy Oriol, Dean of students and Associate Professor of Anesthesia at Harvard and organizer of The Family Van, a rolling health care provider; Dr. Harris Gibson, thoracic surgeon associated with Winchester Hospital, and Judith Ellen, community outreach educator working to eradicate health disparities, particularly with underserved urban adolescents. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Richard Weiner. The program is free and all are welcome. For information, email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org) or call 781-729-7100.

The Multicultural Network invites the Winchester community to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> year at a family concert by the *Halalisa Singers*. The concert will be on Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the Pond Room at the Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Road. The group is the area's premier world music ensemble, and its repertoire includes African, Latin American, gospel, Jewish, folk, and jazz music. The Network offers this special event as a gift to the community. For more information, email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org).

## ODAIKO JAPANESE TAIKO DRUMMING CONCERT

Sunday April 3 at 4 p.m. at McCall Middle School Auditorium.  
Suggested donation \$5/person, \$10/family

Winchester Cultural Council invites you to an afternoon of Taiko drumming presented by Odaiko New England, a Woburn-based Japanese drumming group. Odaiko blends traditional Taiko drumming with Cuban, Latino, and jazz influences, making an exuberant experience that is sure to delight and mesmerize the whole family.

In Japan, the sounds of the taiko are infused into various aspects of daily life. From Shinto and Buddhist rituals, to celebratory festivals, the taiko is said to be the voice and spirit of the Japanese. Its rhythms reflect the sounds of nature, the changing of the seasons, Mother's heartbeat. The taiko speaks across boundaries of race, class, culture, and religion, and appeals to people of all ages and gender. The aim of

Odaiko New England is to make taiko a familiar art form to American audiences, and thereby encourage a greater appreciation and understanding of Asian American cultures.

Come experience the power of Odaiko New England! Learn more and see video at [winchesterculturalcouncil.org](http://winchesterculturalcouncil.org) and [onetaiko.org](http://onetaiko.org).

### **SPRING SOCCER CAMPS**

Registration is now open for Sachems FC Spring schools and April vacation camp. Go to their web site (<http://www.sachemsfc.com/Home/tabid/11768/Default.aspx>) for more information.

### **TOPSOCCER**

#### **Bring the joy and excitement of soccer to young athletes with disabilities**

Offered by the Winchester Soccer Club, this community-based program provides an opportunity for all children with disabilities to play soccer through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of soccer once a week. A volunteer group of "junior coaches" serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes.

**Schedule:** 1:00-2:00, Sunday afternoons at Lynch Front Field in Winchester (May 1st through June 12th (excluding Memorial Day Weekend).

If you are interested in Winchester's TOPS program as either an athlete or junior coach, please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPSoccer Director, at [jfcalnan@yahoo.com](mailto:jfcalnan@yahoo.com). No prior soccer experience necessary.

**Player Registration:** [www.winchestersoccer.org](http://www.winchestersoccer.org)

### **YOUTH DANCE CAMP**

Just in time for proms and summer fun! Learn basics of ballroom, swing/rock, Latin and "social" dancing in five 90-minute lessons, Tuesdays beginning April 26, 3:30 - 5:00 pm, Jenks Center. Limited to Middle and High School students, with written parental permission. \$75.00, due at first session (no drop-ins). 9-person minimum; register by e-mail to [SydelleLaw@aol.com](mailto:SydelleLaw@aol.com)