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**PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ JUNE 2010**  
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**FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN**

Congratulations to the students of the Class of 2010 as they move on from the Winchester Public Schools. The seniors will finish with their prom at the State Room in Boston on June 2, a luau at Borggaard Beach on June 3 (6:30 pm), graduation rehearsal/senior luncheon on June 4 (10:30 am- the gym), graduation on Sunday, June 6 (2 pm- the gym), and the all-night graduation party (9:30 pm, June 6, McCall). Please note that the required reception for the seniors and parents before the prom will be held in the WHS cafeteria this year beginning at 6 pm. The promenade will begin at 6:30 pm on the right side of the high school. The entire community is invited to view the annual promenade. I could not be prouder of our seniors as they have achieved academically, artistically, and athletically, committed themselves to service in the community, and modeled the characteristics of responsibility, integrity, dignity and excellence for the underclassmen. I would also like to thank the senior parents for all of their support during the last four years.

Final exams for the rest of the students will take place on Thursday-Tuesday, June 17-22. Students will complete a mini-schedule of all of their classes on Wednesday, June 23. Here is the schedule:

**Final Exam Schedule- 9th, 10th, 11th Graders**

Thursday, June 17

7:45-9:15 am- G block

9:30-11:00 am- F block

Friday, June 18

7:45-9:15 am- E block

9:30-11:00 am- D block

Monday, June 21

7:45-9:15 am- C block

9:30-11:00 am- B block

Tuesday, June 22

7:45-9:15 am- A block

9:30-11:00 am- Makeups/Conflicts

Wednesday, June 23

Minischedule with all periods

Our school policy states that students take their exams during the regularly scheduled exam period. If, because of extenuating circumstances, students cannot take an exam during the scheduled time, they are asked to take their exam later in the summer. Teachers leave the exams in the office and the school administration will proctor the exam. We're here all summer, 8 am- 3 pm . Taking final exams early to accommodate vacation, camp or travel plans is, unfortunately, not possible.

**MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

Attendance in Academic Block is mandatory. Students listed as absent without permission will be reported to the Administration. Students are subject to office detentions and suspension from school.

Areas of Building and Grounds for Student Use

- Playing ball or other games in corridors is prohibited. Games may be played on the athletic fields.
- Roaming corridors and loitering are prohibited.
- Only junior and senior students with Good Standing are allowed to leave campus during lunch.
- Students are not allowed to gather or loiter in parking lots or in vehicles.
- Students leaving the school without permission will be suspended.

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.

Cafeteria and Lunch

Students should conduct themselves in such a manner so as to insure a clean, pleasant atmosphere for both the eating of lunch and the social use of the cafeteria. Each student shall assume responsibility for keeping the cafeteria clean and orderly during the day. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary consequences.

- Students may eat outside in the courtyard, providing they keep the area clean of debris.
- Inappropriate behavior in the cafeteria may result in detentions or temporary loss of café privileges.
- Lunch area is restricted to the cafeteria and the front courtyard between the library and the auditorium.
- No students are allowed to eat in the hallways or in non designated areas. Failure to comply will result in detentions or possible suspensions. Students who have finished lunch are allowed to go to the Library, without food. Not remaining in the courtyard, library or cafeteria during lunch may result in detentions or a suspension from school.
- Students need to be responsible for their own trash pick up in and around the school. Food and drink cannot be consumed in the hallways.

## CLASS NEWS

# CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO THE CLASS OF 2010, CONTINUE TO BE THE AMAZING AND UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS THAT YOU CREATED YOURSELVES TO BE!

