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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ MAY 2009

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**From the Office of Principal Tom Gwin**

Entering the month of May, the administration and staff at the high school are busily involved in end of the year activities as well as planning for the 2009-10 school year. All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders have met with their counselors regarding their upcoming schedules and their selections are in the computer. Having all students meet individually with counselors about their schedule was a first. I want to thank the Math and Guidance departments for making this happen. Math teachers brought classes down to Guidance so the students could meet with counselors, and the counselors input all the student selection data. In addition, the directors have reviewed all of the appeal requests and parents have been notified of their appeal status.

In the next step of the scheduling process, the directors, working with the tallies for each of their department's courses, will determine the number of sections that will be offered for each course. This process is a bit like solving a puzzle as the director has a limited amount of staffing to work. For example, in the Math Department, Mr. Haver has enough staffing to offer 52 sections of mathematics. After going through the tallies, he may determine that he needs 54 sections. He will talk to me about getting extra staffing, but depending on the budget, that might not be possible. Usually, he will need to go back to the tallies and decrease the number of sections in a course or two (raising the class size in the course) or perhaps drop a course to get to 52 sections. This process is a great balancing act. The directors then assign those sections to teachers.

This information is given to Mr. Chapman who feeds all of this information into our administrative software. Then the time consuming piece of the process begins. The computer produces teacher and student schedules, but Mr. Chapman reviews all of these schedules individually to work out conflicts/mistakes and add classes manually to ensure that students have a full schedule.

We hope to have schedules completed much earlier than usual this summer. Students taking advanced placement courses that require summer work will receive confirmations before school ends that those courses will be in their schedules.

**MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

**School Transfer:** A student who plans to move, leave school early, or withdraw from Winchester High School for any reason prior to graduation should secure a Transfer Sign-Out Form from the Registrar. This form needs to be completed and returned to the Registrar and should signify that all books have been returned and that all course work has been completed. Upon request, the high school will forward student records to a school in which the student seeks to enroll only upon return of the completed Transfer Form.

**Exams:** WHS schedules semester/final exams in January and June. These exams challenge students to summarize and condense a large body of knowledge and to demonstrate skills developed over a semester or the year. The exams also prepare students for the type of test taking that they will be confronting when they apply to post-secondary institutions.

No final exams will be administered early. Students who have been granted permission to leave school prior to final exams must return in the summer to take their exams. Exams taken in the summer will not be graded until September and their results will not be available until that time. Seniors with an average of B or above in a particular course will be exempt from taking that course's final.

**Dress Code:** With the warm weather approaching we would like to remind students that shoes must be worn at all times. 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 will decide if specific clothing 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 from the Main Office. iPod's, MP3's, etc., may be used at lunch only.

**BICYCLES/ROLLER BLADES/SKATEBOARDS:** The campus is reserved for pedestrian traffic. Students who bike, roller blade, or skateboard to school should lock their bikes in the bike racks; remove roller blades or skateboards for storage in lockers.

**From the PFA Co-President Caren Connelly, [caren.connelly@gmail.com](mailto:caren.connelly@gmail.com)**

One of our seniors, Jenna Anglin, shares news of WHS with the School Committee each meeting. As we head into April vacation her recent comment about May echoes in my ears, "...just not enough days." The next two months are the busiest of the year with sports, concerts, award ceremonies and, finally, graduation with all the celebrations that entails. A good way to keep up is through the district wide calendar which you can access through the [www.winchester.k12.ma.us](http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us) site. One important date for everyone's calendar is **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, Winchester Youth Service Day. Sponsored by the Winchester Youth Center and the Connect & Commit Program, this is the fifth annual Winchester Youth Service Day. Encourage your student to participate in the community service work which will be going on through out the community from 10am -2:00pm. A final thought - there are still openings on the PFA Board for next year. Serving on the Board is a wonderful way to keep in touch with the school community and support both our teachers and students. If you are interested, Karen Erikson, [karenerikson@comcast.net](mailto:karenerikson@comcast.net), would love to speak with you. **Our next PFA meeting will be on**

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in Room A209. The final PFA meeting of the year is June 10<sup>th</sup> in the school library. Please join us!

