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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ OCTOBER 2013

Visit our website at <http://www.whspfa.org>

FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN

WHS - A National Blue Ribbon School. On September 24, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on Tuesday recognized 286 schools as the 2013 cohort of National Blue Ribbon Schools, based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in improving student achievement. Winchester High School (WHS) was one of 53 high schools across the country named as a Blue Ribbon School. WHS was recognized as an exemplary high performing school, the only high school in Massachusetts with the exemplary high performing designation. New Mission High School in Hyde Park and Worcester Technical School were recognized as Blue Ribbon exemplary improving schools.

The Department of Education will honor the 2013 Blue Ribbon Schools at a recognition ceremony on November 18-19 in Washington, D.C. In its 31-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on nearly 7,500 of America's schools

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement. The program recognizes schools in one of two performance categories. The first category is "Exemplary High Performing," in which schools are recognized among their state's highest performing schools, as measured by state assessments. The second category is "Exemplary Improving," in which schools that have 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds demonstrate the most progress in improving student achievement levels as measured by state assessments.

To select National Blue Ribbon Schools, the Department requested nominations from the top education official in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. A total of 420 schools nationwide may be nominated, with allocations determined by the numbers of K-12 students and schools in each jurisdiction. The Secretary of Education invited nominated schools to submit an application for possible recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School.

The U.S. News and World Report High Rankings recently rated WHS as the #21 STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) high school in the country. See the following website for more information:

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/national-rankings/stem>

The National Merit Scholarship Program. Over 1.5 million students took the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) last October and entered the National Merit Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards conducted by the National Merit Program. Some 16,000 of those performing highest on the exam have been designated National Merit Semifinalists. The next 34,000 high performers have been named National Merit Commended Students

Congratulations to our National Merit Semifinalists: Megan Fernandez, Vibha Kannan, Matthew Li, and Amelia Paine.

and our National Merit Commended Students: Joia Clifford, Richard Cui, Rachel Diamond, Sara Fontana, Caleb Guillaume, Madelyn Heart, Xuyuan Hu, Emma Kromm, Russell Kunes, Gregory Lauterwasser, Borui Li, Abigail MacLean, Julien Nifong, Caroline Qin, Hannah Rebentisch, Cameron Rohall, Neil Shah, Sahil Shah, Sharon Si, Yinian Tang, Ian Whitney, Lucy Xu, Andrea Yokum, Erica Yuen, and Angela Zheng.

All will be honored at a breakfast before school on October 18. Invitations to the breakfast will be mailed next week to recognized students and their parents.

Winchester High School Project: Check the following website for the latest information and sign up for a tour of the current building:

<http://winchesterhsproject.com/>

The Massachusetts School Building Authority's Board will consider the project for approval on October 2.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Every student should have received their own photo identification card. It is imperative that every student carry their card; it is now used for library book access, the cafeteria and attendance. The five-digit student identification number is imprinted on the card. Please use this number when calling the attendance line. If the card has been lost or misplaced, the student may purchase another card at the cost of five dollars. Please see Mrs. Gustin in the main office for details.

OFF CAMPUS: Parents are reminded that Senior and Junior privileges (open ends and lunch) are as follows: Seniors who have open end privileges are only allowed to arrive at school or leave school for one period at the beginning or the end of the day. Additionally, lunch privileges are limited to the lunch period to which the student is assigned. They do not include any class or assigned academic block (study hall) during the lunch periods.

Junior lunch privileges are only for the lunch period to which the student is assigned and not the entire lunch block from 11:21 ~ 1:03. Juniors must attend assigned classes or study halls during the lunch block. Failure to follow school policy for these privileges could result in forfeiture of these privileges. Any student who leaves campus without permission will be suspended.

ATTENDANCE: If your child needs to stay home because of illness, will be arriving late, or needs to be dismissed early, please call the attendance line prior to 10:00 a.m. The telephone number is 781.721.7020, attendance is the first item on our voice mail tree ~ press "1" and leave your information. Please be sure to give the date, name, grade, and most importantly the student identification number that is located on the student identification card.

EDLINE: Edline is the email communication tool used between students, teachers, administration and parents. If you have a change of carrier, please notify us as soon as possible.