## PFA NEWS

### PFA President's Letter from Caren Connelly

Wow! That's really all I can say when I realize this is the June newsletter. Congratulations to all of our graduates, you are marking a major milestone with much more to come. I wish for all of you happiness and the ability to positively impact your friends, family and even strangers. Congratulations also to all of our students who have grown and matured this year. For some it has been a year of artistic, athletic and academic success, others have had a harder road. It is often too easy to get caught up in the immediacy of our lives. There are plenty of second acts in America. If this year didn't go so well, try again next year. If this year was a huge success, don't rest on your laurels! And, with that unrequested and unoriginal bit of advice, I say good bye and thank you to the PFA Board. I've enjoyed my time as PFA President because the community includes so many selfless and hard working parents. The wizards who handle our data base, sending out newsletters and other information, raising and managing our money, distributing our grants, booking the programs, taking the notes, planning our teacher luncheons and advising our students...the list goes on, but a big "thank you" to everyone who volunteers their time and energy at WHS. Next year the Focus on the Future project at WHS will kick into high gear, I hope you can all be involved in sharing your thoughts about how to create the strongest learning environment possible. For more information, go to <http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us/HomePage/WHS.2000/StrategicPlan/Coordinator.html> . Good luck with surviving June and have a wonderful summer. **The June PFA meeting will be the second Wednesday, June 9th at 7:30 pm in the Library.**

## The Guide



### A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department

#### **Summer Mailing to the Class of 2011**

A mailing will be sent to next year's seniors in July that will include an unofficial transcript with the student's grade point average (GPA) based upon six semesters. It will also include a list of important dates and deadlines. Juniors who have not yet established a **Naviance** account should do so as soon as possible so they may have access to the college planning tools that this web-based service offers. In addition, parents and students should complete the *Parent Brag Sheet* and *Counselor Form* on **Naviance** no later than June 23.

Rising seniors are encouraged to begin working on their Common Applications which will be available on line beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Final Transcripts for Seniors**

The Guidance Department's annual **Graduation Survey** conducted on **Naviance**, asked seniors to indicate to which college or post-secondary institution they wanted their final transcript sent. The Guidance Department is aware that plans do change. A number of seniors have paid a deposit to one college to hold a space for next fall, but have chosen 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. Final transcripts are sent to colleges by the end of June.

An unofficial copy of senior transcripts will be sent home at the end June.

**Gentle Reminder:** Seniors who have not yet paid their transcript fees, should make payment as soon as possible.

#### **Transcripts to Private Schools**

During the course of the academic year, some underclassmen have requested that their transcripts be sent to other high schools to which they are applying. When an underclassman has made a final decision to leave Winchester High School to attend another secondary institution, he/she must notify the Guidance Department, provide the name and address of the school, and request that a final transcript be sent to the receiving school. Without a written request, signed by a parent, neither the transcript nor any other records will be sent.

#### **Space Still Available on College Campuses**

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. The National Association for College Admission Counseling's web site allows prospective applicants to use the **Space Availability Survey** to find colleges and universities throughout the U.S. that still have spaces available for qualified students in their Fall 2010 freshman and/or transfer classes. Many colleges and universities still have openings for next September. In Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts Lowell is among some of the colleges that still have openings for freshmen. Survey results may be viewed at: [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org).

### Summer School Information

The Guidance Office has been receiving information from summer school programs that Winchester High School students have attended in past years. Summer schools that have notified the Guidance Department of their schedules and programs are:

- **Northeast Metro Tech**

Dates: Session 1: July 12 – July 23

Session 2: July 26 – August 6

Time: 7:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Address: 100 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA

Tuition: 42 hour course is \$270;

84 hour course is \$540.

Registration: May be made by mail, fax, online or in person. Tuition must be paid in full prior to the first class.

Contact by phone: 781-246-0810 ext. 1640

FAX: 781-246-2976.

Website: [www.neadulthood.com](http://www.neadulthood.com).

- **Belmont Hill Summer School**

Dates: June 28 – August 6

Three-week intensive programs: June 28 – July 16; or July 19 – August 6

Six Week Program: June 28 – August 6

Place: Belmont Hill School

350 Prospect St., Belmont, MA 02478

Tuition: Varies, depending upon sessions: \$560- \$1100

Registration: Now through **June 7** (requires \$100 non-refundable deposit). Full payment must accompany all registrations received after **June 7**. Phone: (617) 993-5215

Registration available online at:

<http://www.belmonthill.org>

- **Minuteman Summer School**

Dates: July 6 - July 30

8:20 – 11:30 AM; 12:00 – 3:10 PM.

