

## COMMUNITY NEWS - FEBRUARY 2010

### WFEE News:

- BEE there on February 3rd at the WFEE Trivia Bee to support WHS! The Bee starts at 7pm, Town Hall, and there are three teams contending from the WHS community: the PFA team, Faculty team and, for the first time (thanks to sponsorship by Emily Ehl of Waterfield Sotheby's International Realty), a student team. For more information check [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org).
- WHS students are working with the Disability Access Commission on a WFEE grant to help explain autism to elementary aged children. Using scripts and large puppets purchased by WFEE, the students will be performing at Winchester elementary schools in the coming months.
- Teacher grant applications are due February 26th

### Free Online Help for Students!! Service Offered by Winchester Public Library!

HelpNow!, powered by Brainfuse, is online tutoring offered through the Winchester Public Library. Log on to the library website databases, and students in grades 3-12 can receive LIVE help in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies. The online classroom uses Instant Messenger and a whiteboard to share the messages. HelpNow also has a Writing Lab! Send your paper to a tutor and receive a constructive response within 24 hours! There are no session limits and the hours are Monday – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Take advantage of this special service for homework help or specific skills building! Give it a try, fill out a brief survey form in the children's room at the Winchester Public Library, and you will be entered in a raffle for Book Ends gift certificates! Deadline: February 19th!

### Parent to Parent Presents:

**Parenting Book Group discussion of "Mom, Jason's Breathing on Me!" The Solutions to Sibling Bickering** by Anthony Wolf, Ph.D. Join us on Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 7 to 9pm at the Winchester Public Library. This insightful book explores one of the greatest banes of parenting-- sibling bickering. The author, using anecdotes from his own life, gives parents ammunition through tried-and-true tactics. Wolf addresses many other aspects of childrearing including how parents can teach fairness to children while remaining above the fray. Books will be available at the circulation desk of the library and on sale at BookEnds. You do not have to have read the book to participate.

#### **The Talk: What Your Kids Need to Hear from YOU About Sex**

Sharon Maxwell, PhD is a clinical psychologist with a private practice, author, speaker, consultant, and mom. Back by popular demand, Dr. Maxwell will speak to parents on Wednesday, March 10th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Winchester High School. Her book (of the same title) will be on sale from BookEnds at the program. Our children are being barraged by sexual information and stimulation at an earlier and earlier age. As parents, we need to be proactive in giving our children the information and behavioral guidelines they need to successfully handle both media and peer pressure. Schools can do only so much to teach about basic facts and healthy habits. We need to begin a deeper conversation with our kids while our opinion is still more valuable than the influence of their peers. However, it is never too late to start. This program will present parents with practical and positive ways of beginning and sustaining a dialogue about sexuality that includes values, guidelines for behavior, and peer pressure.

### Save the Date for a Winter Fiesta! Come out of the cold and turn up the heat for a night that will support local arts and help to make a splash!

The Winchester Cultural Council and FAN's Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee are pleased to present a Cultural Fiesta to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium to help raise funds for the arts in Winchester and the revitalization of Borggaard Beach. Live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. We are pleased to announce Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer and a 50/50 raffle will also be taking place throughout the night. You can show your support for the community and for the spirit of the occasion prior to the event by becoming an event sponsor, program advertiser, or by reserving a private table- you can even select a donor package option! Please contact Elizabeth Angelino at [info@fansplash.org](mailto:info@fansplash.org) for more information! Tickets will be available for purchase soon, via PayPal at [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org), or at Bookends (559 Main St, Winchester, MA). Please feel free to email [WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the Fiesta Committee! So save the date and grab your friends and colleagues and enjoy a party that will be sure to turn up the heat and make a splash!

### One Winchester, Many Traditions to show Monsoon Wedding Feb 8

The second year of the international film series sponsored by *One Winchester, Many Traditions* continues with the Indian film *Monsoon Wedding* (114 minutes, R-rated for language) on Monday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. This series is free and open to the public; seating is limited. We hope you will mark your calendars for the entire series and join us for thought-provoking films and lively discussion with your neighbors. The other films in the series this year will be: *Keys to the House* (Italy) on March 8, and *Chocolat* (France) on April 12. *One Winchester, Many Traditions* is a project to welcome the town's residents from other countries and to celebrate the varied cultural heritages of all of Winchester's residents. Made possible by the generosity of the John and Mary Murphy Educational Foundation, *One Winchester, Many Traditions* is produced by the Winchester Public Library in conjunction with the Multicultural Network. For further information, check the library's website, [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org), or contact Janet Nelson, Community Services Librarian, at [jnelson@minlib.net](mailto:jnelson@minlib.net) or 781-721-7171 x 20.

### Winchester Multicultural Network is proud to present Black History Month Program: "Claiming ALL Our History - Mystic Valley Slave Trade Revealed" Date: Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Time: 6:30 – 9:00 PM Location: Griffin Photography Museum, 67 Shore Road, Winchester, MA

Our program will begin with viewing portions of the film, "Traces of the Trade—a Story From the Deep North", where filmmaker Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave- trading family in U.S history. We will then hear from our three panelists: Reverend David Pettee, a Winchester native, will share his research into his family's involvement with the New England slave trade and how he traced and met the descendents of his family's slaves; Dee Morris, a Medford historian and author, will share her research into Medford's involvement in the slave trade; and Reverend Neal Pearson, of the St. John's Baptist Church in Woburn, will share his reflections. Afterwards, Reverend Eric Dupee of Crawford Memorial Methodist Church and the Winchester Multicultural Network will facilitate a discussion. **The program is free of charge – All are Welcome!**

### NextDoor Theater Event! Saturday February 27 (Revised Date) Showtime is 8pm, champagne and sweets reception 1/2 hour before the show.

Save the date for a wonderful evening of cabaret entertainment featuring actress and singer Angela Williams. Ms. Williams was featured in Winchester film producer/director Pamela Tanner Boll's documentary "Who Does She Think She Is?" which was screened at the NextDoor Theater last winter through the Multi Cultural Network and again this past November. Anyone who saw the film will remember Angela's outstanding voice as well as her dynamic stage personality. This will be a night to remember!

The NextDoor Theater, located at 40 Cross St in Winchester, is excited about bringing this talented artist to our community for a unique evening of live music for all to enjoy. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at [www.nextdoortheater.org](http://www.nextdoortheater.org), or call (781) 729-NEXT(6398). Seating is limited and all proceeds will benefit the NextDoor Theater and its mission to "build community through the arts with education, participation and presentation."