**The Winchester High School 2008-2009 Student Directories are still available!**

This year's student directories are still available. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Heidi Star at [Heidi@stardev.com](mailto:Heidi@stardev.com) to get one. There is also a limited supply at the school store. Directories are \$5 each.

**WHS Parent Faculty Association 2009-2010 Board**

Looking for volunteers! Please contact Karen Erikson ([Karenerikson@comcast.net](mailto:Karenerikson@comcast.net)) if you are interested in volunteering to be part of the 2009-2010 PFA Board at the High School. There are many board positions available for the upcoming year. The list of board positions can be found on the PFA website (<http://www.whspfa.org>) under "PFA Board 2008-2009". Being part of the PFA Board is a great way to volunteer at the High School. We hope you will consider being part of it.

**WHS PFA Direct Appeal / 2008-2009**

*While the school year is winding down, we are still seeking donations to meet our budget. If you have contributed to this year's Appeal already - **THANK YOU!** If you are not sure if have contributed, but want to ensure that you do, please contact Joanne O'Donnell at the e-mail address below to verify. If you are able to contribute, please consider doing so to help us close the gap. **THANK YOU!***

Your generous contributions are used to continue to cover the cost of many important programs and supplies for WHS students and teachers not included in the WHS budget, by providing grants to academic departments and the school library, and to support many extracurricular, enrichment, and support programs for students.

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 your convenience, the PFA now offers two methods of making a contribution to the Direct Appeal:

- ♣ **Check** - As always, you can contribute by mailing a check made payable to WHS PFA to Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890.
- ♣ **PayPal** - Now, you can also contribute by making a quick and easy online transaction through a PayPal account that the PFA has set up for the Direct Appeal. If you wish to make your contribution through the new PayPal account, go to the WHS PFA page. On the check at the top of the page, please enter the amount of your donation in the field under "Unit Price" and then click "Update Totals." If you already have a PayPal account, please log in on the lower right of the page with your own user information and pay by e-check or credit card. If you don't have a PayPal account, you don't need to open one to pay by credit card on the lower left of the page.

For additional information, please contact Joanne O'Donnell at [pfodonnell@verizon.net](mailto:pfodonnell@verizon.net). Thank you!

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!

**CLASS NEWS**

**The Senior Class Family Dinner and Information Session will be held Thursday, April 30, 2009.** The Theme is *Decision Day*, and all are invited to wear gear showing their favorite college or highlighting post graduation plans. This will be you last chance to dine with other Senior Class parents and the Class of 09, so don't miss it! We've arranged a delicious Italian dinner from Bob's of Medford, who provided the food for last year's class event. Dinner will be served from 6-7:30 in the WHS cafeteria, and will be followed by an important meeting in the auditorium regarding Senior week activities, along with prom and graduation information. Dinner is \$15 per person, with a \$60 family cap. Use the attached order form to reserve your tickets today! Make sure you bring a little extra cash as we will be raffling off items that students will find useful next year, and you will likely need to purchase anyway!

If you must miss this fun and final dinner, please make sure your family is represented at the meeting with Tom Gwin at 7:30-8:00 in the auditorium. Parents, and Seniors, should make every effort to attend.

**This year's Senior Prom will be held on Wednesday, June 3, on the Odyssey Boston.** The prom begins several days of senior class activities, leading up to graduation on Sunday, June 7. Students will be bussed from McCall to Boston to board the ship, and returned to McCall at the end of the evening. The Odyssey will provide a dinner cruise around Boston Harbor, with dancing and lots of prom fun. Please note that a requirement of the ship is that all occupants must wear shoes throughout the duration of the cruise. If you have a child choosing footwear for the prom, remind them that they will need to have shoes on all evening. We will have flip flops available on the ship just in case. You can learn more about the prom, and other fun Senior Week activities, at the Senior Class Meeting and dinner on April 30.