FACULTY EMAIL ADDRESSES: All staff and faculty may be reached by email using the first initial plus last name @winchester.k12.ma.us Example: tgwin@winchester.k12.ma.us

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS: Parents frequently call asking the Administrative Staff to get messages to students. For example, a parent may call asking to locate a student to remind them about a music lesson, appointment, etc. Principal Gwin is requesting that parents make these requests only in emergency situations. Thank you for your understanding.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Please visit the Guidance Dept on Edline for information regarding programs and resources for WHS students and their families.

Guidance produces the Guide, a monthly newsletter that is now emailed directly to WHS families at the start of each month. If you are not receiving the email please contact your child's counselor.

Upcoming Guidance Events:

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| Thursday, October 3 rd | Financial Aid Night | 7-9pm | WHS Auditorium |
| | WHS will host a speaker from MEFA who will discuss the process of applying for financial aid. Parents of Seniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend. | | |
| Tuesday, October 8 th | Freshmen Parent Coffee | 8-9am | WHS Cafeteria |
| | Parents of Freshmen are encouraged to attend to learn more about WHS Guidance programs and meet counselors. | | |

SCHOOL NEWS

Please join Parent Conversations on Wednesday, October 16th at 8:45 am in the Guidance Conference Room.

Parent Conversations invites Winchester Parents and Guardians of high schoolers to join us for coffee and informal conversation about our kids, WHS and our community. The monthly discussions are casual and drop in yet always confidential. New and "seasoned" parents offer stories and experiences and through these conversations, ideas are exchanged, questions are answered and many problems are solved. The monthly meetings vary among open discussions, specific topics and guest speakers.

Please mark your calendars and join Parent Conversations the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:45 am in the Guidance Conference Room. ***October 16--November 13--December 18, 2013***

October is OPEN DISCUSSION

Shafiya Ciccarelli, WHS Clinical Counselor facilitates the group discussion.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Winchester School Nurses and the Winchester Public Schools in collaboration with the Winchester Board of Health will be offering a voluntary FluMist nasal spray or flu shot clinic in all public schools for students in preschool through 12th grade. Soon you will be receiving comprehensive information and permission forms in the US mail for Winchester High School Students. Please read all the information completely. All forms should be returned to the Winchester Board of Health. Include required health insurance information or include a \$10 check made payable to the Town of Winchester.

Currently, the scheduled date for the flu vaccine clinic at WHS is Friday, October 25, 2013. If your child is absent or unable to attend the clinic he/she may schedule an appointment with the school nurse.

Thank you,
Betty

Betty Britt, R.N., M.Ed
Nurse Leader
Winchester Public Schools

PFA NEWS

*From the Co-Presidents
Audrey Loria and Malini Dutta*

We hope that your year has started out smoothly at WHS! On behalf of the PFA, we'd like to thank Jody Collins Skinner for organizing the Student Activities Fair at this year's Open House. It looked like an excellent turnout...each year we are amazed at the great ideas the teams and clubs have for fundraising. We continue to hear positive feedback about this new format; feel free to pass along any comments/suggestions that you may have. Thank you, also, to the large number of families who stopped by the Direct Appeal tables during the evening and contributed to the PFA. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, please visit the WHS PFA website to make your donation today! The sooner we reach our goal, the sooner we can stop reminding everyone!

During the year, we will hold monthly PFA meetings to address issues that concern our high school community, meet the new faces of administration and hear from curriculum directors and more. Our first PFA meeting of this year will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd. In addition to voting in the new PFA Board, we will be learning more about the proposed WHS renovation. All parents are welcome and definitely encouraged to attend. So, bring your questions and plan to join us in the WHS Library at 7:30 pm. Please join us and share your ideas, opinions, perspective and support. We look forward to seeing you there!

CLASS NEWS

CLASS OF 2014 FUNDRAISER

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Would you like your very own parking spot in the Student Lot? Tired of not finding a place when you come back from lunch or being late to school only because you had to park so far away.

We have the Answer!

The Senior Class will be raffling off a Special Parking Spot in the Student lot. You get the Student of the Week spot for ONE WEEK. You can enter the raffle as often as you want. Your tickets remain in the mix for the entire year so you have many chances to win the "primo spot".

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.

You can buy tickets from Mrs. Troiano in Room A301 or you can email 2014whs@gmail.com with the number of tickets you would like to purchase. When payment is received in the main office, we will add the tickets to the mix.