Place: Minuteman Technical High School

758 Marrett Rd., Lexington, MA 02421

Tuition: varies by course. Contact summer school office: (888) 441-5749 Online registrations at [www.minuteman.org](http://www.minuteman.org).

**REMINDER:** Students who need summer remedial work to receive credit for a course they have failed during the year must receive **prior written approval** before enrolling in any summer school course. Approval forms are available in the Guidance Office. **Any student considering summer school, whether for remediation or for enrichment,** should refer to the **Summer School Policy** in the Course of Studies booklet.

### Courses for 2010-2011

Course verification sheets will be sent home at the end of June. Please review courses carefully. Please notify Sherri Lewis-Sholler or Jerry Chapman of any necessary changes as soon as possible.

### Summer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities and enrichment programs are a key way for high school and college students to gain experience and try out career paths. Please refer to the WHS Guidance Website, Naviance, and [www.teenlife.com](http://www.teenlife.com) for information on summer opportunities.

### Attention Class of 2011 and Class of 2012

#### Fall College Representatives' Visits to the WHS Guidance Office

WHS guidance counselors believe it is an essential part of the college search process for students to meet with college representatives. In an effort to promote this contact between students and college admissions personnel, colleges have been invited to come to the Guidance Office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 2:15 p.m. The number of colleges on these afternoons will be limited to four. Please check the list on Naviance for days and times colleges will visit WHS. These visits allow for a great deal of personal interaction between admissions personnel and students.

### 2010 PSAT Date is Saturday, October 16

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at WHS on Saturday, October 16. **This is the only date the official PSAT test is given at WHS.** Students will register at WHS beginning late September.

**Why take the PSAT/NMSQT?** The PSAT is the qualifying test that students (usually juniors) must take to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) competitions for college scholarships that will be awarded in 2011.

For the latest information about the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT, go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

### Gentle Reminder

Guidance Counselors are out of the office beginning June 29<sup>th</sup> and return at the start of the new school year. If you need assistance during the summer, please contact the main office.

**The Guidance Department wishes a safe, enjoyable and restful summer to all!!**

## GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

### YOU ARE INVITED!

**The McCall Parents' Association invites you to a RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE in honor of Principal Vandy French. Please join us on Thursday, June 10 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Palmer & Tucker Rooms, First Congregational Church, 21 Church St., Winchester.**

Principal Vandy French is retiring at the end of this school year. In 1967, Vandy began his teaching career at Winchester High School. He served as an Assistant Principal at Winchester High School from 1975 to 1984. In the fall of 1984, Vandy became Principal of the McCall Junior High School, now known as McCall Middle School.

Over the years, Vandy has been active in many aspects of our community. He was one of the founders of the Winchester ABC Program, an advisor to the Multi-Cultural Network, a founding member of WinCAM, one of the founders of Parent-to-Parent, and a former board member of the Sports Foundation. Vandy has been a coach and is also an active supporter of the arts in our Town.

To celebrate Vandy's career in the Winchester Public Schools and his contributions to the community, the McCall Parents' Association, the WHS PFA, and other community members are hosting an OPEN HOUSE for Vandy on June 10 at the First Congregational Church.

You and your family are invited to join us in reminiscing and wishing Vandy well. Please share this invitation with friends, students, classmates and parents who might like to join in this celebration. All are welcome. Music to be provided by the Jubilation Singers, WHS Chamber Singers and the WHS Octets. Light refreshments will also be served. If you have any questions, please contact us at [president@mccallpa.org](mailto:president@mccallpa.org).

### McCall Middle School Interim Principal Announcement

Superintendent Bill McAlduff recently announced the appointment of Mr. Ralph B. Marotta as the Interim Principal of the McCall Middle School effective July 1, 2010. Mr. Marotta has thirteen years of experience as an Assistant Principal at the middle school level both in Winchester and Medford, and is currently serving as the assistant principal at McCall.

Mr. McAlduff anticipates conducting a new search for the McCall Middle School's principal position starting in December 2010.

### INFORMATION FROM EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

iPod Techtutorial Follow Up - The iPod Techtutorial was presented on May 10, 2010, by Ms. Golas and Mrs. Najarian. For those of you who could not attend, you can access the resources presented by using the link below. iPods not just for music!