Any questions contact Annmarie Galli at [anngalli@comcast.net](mailto:anngalli@comcast.net), Anne Sharp at [sharp0508@hotmail.com](mailto:sharp0508@hotmail.com), or Marney Grimes at [marnevg@comcast.net](mailto:marnevg@comcast.net).

**The Junior Class** is selling raffle tickets, the cost is \$5.00 per ticket. There will be 4 \$100.00 cash prize drawings: May 4th, May 11th, May 18th & May 25th. There will be a \$100.00 cash prize to the Junior Class Member who sells the most tickets. REMINDER to the Class: Be sure to sell your tickets and turn your money in to the Main Office by April 30, 2009. This is a major fundraiser, we need your participation to make this a success. If you should have any questions contact Matt Marotta at [marotta.r@comcast.net](mailto:marotta.r@comcast.net).

**The Junior Class** Officers are planning a Paint Balling trip, tentative date is May 3, 2009. June 9th there will be a class pizza party in the courtyard. There are 4 XL Class of 2010 hooded sweatshirts that haven't been claimed. If you ordered a class sweatshirt and haven't received it yet please contact Matt Marotta at [marotta.r@comcast.net](mailto:marotta.r@comcast.net)

#### **News from the Sophomore Class**

We have been very busy making money and building class spirit. Thanks so much to everyone who baked for the St. Patrick's Day bake sale. We were able to sell all day and made DOUBLE what we did on Halloween. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We had a super group of kids help organize and decorate for the Sophomore Semi. It was a wonderful night for both kids and parents. Adults had a lovely evening at Lucia's and thank you to everyone who contributed auction items...students and families! Next year we will be having our class dinner in the cafeteria where whole families will be invited! Things to keep a look out for... **MAY 9th...Youth Service Day...**The Sophomore class will be given a court yard around the school to clean-up and beautify. You get a free t-shirt and free pizza at the end. It is a great morning and we need LOTS of volunteers. Does anyone remember last year and the pictures with Evander. Fun times. Be on the look out for info on facebook or thru the e-alerts from the school. We always need extra rakes and gloves too. Coming in May...**Are you Smarter than a 10th grader?** Details are still being worked out. If you would like to help with this, contact one of the officers or Ms. Kangas or Ms. Rees. Happy Spring and keep the spirit alive! GO SACHEMS!

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**THE 2009-2010 BUS TRANSPORTATION FEES ARE SET.** APPLICATIONS AND FEE SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND ON THE [WWW.WINCHESTER.K12.MA.US](http://WWW.WINCHESTER.K12.MA.US) WEBSITE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL NANCY CLARK, PAYROLL/TRANSPORTATION SPECIALIST 781-721-7001

#### **-SOFTWARE AND TECHNOLOGY PURCHASING- Annamaria Schrimpf President MassCUE**

If you will be purchasing software or technology, you should absolutely look first at the deals that MassCUE (Massachusetts Computer Using Educators) has negotiated with JourneyEd and GovConnect. Every K-12 educator (faculty and staff) and student is eligible for this special pricing. Here are some pricing examples for software.

Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2007 \$89.98

Microsoft Office Standard 2007 \$59.98 (suggested retail is \$399.00)

Microsoft Office 2008 (MAC) \$94.98

Adobe Creative Suite 4 Design Standard K-12 (MAC) \$219.98 (suggested retail is \$1,399.00)

Inspiration Kidspiration 3 Student Single (Electronic Download) - Mac/Win \$29.98

GROUP BUY WEBSITE-GOVCONNECT AND JOURNEYED, [http://masscue.org/resources/group\\_buys.html](http://masscue.org/resources/group_buys.html)

The National Honor Society is hosting the Swingin' Soiree May 2nd at 8:00 P.M. at the Jenks Center. Come for a night of swing music featuring the High School Jazz Band and the Octets. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale at Book Ends, the Jenks Center and at the High School. Come and show your support for the National Honor Society and have a swingin' good time! Jackson Cashion, [jcashion90@yahoo.com](mailto:jcashion90@yahoo.com)

#### **PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE**

Participate in the annual Medication Collection program as part of the Winchester Substance Abuse Medication Take Back

Program and the Winchester Hazardous Waste Day on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Sons of Italy Parking Lot from 9 am. - 1 am. Bring your unused, unwanted and or expired medications.