CLASS OF 2015 FUNDRAISER

Mark Your Calendars! Junior Class Dinner - Wednesday, November 13

Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Our Junior Class dinner, for both students and parents, is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13. The night will include a catered dinner, music and a silent auction. More details will follow...

We are looking for donated items for the silent auction (tickets for games, gift cards, etc.). Please contact Claudia Bacon cbacon76@gmail.com or Madison Leverich leverich.history@gmail.com with any donations.

HELPFUL LINKS

[WHS Staff Contact List](#)

[WHS Days Calendar](#)

[WHS School Calendar \(list of key dates\)](#)

[2013-2014 District-wide Calendar](#)

EFPBC NEWS

The EFPBC (Educational Facilities Permanent Building Committee) has some exciting and important announcements.

First, on Thursday, August 8th, Winchester submitted its Schematic Design proposal to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). This includes a definition of the project scope and budget estimate. The MSBA board will meet to act on the Town's proposal on October 2nd. Once a final grant amount is approved by the MSBA, the next step will be approval of funding by Winchester's Town Meeting and an override vote (as early as December 10th).

Second, the WHS project's web site has been redesigned and relaunched! For more information about the scope and design of the proposed renovation and addition to the High School, please visit us at winchesterhsproject.com! A copy of the Schematic Design is available now.

Third, be on the lookout for a series of articles in the local papers about various topics relating to the WHS redesign and addition, including project cost, sustainability, enrollment and educational programming. Together these articles (white papers) will provide a comprehensive look at the project. They will also be published on the project web site.

Finally, come take a tour of the current High School facility. Beginning September 14th, the EFPBC will be hosting guided tours for all Winchester residents at 9:30 am most Saturdays. RSVP today at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0F44AFA92E5-tour.

Thank you!

The Members of the EFPBC

Connect & Commit

Connect and Commit Service Club

Meeting Tuesdays on October 8th and 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm in the WHS Library
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the meetings or by emailing connectandcommit@gmail.com

Upcoming Service Opportunities & Events

Wednesday Oct. 2nd-Relay For Life Committee Interest Meeting 6-7pm in the WHS Library. We are looking for approximately 20 students and adults who are interested and willing to be a part of our 8 month long planning committee for the event. Information on the time commitment and types of tasks/jobs available on the committee will be given at the meeting. Please email WinchesterRelay@gmail.com with questions.

Saturday Oct. 5th- ABC Bottle Drive- 8am-4pm in the Sons of Italy Parking lot across from the Transfer Station. Help the ABC program sort bottle donations to help fund their support of the students in their academic program. Go for an hour or the whole day, any help and/or donations are appreciated!

Sunday Oct. 6th - Glen Doherty Memorial Road Race- noon at 40 Skillings road- participate in the 5k run/walk or the 10k run or help as a volunteer with registration, water stations etc. Glen Doherty was a former Navy SEAL who sacrificed his life in order to save others during the attack on the American Consulate in Benghazi, Lybia on September 11th, 2012. The foundation created in his honor helps current and former special operations professional and their families through educational scholarships and vocational training. Register for the race at www.racemenu.com/events/31901-Glen-Doherty-Memorial-5K-10K-run-walk

Tuesday Oct. 8th - Connect & Commit Club Meeting- 6:30pm in the WHS Library
Join us for an exciting meeting with special guest speaker Sam Cohen. Sam is a WHS alum who will be discussing the WHS building project and offering students a chance to get involved with the process.

Saturday Oct. 19th - Walk to Defeat ALS- 10am-2pm Lake Quannapowett, Wakefield
Join a team from WHS as they raise money and walk in support of treatments and a cure for ALS, also known as Lou Gherig's Disease.

Sunday Oct. 20th - Wright Locke Farm Work Day- 10am Help scrape and paint the farm stand and plant garlic. You can also stick around for the volunteer appreciation party starting at 4pm!

Oct. 21st - 25th - Feeding Frenzy
More information to come

Friday Oct. 25th - Ambrose Halloween Party- 6-8pm at Ambrose School
More information to come

Sunday October 27th - Got Lunch Program Fundraiser- 1-5pm at Wright Locke Farm
More information to come

Oct. 28th - Nov 4th - Treats for the Troops- donate Halloween candy that will be sent to the troops to lift their spirits during the holidays.