<http://mail.winchester.k12.ma.us/~jnajarian/Technology%20Tips>

Ms. Golas, Instructional Technology Specialist for Lynch and Lincoln and Mrs. Najarian, Instructional Technology Specialist for Vinson Owen and Muraco

### DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

We will be looking for new members in September. If you would like a follow up email of our first meeting in October please email me directly at [aschrimpf@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:aschrimpf@winchester.k12.ma.us). Annamaria Schrimpf, Director of Educational Technology

### WFEE Teacher Tribute

Looking for a way to say “*thanks*” to your teacher at the end of the school year? A Winchester Foundation for Education (WFEE) **TEACHER TRIBUTE** is the answer! In 2009 WFEE provided over \$170,000 in grants to support curriculum, teacher development and technology throughout our school district. Some examples of WFEE grants at WHS include: Purchase of equipment such as interactive white boards and LED projectors, funding of teacher professional development, support for the Electric Vehicle Club and the Robotics Club, student leadership training. **Honor a Teacher Today** and help us continue to fund WFEE programs!

**PLEASE NOTE: A TEACHER TRIBUTE CONTRIBUTION FORM CAN BE FOUND LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR ONLINE AT: <http://whspfa.org/clientimages/39852/june2010/wfeeteachertributeform6-10.pdf>**

## MUSIC NEWS

### The Winchester High School Music Department Presents: Strawberry Pops!

The Winchester High School Music Department presents its annual Strawberry Pops, featuring the singing and instrumental talents of two hundred and thirty 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Bring your blanket or lawn chair, and a picnic if you like, to the High School Front Courtyard and relax listening to the Winchester High School Octets, Chamber Singers, Concert and Jazz Bands, Orchestra and Sinfonietta. And while you are there, enjoy a fresh Strawberry delight!

The concert will be held on **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, rain or shine, at the Winchester High School (front courtyard, main entrance). **Strawberry shortcake will be served at 6:30 pm; the concert will begin at 7:00 pm.** Winchester High School is located at 80 Skillings Road, Winchester, MA. Tickets are \$5.00. All are welcome. Appropriate for all ages. In inclement weather, we will use the auditorium; the Winchester High School is handicap accessible. Questions, please contact Anne Marie Hill at [hill.davis@comcast.net](mailto:hill.davis@comcast.net).

### In the Mood Band Dance

Are you “**In the Mood**” for a night of dancing to the music of the Winchester School Bands? All are invited to bring friends and family to the **semi-formal benefit dance** for the Winchester School Bands on **Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 11 pm** at Saint Eulalia's Manion Hall, 50 Ridge Street, Winchester. The

**WHS Concert Band**, McCall Jazz Band and **WHS Jazz Band** will provide the dance music. Elegant desserts will be available throughout the performance. Tickets are \$20 each or \$10 each for seniors and students. To purchase tickets or reserve a table for 8-10 people, please contact Martha Sampson at 781-721-5143. Tickets will also be available at BookEnds in Winchester Center after May 22<sup>nd</sup> .

### Friends of Music Meeting

The last meeting for Friends of Music for the current school year will take place on Wednesday, June 16, at 7:00 pm in the chorus room at Winchester High School. Please join us as we review the year, vote on any remaining requests for funds, and look ahead to plans for next year. If you have any questions, please contact Melodie Wing at [Szabo-wing@comcast.net](mailto:Szabo-wing@comcast.net).

## CONNECT AND COMMIT

The 2009-2010 school year was a huge success for Connect & Commit. Nearly 600 students, teachers and parents participated in service-learning activities both in the classroom and through the Connect & Commit club. Together the students, teachers and parents of Winchester High School have completed more than 3,000 hours of service through the Connect & Commit club. With over 45 projects including fundraisers, one-time service opportunities, and curriculum-based service-learning, the Winchester community has been more involved in service than ever before. This year saw the birth of some fantastic new projects including a cross-age tutoring program between high school Spanish students and fourth graders at Muraco Elementary School. Together they read the book *How Tia Lola Came to Visit/Stay* and the Spanish students helped fourth graders with the pronunciation of Spanish words they identified in the book. The students involved in the Connect & Commit club planned the first ever Hoops for Haiti basketball tournament to benefit earthquake relief efforts. Together with the annual Desserts for Doctors fundraiser, students raised more than \$10,000 for Oxfam America and Partners in Health.