If you are unable to participate on May 9<sup>th</sup> please make note that medications may be dropped off at the WSAC Medication Take Back Kiosk located in the lobby of the Winchester Police Department. Questions or concerns please contact WSAC at [silva@winchester.us](mailto:silva@winchester.us) or [Butlermail@aol.com](mailto:Butlermail@aol.com)

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**Dear Class of 2010 and Parents:**

Just a reminder to please fill out your "Counselor Report Form" and "Parent Brag Sheet" on Naviance before school ends this year. We use this form to write your secondary school report that goes out to every college you apply to next year. Please go to: <http://connection.naviance.com/winchester> and log into your account to fill out the survey. If you don't remember your account, email your guidance counselor and we can give you that information.

**Please Note:** For security reasons, Naviance is designed to sign you out automatically if your session is inactive for 45 minutes. If you are signed out in less than 45 minutes or if your session ends unexpectedly while you are actively using the system, it is likely that a small file written to your computer while you use Naviance known as a "session cookie" has become corrupted or that your school is using a proxy server that is ending your session.

To address this issue, you should first delete cookies on your computer and clear the cache your browser keeps of the sites you visit. In most cases, completing these steps resolves any issues relating to sessions ending prematurely.

**Final Transcripts for Seniors:**

**SENIOR SURVEY**

The Guidance Department will be requesting that seniors complete the annual **Senior Survey** in **NAVIANCE** this year **between May 1-5**. Seniors should log-in to their **NAVIANCE** accounts and click on "Graduation Survey". The survey asks seniors to indicate to which college or post-secondary institution they want their final transcript sent, as well as to provide the results of the colleges' decisions on their other applications. Seniors are required to complete this **Senior Survey** as part of their graduation requirements before receiving their caps and gowns.

The Guidance Department is aware that plans do change. A number of seniors pay a deposit to one college to hold a space for next fall, but choose to remain on a waiting list at a second college. Graduates are asked to notify the Guidance Office **immediately** if they wish to change the college to which their final transcript will be sent.

**Vacancy Lists Keep College Option Open**

Current seniors or past graduates who may have postponed the college application process for a variety of reasons should know that it's not too late to apply to college for next fall. Two organizations compile vacancy lists of colleges that are still accepting students for Fall 2009. The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) maintains a list of New England colleges and universities that still have openings. Students may visit [www.nebhe.org](http://www.nebhe.org) to view this list in mid-to-late May. The National Association for College Admission Counseling posts its Annual Space Availability Survey on its website, [www.nacac.com](http://www.nacac.com) to assist college counseling professionals working with students who have not completed the college admission process. This annual survey indicates openings not only in Fall 2009 freshman classes, but also openings for transfer students, as well as the availability of financial aid and campus housing.

**Helping Your Child Handle Rejection...and Acceptance**

The College Board's website contains helpful information for parents of seniors who receive a "letter of denial" from a college. The information offers suggestions on how to help put admissions decisions in perspective. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and click on the link "For Parents" to read the entire article.

**Connect & 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. 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](mailto:kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us) or via phone 781-721-7020 x1999.

**One Time Opportunities**

**Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

**\*\*\*Desserts for Doctors- Winchester High School Cafeteria\*\*\***

**The students of Connect & Commit are holding a fun dessert auction with live music all to benefit Partners in Health. There will be a special speaker from the organization at the event to share experiences from the field. The club is currently reading Mountains Beyond Mountains to learn more about the work of Partners**

**In Health and its founder Paul Farmer. Copies of the book are available through Connect & Commit, the Public Library and at Bookends. This book was also a town read in 2004, so many may already be familiar with the book and the organization. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at Bookends and in the Connect & Commit office at Winchester High School.**

**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm  
Winchester Youth Service Day**

Work alongside friends and classmates to help clean and brighten the Winchester Community. Sign-up sheets and permission slips are available in the Connect & Commit office at the High School and through the Winchester Youth Center.