Sunday Nov. 10th - Lantern Walk- 5pm on the Town Common
Join together with other members of the Winchester community to walk to express support and raise awareness of the negative impacts of stress and pressure on our youth and families.

Saturday Nov. 23rd - Senior Women's Basketball Tournament- 9am-3pm
Volunteers are needed in shifts to help operate the scoreboards for this exciting charity tournament co-hosted by the WHS Girls' Basketball Team.

Thursday Dec. 5th - Community Servings- 1-4pm in Jamaica Plain, MA
Help volunteer during the half-day preparing meals for patients through Community Servings. Transportation will be provided.

Sunday Dec. 8th - Wright Locke Farm Work Day- 12 noon Help cut down the raspberry canes and burn the burn pile.

Ongoing Service Opportunities

TOPSoccer- Run by the Winchester Soccer Club, This program provides children with disabilities the opportunity 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" is needed to serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes. TOPS meets every Sunday afternoon from 12:30-1:30pm at Lynch Front Field. This fall session runs Sept. 8th - Nov 3rd. If you are interested in

Winchester's TOPS Soccer program as either an athlete or junior coach, please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPS Soccer Director, at jfcalan@yahoo.com. New Junior Coaches should be in high school, however, no prior soccer experience necessary

Intern on the WHS Building campaign- learn about town government and what it takes to run a grassroots political campaign! Email Sam at campaignforwhs@gmail.com or for more information visit <http://campaignforwhs.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/campaign.for.whs.2013>



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The WYC offers a wide range of leadership, service-learning, and good-decision-making activities for WHS students. All WHS students are invited to get involved in all of our amazing youth groups, awesome special events, and fabulous service projects.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

The WYC has several youth groups for WHS students that focus on responsibility, respect for others, trust, commitment, teamwork, support, and community service. Through these groups, students are given many opportunities to develop their skills in the areas of communication, organization, decision-making, and leadership. They also build confidence and self-esteem by serving as role models for their peers and making a difference in their community.

PEER LEADER YOUTH GROUP

Do you have what it takes to be a peer leader?

If you have natural leadership skills, want to have a positive impact on the community, like to have fun and make good decisions; then the answer is yes! The WYC peer leadership program is a youth group for Winchester High School students who are committed to their community and to serving as role models for their peers. The Peer Leaders have weekly youth group meetings to work on further developing their leadership, communication, interpersonal, and decision-making skills, plan for upcoming projects, and have a lot of fun. They supervise the after school activities and drop-in center and serve as Project Leaders for all of the WYC's service-learning projects including all of our special events and community service projects. This group is open to any WHS student who has natural leadership skills and the desire to further develop them. Anyone interested in joining this awesome group is welcome to stop by the WYC for more information.

WINCHESTER LANTERN WALK STUDENT COMMITTEE

The Student Lantern Walk Committee will be essential in helping to plan the second annual Winchester Community Lantern Walk scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 10th. The goal of the Lantern Walk is to raise awareness of the negative impacts of stress on our community. The goal of the Student Lantern Walk Committee is to create a support system for those who are feeling stressed, as well as advocate for students in the high school. If you or someone you know is under a lot of stress and resorting to negative ways of dealing with it, then please come to our meetings! We meet once a month on Mondays at 7:00pm. Listen to the WHS daily announcements and check our website for upcoming meeting dates. The SLWC is open to all WHS students who want to make a real difference in the high school. Please stop by the WYC or email us for more info.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF WINCHESTER COMMITTEE

Are you interested in getting more involved in the fight against cancer? Come to the Committee Interest Meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:00pm in the WHS Library. Learn more about Relay and how you can help plan the 3rd annual Relay For Life of Winchester.

WYC AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

*****Please note our new schedule*****

All activities are open to high school and middle school students.

Beginning this fall, the WYC's drop-in center will be open on Mondays and Fridays only.

We will be running organized activities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

All activities will run for 6-week sessions.

Please check our website for detailed information about current after school activities including 4-Square Club, Walking & Running Club, Intramural Basketball, Yoga, Movie Making Club, and Zumba. Please contact the WYC to register for any of these activities.