Many of Connect & Commit's signature events also continued to be a success this year including two Blood Drives which collected more than 40 pints of Blood, the Thanksgiving-away Drive which collected goods from clothing to food and bikes all donated to more than ten local charities, Desserts for Doctors, a delicious dessert auction which raised nearly \$1300 for Partners in Health, and finally Youth Service Day. Collaborating with the Winchester Youth Center, the students put together more than a dozen cleanup and painting projects all over Winchester which brought together about 200 students from McCall and Winchester High School in a day of service to their community.

Both in the classroom and after school in the Connect & Commit club, students have been active and engaged in learning about topics like poverty, the environment, and global health and have taken action to find solutions to these problems through service, fundraisers and generating awareness among their peers. It has been a privilege to work with such passionate students and teachers and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together in the 2010-2011 school year.

In Service, Kristen Ritchie, Program Director



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

### ROCK FOR YOUTH FINALS Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00-10:00

Final round of the Battle of the Bands, Town Day stage, behind the Winchester Public Library, Admission is free, Ballots are \$2 each  
Proceeds from the Rock for Youth benefit the WYC's Youth Service Scholarships and help support the WYC  
Special thanks to Winchester Community Music School & The Real School of Music

### MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Thursday nights this summer at Borrgaard Beach Cartoons begin at dusk followed by the feature presentation

**July 15: The Sandlot**  
**July 29: Dirty Dancing**  
**August 12: Jaws**

Bring your blanket and beach chairs and enjoy a night of family fun! Movies are free to the public  
Popcorn and drinks will be available at the concession stand, all proceeds support the WYC's youth development and service-learning programs

### WYC COFFEE HOUSE On Borrgaard Beach

Thursday nights this summer July 8 & 22 and August 5, 8:00-11:00

Featuring live bands, open mike, and beach volleyball

Delicious homemade drinks and desserts

A fun, cool place to spend a summer night!

Admission is \$5

High school and college students only

[Please contact the WYC if you are interested in performing at an upcoming Coffee House](#)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

The link to this information can be found at: <http://www.winchesterpopwarner.com/summer-youth-football-camp/>

The Black and Big Blue Youth Football Camp will be held in Winchester from June 21-24, 2010. This is an excellent opportunity for your son to participate in a fun, non-contact, instructional football camp with exceptional instructors. The camp will be conveniently held at the McCall Middle School field. I encourage every Winchester Pop Warner player to take advantage of this camp and especially those players who are new to football or those who will miss time in August due to vacations, etc. Each camper will be given the opportunity to learn and improve offensive, defensive and special teams skills.

The instructors for this camp are primarily from Paul Manganaro's Sachem Youth Football Club staff and from the Varsity staff at Phillips Andover Academy. Winchester Pop Warner coaches will also be on the camps coaching staff. The cost of the camp is \$99 and registration deadline is May 21st. To maintain a low camper to coach ratio, enrollment will be limited. Each camper will receive a Black and Big Blue Camp t-shirt and a guest NFL player will address the kids on the final night of the camp. We can also address any questions you may have about the camp and Winchester Pop Warner at our WPW information and final registration session on May 4th at the McCall from 4 to 6pm. This will be a great camp, please make every effort to have your son participate. More information and registration forms can be found at: <http://www.sachemyouth.org/>

### Griffin Museum Summer Photo Camp

April 30, 2010 (Winchester, MA) For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, the Griffin Museum of Photography will offer a two week day camp program this summer for middle school students (grades 5-9) and a one week day camp program for elementary school students (grades 1-4). Each week will have a specific focus led by a certified visual arts instructor, Catherine Nasser. The first week is *Collage Assemblage* for grades 5-9 (July 5-9); the second is *Photo Arts* for Grades 5 -9 (July 12-16); and the third *Elementary Creative Arts and Photography* for Grades 1 - 4 (July 19-23).

