

PFA NEWS – MARCH 2010

From the PFA President, Caren Connelly

The February storm that wasn't caused us to miss February's PFA meeting so March's meeting will be very full. Please plan to attend as Principal Gwin and Superintendent McAlduff will be talking about an initiative to plan for the future of WHS. We will also be looking at ways to more effectively meet immediate challenges and concerns plus a renewed focus on all the things that work well at WHS. One of those is the Connect and Commit program and Director Kristin Ritchie will be joining us in March to talk about student plans for a fundraiser for Haitian relief. We will also be talking about plans for a Cool Winchester Eco Team at WHS. Whew! It is time to start thinking about next year's PFA Board. I will be stepping down as President and there are other jobs to be filled as well. You will be hearing more about the nominating process from Carol Cashion but feel free to email her with questions or thoughts (cjcashion@mac.com). I think it will be important to have someone in the presidency role who will be at the high school for at least two more years and who is interested in working on long term plans. So, see you on March 3rd at 7:30 pm at the WHS library!

WHS PFA Direct Appeal / 2009-2010

It's not too late to give to this year's Direct Appeal, and your contribution is still needed to help us reach our budget! Please consider giving now!

The Direct Appeal is the sole source of funding for the PFA, and your generous contributions will be used to continue to cover the cost of many important programs and supplies for WHS students and teachers not included in the WHS budget. The Direct Appeal funds grants to academic departments and the school library, and supports many extracurricular, enrichment, and support programs for your students. Your contribution is an important source of funding and benefits your children!

Although a contribution of any amount is truly appreciated, the PFA asks that each family consider making a one-time donation for this school year of \$75.00 or more.

For additional information, please contact Joanne O'Donnell at pfodonnell@verizon.net.

Thank your consideration, and your donation!

Name of WHS Student(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

Amount of Contribution \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$125 _____ Other _____

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