SERVICE PROJECTS and SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year the WYC coordinates and participates in a huge variety of community service projects. Members of the WYC are committed to making a positive difference in the world and encouraging others to do the same. If you're interested in doing something good for our community, stop by the WYC and find out how you can get involved. Additionally, the WYC runs a ton of different special events throughout the year in an effort to provide teens with fun things to do and opportunities to make good decisions. Please check out our website for a complete description of our service efforts and special events and mark your calendars for all the things you won't want to miss.

WYC HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY COFFEE HOUSE

Friday, October 18th

8:00-10:30pm

On Friday, October 18th the Peer Leaders will transform the WYC into a spooky Halloween-themed Coffee House. All attendees are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and get into the Halloween spirit! As always, the Coffee House will feature live music and delicious homemade treats, frappes, and coffee drinks. The Coffee House is open to high school students only. Admission is \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Peer Leaders' Habitat for Humanity trip.

NORTH SHORE WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

Saturday, October 19th

10:00am

Lake Quannapowitt, Wakefield

Please join our team "Haley's Comets" and support our efforts to defeat ALS a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's Disease. Our goal is to raise money to support people in our community with ALS and to spread awareness of the urgency to find treatment and a cure for this disease. Contact us at the WYC to learn more about how you can get involved.

TREATS FOR OUR TROOPS**November 1st-8th**

The WYC is once again collecting Halloween Candy for our troops overseas. Over the last few years Treats For Our Troops has sent more than 6000 lbs of candy to troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please join in and donate some of your Halloween candy or pick up an extra bag at the store and help us send a little Halloween cheer overseas! Please look for the orange Treats For Our Troops collection bins located by the WHS Main Office, Connect & Commit Office, and in the WYC.

WINCHESTER LANTERN WALK**Sunday, November 10th****5:00pm****Winchester Town Common**

Mark your calendars and join us for the second annual Winchester Community Lantern Walk and help shine a light on the issue of stress and its negative impacts on the youth and families in our community. The goals of the Lantern Walk are to raise awareness of the negative impacts of stress and to highlight the resources available in our community for dealing with stress. We are inviting families with school-age children to take one night off from stress-inducing activities (i.e. meetings, homework, etc.) and to gather on the Common for a lantern-lighted walk through downtown. Walkers will return to the Common where we will hang lanterns of hope that have been created by students throughout town. There will be information regarding community resources and a pledge board where all participants can write one thing that they each plan to do to reduce stress in their lives.

The Lantern Walk represents a peaceful and beautiful statement of support, awareness, prevention, and change. Please check our website at www.winchesterlanternwalk.org for more information, resources, and lantern-making instructions.

ROCK FOR YOUTH**Friday, November 22nd****7:00-10:30pm****Winchester Town Hall Auditorium**

Each year the WYC sponsors a Battle of the Bands for local high school rock stars. The first of three rounds will take place Friday, November 22nd in the Winchester Town Hall Auditorium. If you are interested in registering your band, contact the WYC or email us at rock4youth@gmail.com. If you have friends in a band or just like to listen to great, live music be there to select the bands that will move on to Round 2. Admission is \$10 and each audience member receives one ballot to vote for their favorite bands. This is a substance-free event and, as with all WYC events, no outside drinks are allowed and students are not allowed to re-enter once they leave. Proceeds from Rock for Youth help to fund WYC events and service-learning projects.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

For the past 8 years the Peer Leaders have participated in a week-long service-learning project with Habitat for Humanity to help build homes for needy families. During April vacation we will travel to another area of the country to participate in our 8th annual week-long service trip. The Peer Leaders will be running a variety of events throughout the year in an effort to fundraise 100% of the expenses for our trip. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF WINCHESTER

Form your teams, start your fundraising, and plan to join us for the third annual Relay For Life of Winchester! Our first two Winchester Relays have raised over \$120,000! Relay For Life is the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against this disease. Teams of 8-15 people from all walks of life camp out at local school, parks, or fairgrounds and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times, while

special entertainment, music, and fun activities keep things lively. Symbolizing the 24/7 battle that cancer patients fight, Relay is an overnight event, lasting up to 24 hours in length. Teams raise money prior to the event then celebrate their fundraising efforts while honoring survivors and remembering those lost to cancer in special ceremonies during the event.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK NEWS

Winchester Reads *The Sandcastle Girls*

The *Winchester Reads* Committee has chosen *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian as its 2013 community read. The book, an historical love story, is a great summer read. It is set both in 1915 when the central character, Elizabeth Endicott, arrives in Aleppo, Syria to help refugees of the Armenian genocide, and the present day. Pick up the book at the library or BookEnds and be sure to put the events listed below on your calendar.