We know your child will enjoy our offerings that utilize the photograph and other visual arts media for a fun and collaborative educational experience. Each class is structured to build visual literacy skills as well as develop critical thinking skills through artmaking. Although the classes do not require a camera, students are welcome to bring cameras to use in their projects. No photography experience is needed. **An exhibition of all student artwork will go on display at the museum after the completion of all workshops.** Class size limited to 15. See the website for details. [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org)

Students may take more than one class. Students grades 5-9 who register for the two classes, will receive a \$50 discount off of their total price. The *Collage/Assemblage* and *Photo Arts* classes will run from 9 AM to 3 PM on Monday through Friday with a half hour supervised lunch. Students should bring a packed lunch to class every day. The *Elementary* class will run from 9 AM to NOON.

The Griffin Museum of Photography is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated solely to the art of photography. Through our many exhibitions, programs and lectures, we strive to encourage a broader understanding and appreciation of the visual, emotional, and social impact of photographic art. The Griffin Museum of Photography is open Tuesday through Thursday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Friday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 – 4:00 pm. The Museum is closed on Monday. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$2 for seniors. Members and children under 12 are admitted free. Admission is free to all every Thursday. For more information, call 781-729-1158, or visit [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org).

### A Message from the Presidents of the Family Action Network of Winchester.

We are thrilled to announce that the Borggaard Beach Splash Park will be built this summer!

The scope of the park to be installed this summer will be determined by the amount of money raised by May 15th. Enough funds have been raised to date to implement a simplistic splash pad. We are now raising funds to go solely toward the above ground elements that would make this park complete.

#### **We have less than a week to reach our financial goal! We would like to ask that you consider:**

Will you & your children be joining us at the splash park this summer that will utilize town drinking water, is geared toward children aged 0-14, and that has the potential to be open from May to October? Do you have, or know of a child, with a disability that would benefit from having access to our region's only accessible outdoor water based recreation? Will you appreciate having a vibrant multi-generational community gathering place to relax and meet old friends and make new ones? Can you imagine how all Winchester residents stand to benefit from the potential generation of thousands of dollars in new revenue from the splash park? If you said yes to any of the above, or see the value that this project has for our town this year, then we **NEED** your help **TODAY!!** The implementation of the full Splash Park, as envisioned, is within our reach if we can rally our community members, friends, and generous donors to donate to the project in the next week!

**Our Fundraising Goal: The FAN Splash project was launched on May 31, 2009. Since then, we have raised:** \$135,000 in cash; \$29,000 from in-kind donations; \$20,000 from the Town for electrical improvements

**What We Still Need:** To implement the splash park as envisioned, we still need to raise an additional: **\$40,000**

#### **How can we meet our Goal?**

If every person reading this note [donates \\$100 today](#) we will reach our goal!

Of course, donations in any and all denominations would be appreciated! We are proud to say that less than 4% of the money raised to date has gone toward FAN Splash fundraising, publicity and administrative costs. All future donations will go directly towards the installation of the Splash Park. If you have already contributed to this effort with either your time or financial support, thank you for your generosity. If you could help by forwarding this email to your friends and family who you feel would benefit from and support this project, we would appreciate your help!

**How to Donate?** Visit [www.FANSplash.org](http://www.FANSplash.org) to make a contribution in **any** amount; or Send a check, payable to Family Action Network, to: FAN-Splash PO Box 805 Winchester, MA 01890 All Donations are tax deductible. For more information on how you can make a difference, please [Email](#) us today!

Film and Website Links For More Information: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UjWn7MLGI> <http://www.fansplash.org/>

**Thank You For All Your Support!** Elizabeth Angelino, Andrea Cox and Kim King, Co-Presidents Family Action Network of Winchester

**The NextDoor Theater** has a full season of summer entertainment planned! To see what's happening "Next Door" at 40 Cross Street, please visit our website at [www.nextdoortheater.org](http://www.nextdoortheater.org) and see our full schedule of Broadway musical theater, free movie nights, children's performances, comedy nights, and our music series including Winchester High School graduates' Hoboken Philharmonic Jazz Quartet on June 10. Schedule, performance times and ticket info will be available on our website. See you Next Door this summer!