**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Cummings Park- Time TBD**

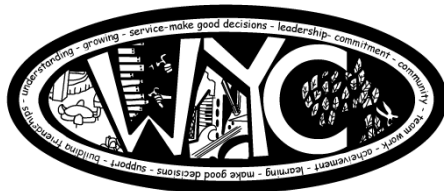
Help remove trash and invasive species, blaze new trails and trim back overgrowth on old ones to kick off the spring season at this local park. Sign up in the Connect & Commit office.

**Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am-12pm (includes lunch)  
Community Servings, 18 Marberry Terrace Jamaica Plain**

Help prepare food to be delivered to patients living with HIV and their families and caretakers. The meals reach people all over the Greater Boston area. I also have to tell you that the food is delicious!

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm  
WFEE Education Celebration**

Help support the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence's annual Education celebration by serving food, helping to direct traffic and other duties as needed. Sign up in the Connect & Commit office.



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

## WHS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00-3:30 Email [whsblooddrive09@gmail.com](mailto:whsblooddrive09@gmail.com) to sign up for a time to donate blood Sponsored by the Winchester Youth Center and Connect & Commit

## TOWN-WIDE SCAVENGER HUNT Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 pm

**Sign-up your team of 3-5 people @ the WYC\Registration is \$15 per team Teams must have a team name, costumes and a digital camera Prizes will be awarded Contact the WYC for more info**

## WINCHESTER YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Sponsored by the Winchester Youth Center and Connect & Commit Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 or the Connect & Commit office to register Everyone who signs-up by May 1<sup>st</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

## SCHOOL RELATED NEWS AND EVENTS

**Parent Conversations in May!!! Monday, May 18, 9am** WHS Conference Room, Main Office

What happened at Enka????????????????????????Coffee and Great Conversation Served See you there!!!

**The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, May 9, 2009, 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 would be appreciated. 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.

### Special Education PAC

#### General Business Meeting/PAC Elections

Join us for the final PAC meeting which includes annual election of officers and program planning for the 2009 - 2010 school year, on Thursday, May 14th at McCall Middle School Library 7 - 9 pm. Questions? Contact [WINCHESTER-SPED-L@HOME.EASE.LSOFT.COM](mailto:WINCHESTER-SPED-L@HOME.EASE.LSOFT.COM)

### Parent to Parent presents: "Raising Resilient Children and Adolescents"

Dr. Robert Brooks will describe factors that help children and adolescents to deal more effectively with stress and pressure and become more resilient. He will discuss: (a) the importance of empathy in understanding and responding to children; (b) why some children from birth have a more difficult time developing a positive self-image and resilience than other children; and (c) the importance of identifying and reinforcing each child or adolescent's "islands of competence". Parents will be provided with specific strategies for nurturing self-discipline, self-esteem, responsibility, caring, hope, and resilience in our children and adolescents.

r. Brooks is a clinical psychologist who lectures nationally and internationally on topics related to resilience, motivation, and self-esteem. He is on the faculty of Harvard Medical School, and maintains a private practice in the Boston area. He is the author of more than 10 books for parents and teachers, including *The Self-Esteem Teacher*, *Raising Resilient Children*, and *Raising a Self-Disciplined Child*. Dr. Brooks has appeared on local and national television, and has been a consultant to Sesame Street Parents Magazine. For more information about Dr. Brooks, go to [www.drrobertbrooks.com](http://www.drrobertbrooks.com).

Parent to Parent thanks the EnKa Society for their financial support. Visit us at [www.parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://www.parenttoparentwinchester.org).