Armenia's Living Legacy, Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Pond Room, Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Road, Winchester *Winchester Reads* presents a panel discussion with Gail O'Reilly, owner of Made in Armenia Direct, Gary Lind-Sinianian, curator of the Armenian Library and Museum of America (ALMA), in Watertown; Jim Kalustian, President of the Armenian Heritage Foundation, and Robert Mirak, President of the Armenian Cultural Foundation. Steve Boodakian will moderate the panel discussion and there will be a display of Armenian crafts.

Meet the Author, Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

McCall Middle School, 458 Main St., Winchester

Chris Bohjalian, author of *The Sandcastle Girls*, will discuss his book at this special event, which is free and open to the public. Town Moderator John Sullivan will introduce the author, who will sign copies of his book following the program.

ABC BOTTLE DRIVE - OCTOBER 5

The Winchester ABC program will hold its next bottle drive on Saturday, October 5, 2013, 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 Derek Stone at 781-729-4380.

FIRST ANNUAL GLEN DOHERTY MEMORIAL ROAD RACE - OCTOBER 6

Join us on Sunday, October 6, 2013, in Glen's beautiful hometown of Winchester, MA, for the 1st annual GDMF Road Race! Glen Doherty was a former Navy SEAL who sacrificed his life in order to save others during the attack on the American Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, September 11, 2012. GDMF helps current and former special operations professionals and their families through educational scholarships and vocational training.

Location:

40 Skillings Rd.

Schedule:

5K Run or Walk 12:15 PM

10K Run 12:00 PM

Register online at www.racemenu.com/events/31901-Glen-Doherty-Memorial-5K-10K-run-walk.

For more information, please visit www.GlenDohertyFoundation.org.

GLEN DOHERTY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND WINCHESTER WRESTLING BENEFIT – JENKS CENTER – OCTOBER 10

You have been invited to an event that benefits the Glen Doherty Memorial Foundation and Winchester Wrestling that is taking place on October 10th at the Jenks Center in Winchester. For more information please check out their website:

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=0b49489fcff3df24f84d68959&id=d6f8909ea6&e=e693a1855f>

WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Tuesday, October 1: “Drinking Boston: A History of the City and Its Spirits” by Stephanie Schorow will be the 4th annual collaborative program with the Winchester Historical Society.

Tuesday, October 15: Ted Reinstein is best known around New England as a longtime correspondent for “Chronicle”, the celebrated newsmagazine which has aired for over 30 years on Boston’s ABC affiliate, WCVB-TV. Published in the spring of 2013, Mr. Reinstein’s book, “New England Notebook: One Reporter, Six States, Uncommon Stories” will be the subject of his talk.

Wednesday, November 6: “America’s Founding Food: The Story of New England Cooking” and “Northern Hospitality: Cooking by the Book in New England”, an illustrated talk by Keith Stavely and Kathleen Fitzgerald of Jamestown, Rhode Island, is about New England social history, Anglo-American culinary traditions and cooking with historic recipes.

Thursday, December 5: “A History of Howard Johnsons” by Anthony Mitchell Sammarco will discuss his new book about how a Massachusetts’ soda fountain became an American icon.

Wednesday, January 8 (snow date January 9): “The Joy of Getting Things Done” by Linda L. King of Reading. Back for her 3rd year at the library, the room has been packed each time and is a must for those who want to make their 2014 resolutions a reality.

All programs are at 7:00 pm, free to the public, and sponsored by Friends of the Winchester Public Library and the John & Mary Murphy Educational Foundation.