## **Winchester Police Department Reissues Zero Tolerance Policy Regarding Alcohol and other drug use by teens** Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Can Promote Decreases in Adolescent Delinquency.

Tragic social consequences can result when adolescents use alcohol. Underage drinking contributes to youth violence, traffic injuries and fatalities, crime, suicide, high-risk sex, and a host of other problems. In 2008, underage drinkers (defined as individuals younger than 21 years old) consumed 15 percent of all alcohol sold in the United States. Underage drinking is a leading contributor to death from injuries, which are the main cause of death for people under age 21. Annually, about 5,000 people under age 21 die from alcohol-related injuries involving underage drinking. About 1,900 (38 percent) of the 5,000 deaths involve motor vehicle crashes, about 1,600 (32 percent) result from homicides, and about 300 (6 percent) result from suicides.<sup>1</sup> Persons reporting first use of alcohol before age 15 are more than five times as likely to report past-year alcohol dependence or abuse than persons who first used alcohol at age 21 or older (16 percent compared with 3 percent).<sup>2</sup>

Underage alcohol use increases the risk of academic failure, illicit drug use, and tobacco use. It can cause a range of physical consequences, from hangovers to death from alcohol poisoning. It can cause alterations in the structure and function of the developing brain, which continues to mature into the mid to late 20s, and may have consequences reaching far beyond adolescence.<sup>3</sup> About 45 percent of fatalities in crashes involving a drinking driver under the age of 21 are people other than the driver.<sup>4</sup>

### Sources

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General. (2007). [The Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking](#) (PDF 1.41MB), p. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies. (2004). [The NSDUH Report. Alcohol dependence or abuse and age at first use.](#)

<sup>3,4</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General. (2007). [The Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking](#) (PDF 1.41MB), p. 11

In efforts to prevent these serious consequences, the Winchester Police Department has reissued their “Zero Tolerance” policy to all officers regarding underage drinking and other illegal drug use. Chief Kenneth Albertelli reissued a directive from his office as part of Alcohol Awareness Month (April) reminding all officers of the importance of consistent enforcement and prevention underage drinking by emphasizing law enforcement. This reaffirmation of policy strives to prevent and mitigate underage drinking and other substance use and abuse issues within the community. The police department strives to reduce these same issues which may cause death, serious injuries, m/v crashes, alcohol poisoning, over doses, sexual assaults, thefts and vandalism of both private and public properties to only name a few.

The Winchester Police Department (WPD) in collaboration with the Winchester Coalition For A Safer Community (WCSC) formerly known as the Winchester Substance Abuse Coalition have been working tirelessly over the past 15 years to educate youth, parents and community in the importance of a safe and healthy community. The Coalition while working closely with the police and school departments over the years have funded and provided **education** to students, staff, coaches and parents through countless programs, speakers, and a biennial youth risk behavior survey. They also provide **encouragement** through co-sponsoring school related events (dances, proms, education) and other town wide events to keep youth safe. The Coalition also provides **elimination** programs such as tobacco compliance checks, medication take back program, alcohol establishment employee education programs and others. The Coalition along with the police department supports the zero tolerance directives and the **enforcement** piece to keep all safe within the community.

### **Community Awareness Campaign:**

An email blast notice from the Superintendent of Schools will be sent home to each middle and high school student’s parent/guardian informing them of the police departments “Zero Tolerance” policy and will remind them of the laws and school rules around this very important issue. Parents/guardians also need to educate themselves on both the criminal and civil aspects of allowing alcohol or other drugs to be consumed or used in or out of their presence or on their property. In addition, we encourage parents/guardians to become familiar of school policy and rules such as with the Massachusetts Inter Athletic Association rules regarding substance use.

The Winchester Police Department and the WCSC is asking for your assistance by promoting safe behaviors among our youth in town, call and report an unsafe situation to either the police department at 781-729-1214 or to the School Resource Officer at 781-721-0775 (non taped line) and continue to work together in keeping our youth and community safe.