**Please join us on Wednesday, May 13th, 7:30 - 9:00, in the McCall Middle School auditorium.**

### Winchester Scholarship Says Thanks

Last year the Winchester Scholarship Foundation awarded \$298,700 to 67 deserving WHS graduates. The generosity of the Winchester community has made it possible for these students to transform their lives by helping them reach their potential through higher education. Applications for this year's graduates are available at the Guidance Office and online at [www.winchestersf.org](http://www.winchestersf.org). The deadline for the application is May 15. Donations may be mailed to Winchester Scholarship Foundation, P. O. Box 174, Winchester, MA 01890.

### WFEE NEWS:

Whether you loved prom, hated it, or didn't go, you won't want to miss **WFEE's Prom 'n Aid**. The date is **May 30<sup>th</sup>**, the evening will include dancing, dinner, a live auction and a few surprises. **Buy your tickets by May 1<sup>st</sup>** and be entered to win a Limo ride to the Prom! Order your tickets at [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org) or pick them up at Book Ends, \$350 per couple/ \$175 stag. WFEE, the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence, funds programs and teacher training at all Winchester public schools. Additional WFEE system wide initiatives include the purchase of technology such as teacher lap top computers, interactive whiteboards and computer software. Questions? [info@wfee.org](mailto:info@wfee.org) or 781 756-8020.

It is hard to believe but the end of the school year is quickly approaching! As you begin to think about how to thank a special teacher, we hope that you will consider honoring him/ her with a **Teacher Tribute**. Make a tax deductible donation to the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence (WFEE) in a teacher's name and you will both thank that teacher and help fund WFEE programs that foster innovation and excellence in teaching throughout the entire Winchester school system. Each honoree will receive a small gift and card naming the donor(s). The amount will be kept confidential. For more information or to donate, visit our updated website at [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org) or download the attached donation form. All donations must be received by Monday, June 8th.

### PRIDE PARK

As many of you know Winchester is about to take on a very **important project in rebuilding our fields**, some of you may have received a recent mailing that went out to local residents. A great way to contribute to this project is by purchasing a brick or plaque in what will be known as "Pride Park". These bricks and plaques come in different sizes depending on what you want to donate, they make wonderful gifts for graduation, teacher, coach, team, events, or recognition of a lost loved one. If interested in making a donation to our field's project, please go to our website : [www.wfdc.net](http://www.wfdc.net) and click on Pride Park Bricks. For more information you may contact Susan Duffy Smith [duffysmith@verizon.net](mailto:duffysmith@verizon.net) or Dora MacLeod [dorabell@comcast.net](mailto:dorabell@comcast.net)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FREE HOME ENERGY SAVING SEMINAR COMING TO WINCHESTER TOWN HALL ON APRIL 28TH

Those in Winchester who are interested in reducing their home energy use and costs through cheap, do-it-yourself solutions, and in learning about ways to finance energy and heating improvements, can attend a free seminar, *Home Energy Savings*, on Tuesday, April 28th, from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Winchester Room at Winchester Town Hall. Sustainable Winchester (the environmental organization behind the Cool Winchester Project) and the Town of Winchester are hosting this session. A representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association will discuss these topics, lead a slideshow to illustrate hands-on tips, and provide free educational materials for everyone attending. Using less energy will help reduce a household's - and therefore Winchester's - carbon footprint, which is the goal of the Cool Winchester Project. One can contact Cool Winchester at [coolwinchester@gmail.com](mailto:coolwinchester@gmail.com). Refreshments will be provided by Whole Foods Market.

On Monday, **May 11** the film "**My Beijing Birthday**" will be shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7:00 PM. Filmmaker Howie Snyder will be on hand to discuss the film following the 53-minute documentary which takes a heart-felt and humorous look at the rapidly changing lives of a group of young Beijingers through the eyes of a New Yorker. Snyder has spent the last 25 years living and working in China and Japan and several other Asian countries. If you would like to attend, please go to the library webpage [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org), click on calendar, find the May 11 program and register for Howie's program. Seating at the library is limited. The film is a presentation of One Winchester, Many Traditions, a collaborative project of the Winchester Public Library and the Winchester Multicultural Network, funded by the John and Mary Murphy Educational Foundation. The project's purpose is to welcome residents from other countries and to celebrate the varied cultural heritages of all of Winchester's residents.