FAN BABYSITTING MEET N’GREET

Monday, October 7 from 7 - 8 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Winchester Public Library
Interested in meeting new potential clients? Excited to work with children? Come to the Family Action Network Babysitter Meet n’Greet. FAN parents will be present to interview and chat the new potential

babysitters and mother's helpers. Girls may want to bring cards / flyers with them that include their name & contact information -- inclusion of grade, what area of town they live in, qualifications, general hours available, type of position looking for would also be appropriate. To RSVP, ask questions or to learn more, please contact troop77025@gmail.com

PARENT TO PARENT NEWS

Parent to Parent Presents

"Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age"

McCall Middle School on Tuesday, October 8, 7-9 PM

Psychologist and author, Dan Kindlon, PhD., will discuss his timeless book, "Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age". Dr. Kindlon is a clinical and research psychologist, and the author of three other notable works including "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys".

In his engaging style, Dr. Kindlon tells us that overindulgence, permissiveness, and our hyperfocus on protecting our children from failure and disappointment often have the opposite effect of what we intend. In this discussion, Dr. Kindlon will impart practical advice for parents who want to avoid misguided giving and learn to set fair, consistent limits for their children.

Funding for this program has been made possible by generous donations to Parent to Parent's Direct Appeal. For more information, visit parenttoparentwinchester.org.

GALA CELEBRATION TO SUPPORT THE NORTH SUBURBAN YMCA

Save the Date!

Date: Friday, October 25th

Time: Cocktail Reception starts at 6:30pm

Place: The Marriott Hotel in Burlington

This year, our ambitious goal is to raise \$75,000 for our Annual Fund through the Gala, an increase of \$25,000 over last year. This will allow the Y to meet the growing demand for scholarships, and also expand the reach of FREE "Darkness to Light" community training sessions in child and teen sexual abuse prevention.

Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets today!

BRIO INTERGATED THEATRE WORKSHOPS

Brio Integrated Theatre is a local nonprofit that holds free community workshops. Upcoming workshops will be an edible arts workshop on Saturday November 2nd at St. Eulalia's Church from 10:30-1:30 and Saturday November 16th is a movement and improvisational workshop at Crawford Memorial Methodist Church from 10:30-12:30. The workshops are free of charge and open to everyone! If you have any questions contact us at briothatre@gmail.com.

WINCHESTER UNITARIAN SOCIAL OUTREACH – SOUTH SUDAN BENEFIT

The Social Outreach Committee of the Winchester Unitarian Society and rock band "UP" are sponsoring a

benefit rock & roll dance to support the Thiou Village School in South Sudan on Saturday, November 2nd from 7:30-11:00 pm at the Winchester Unitarian Society, 478 Main Street – Metcalf Hall. The Thiou Village School is one of the projects of Village Help of South Sudan and is supported by Bol Riiny, one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan who has grown up in Winchester and works at the local Stop & Shop. The goal is to raise \$8,000 to build a classroom.

This family-oriented event is open to everyone and there are 4 ways to get tickets priced at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 18:

- 1) Book Ends in downtown Winchester
- 2) At the door for \$5 more: \$25/\$15
- 3) Mail your check payable to "Village Help For South Sudan" to Shiva Barton, 10 Converse Place, Winchester 01890
- 4) On-line donations may be made at <http://villagehelpforsouthsudan.org/donate/> . On the second screen, under additional instructions, please write "Thiou Village Project". Your receipt for any on-line donation equal or greater to the ticket price will admit you to the dance.

The rock band "UP" is led by Shiva Barton on lead guitar and other band members are Josh Dobbelaar on keyboard, Jeff Andrews on bass guitar, Lynn Bailey as lead vocalist and Jann Sheehy on drums. For more information about the benefit dance contact Shiva Barton at thiouvillagebenefit@gmail.com.

Winchester Community Music School News

Faculty Recital Series with John Kramer – Monday, October 7, 7:30 PM

The first faculty concert of the 2013-14 season at Winchester Community Music School will feature pianist John Kramer performing works of the early 20th century by Ravel and Prokofiev. A "Meet the Artist" reception will follow. Free and open to the public. www.winchestermusic.org; 781-721-2950.

Faculty Rock Concert featuring U2's "The Joshua Tree" – Saturday, October 19, 7:30 PM

The Underground Faculty Band of Winchester Community Music School will perform the groundbreaking U2 album "The Joshua Tree" in its entirety on Saturday, October 19, at 7:30 pm at the Next Door Center for the Arts, 40 Cross Street, Winchester. \$15 general admission. www.winchestermusic.org; 781-721-2950.