### Studio Art Workshop For High School Juniors and Seniors and Post-Graduate Students

Small group studio classes in drawing and painting are being offered at the Sanborn Cultural Center (High Street in Winchester) Instructor: Dave Ardito. Develop your portfolio. Improve your observational drawing and painting skills. Draw and paint from professional live models. Receive art school and college admission counseling. The next session starts in May

Dave Ardito is a certified art teacher with many years of high school studio art teaching experience and is currently a Visiting Associate Professor in the Art Education Department at the Mass College of Art and Design in Boston. He was also the K-12 Director of Art for Winchester Public Schools from 1989-2007.

To register, email Dave Ardito at [ydpaa@yahoo.com](mailto:ydpaa@yahoo.com) for a registration form, fees, a course syllabus, recommendations and the instructor's resume. Or call Dave at 781 910 7119.

### MAY DAY FESTIVAL AT WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL TO INCLUDE MANY BANDS, INCLUDING

**BATTLE OF BANDS GROUPS!** Come one; come all to Winchester Community Music School for their May Day Festival on Sunday, May 3 from 1-4 PM. This family friendly event will feature musical performances, arts & crafts, a traditional May Pole dance, strolling musicians, balloon animals, jugglers, a chance to record your own CD, free 10-minute sample music lessons, food, and much, much more. The featured music performances are part of the School's annual Performathon called "Music MAYnia." Over 125 students will play three hours of continuous music on two different performance stages to raise funds and awareness for the School's Financial Aid Program. Hear classical music, rock, and jazz throughout the afternoon performed by groups and students of all ages! Sunday, May 3, 2009 1-4 PM; Free admission Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Avenue, Winchester Call 781-721-2950 or [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org) for more information

**FACULTY PIANO CONCERT FEATURES JOHN KRAMER** Winchester Community Music School faculty recital featuring pianist and composer John Kramer in a concert of his own works for piano. Monday, May 11, 7:30 PM Winchester Community Music School 407 Highland Avenue, Winchester Free Admission and Open to the Public For information, call 781-721-2950 or [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org)

**TAKE MUSIC LESSONS THIS SUMMER! JOIN A ROCK AND BLUES BAND!** Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., Winchester. Now enrolling for summer session, June 22- July 31. Private lessons available on all instruments, including voice, with flexible scheduling to fit your summer vacation needs. New students welcome. Variety of special interest week-long day programs include: Summer Chamber Music Festival, Festival for Strings, Summer Percussion Festival, Rock & Blues Band for Teens, Eurhythmics & Sight-Reading Class for Adults and Make a Demo CD. Call 781-721-2950 to register or visit [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org) for more information.

### En Ka Society Annual Street Fair and Parade

On Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 the En Ka Society's annual street fair "I Love a Parade," will be held on the corner of Mt. Vernon St. and Skillings Rd. The Fair is a traditional welcome to spring, and will feature attractions including rides for kids and adults, as well as games, books, a quilt raffle and delicious food such as lobster rolls, hamburgers baked goods and treats.

All rides and games will open to the public beginning at 5 pm on Friday night. Fair hours are 5 pm - 11 pm on Friday, and 10 am - 10 pm on Saturday. Advance tickets are available at the Fair Grounds from 12 noon - 6 pm Thursday May 14, and 10 am - 4 pm on Friday May 15.

The annual EnKa Parade is scheduled to begin at 9am on Saturday May 16, at the High School. This is the Society's largest annual fundraiser. Last year's proceeds supported over 40 Winchester non-profit, youth and civic programs. This year's Fair promises to be a great one!

### En Ka Day at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge



En Ka Day at Mahoney's, annual fundraiser, will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 13 at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center, 242 Cambridge Street in Winchester. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates and more. For the 27<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Mahoney's will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the En Ka Society to help fund grants to Winchester's charitable and civic organizations.