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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ OCTOBER 2009
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From the Office of Principal Tom Gwin

WHS is off to a great start as we move into the fall season, cooler temperatures, and hopefully, the MLB playoffs with the Red Sox participating. As I walk around the building I see excellent instruction and engaged learning. All students were able to see President Obama's special speech to students during the week of September 7th in social studies classes. Seeing the presentation in classes, students were able to discuss what Mr. Obama had to say as well as the political controversy that surrounded the event.

A highlight for me this past summer was attending Alan November's Building Learning Communities conference. Alan is a technology guru who focuses on effective integration of technology into instruction. Check out his website: <http://novemberlearning.com/>. I came away excited and invigorated by all that I heard and saw. A few major themes were reinforced through all of the presentations and workshops that I attended. These ideas included the following:

Kids today behave and think differently through their lifelong exposure to computer games and other interactive technology. Author Mark Prensky calls the new generation of students Digital Natives. Most of our teachers and parents are Digital Immigrants. Research has shown that Digital Natives use different parts of their brains and think in alternate ways when on a computer. Some research indicates that their brains are physiologically modified through their interaction with computers. They communicate differently, share differently, and learn differently. It's important that those of us who are not of Digital Natives generation but interact with them daily- that's us- learn as much as we can about the new behaviors and the new technologies.

Fundamental changes in the economy and workplace have reshaped industry and business. Over the last two decades, an industrial economy has shifted to a service economy driven by information, knowledge, innovation, and creativity. These changes in the economy and workplace are demanding a new and different skill set. These new skills, often supported by technology and referred to as 21st century skills, include the ability to respond flexibly to complex problems, effective communication, information management, and the ability to work in teams and produce new information. These new kinds of skills need to be integrated into our curriculum.

As educators, we need to embrace some tools of technology we currently think of as evil. At the conference I saw how personal digital devices like cell phones can have constructive uses in the classroom. On-line social networks can allow students and adults to collaborate in order to learn and/or produce new knowledge. Video games can have profound effects on student learning.

I believe we're in a very exciting time in the world of education. We're in the midst of a major transformation in how we deliver curriculum and instruction. In the last few years, the WHS faculty has been able to obtain tools that can help us- hardware like the laptops, projectors, and interactive whiteboards. We've brought in software like Gradequick and Edline that allows us to communicate with students and parents in a very effective way. In the next few years, a major goal of mine will be ensuring that the WHS faculty gets the training and professional development it needs to effectively use these new tools and teaching strategies.

Edline: Be sure you have activated your Edline accounts. The most up-to-date WHS information and the daily announcements are on Edline.

Student Flu Vaccine Clinics: For those students who signed up and paid in September, the seasonal flu vaccine will be given in school on Tuesday, October 7. Students will be called to the Nurse's Office individually by Mrs. Britt. Unfortunately, because the order was based on the number of students who registered, no other students will be able to receive the seasonal flu vaccine at this time. Stay tuned for information about the H1N1 vaccine clinic.

Photo Retakes: Burlington Studios will be back at school on Friday, October 9 for photo retakes during the lunch blocks in the corridor outside the cafeteria. During lunch, any student wanting a retake may have it done.

ATTENTION SENIORS: Cap and Gown Measurements

Cap and Gown measurements will take place on Wednesday, October 28th, during both lunches. Measurements will be held in the red staircase by the student parking lot. The cost is \$17.00 dollars ~ checks should be made payable to: Winchester High School and the student's name and the words "cap and gown" should be written on the memo line. Each outfit comes with a tassel, which students will receive in June. If you wish to purchase an additional tassel the cost is \$4.00 in cash, payable to University Cap and Gown Representative. You MUST have your Check/Cash to be measured!!! You will also be asked to verify your name, spelling etc., for your diploma.

REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS: If you have not done so already please return the cherry colored sheet into the main office. This paperwork is one of the most important documents the school has on file for every student.

VISITORS: All visitors to the high school, including parents, must check in and sign a Visitors Log in the Main Office. All visitors must wear a visitor's name tag. Individuals who do not attend Winchester High School or are not on official business but are on the school grounds or in the school building will be treated as trespassers. This offense is a violation of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and carries a fine and/or imprisonment. Police will be notified.

CELL PHONES: Students are not allowed to use a cell phone in school at any time. All cell phones must be turned off. A student in violation of this policy will have his/her cell phone taken away and sent to an administrator. A parent must meet with an Administrator to pick up the phone.

CLASS NEWS

CLASS OF 2010

SENIOR CLASS SEMI IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 30, 2009. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND, IT IS OUR LAST CLASS SEMI.

CLASS of 2011

The Junior Class has hit the road running! We started right off the first week of school with FREE ice cream one day in the courtyard for all the juniors. Who doesn't love free ice cream! We will be heading to Witches Woods again this October; watch for announcements. We will be also looking for Prom locations, so if your child would like to help with this search, they should see one of the officers, Ms. Kangas or Ms Rees.

OPEN HOUSE NEWS - Class of 2011 will be selling SACHEM BLANKETS for \$25.00. They are warm and wonderful, especially if you have ever been to a sporting event and wish you had something extra to keep the chill out but the spirit alive. Get yours before they are gone! Also at open house ... Have your kids lost the keys to the car yet...they won't if you purchase them a SACHEM Lanyard for only \$5.00. A must have for every junior! See you at open house! Thanks for your support!

SCHOOL NEWS

JOIN AFTER SCHOOL CHORUS!!

It is not too late...if you are currently enrolled in band or orchestra and don't have room in your schedule for chorus during the school day, come & join AFTER SCHOOL CHORUS!! We meet Mondays & Wednesdays at 2:15pm in the Choir Room. Questions: see Mrs. Miller...we hope to see you there!!

SAVE THE DATE: MICHAEL FOWLIN RETURNING TO WINCHESTER! On November 16 and 17, Winchester will welcome back nationally recognized clinical psychologist and actor, Dr. Michael Fowlin. Dr. Fowlin will be presenting leveled programs to grades 3-5, 6, and 10-11, as well as a performance for all Winchester parents on the evening of November 17 at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Michael Fowlin, better known as Mykee, is no stranger to the stage. He has been formally acting since age 11, but started creating voices (via prank calling) at age 9. In addition to his talents on stage, he has an undergraduate degree in psychology from Evangel University, in Springfield, Missouri, and in the fall of 2001, he attained a doctorate degree in clinical psychology from Rutgers University. Oddly enough, he suffers from delusions of grandeur, for, while performing, he is convinced that every audience member is his patient.

His programs combine both his professional acting talents and his psychological training. His mission is to create an atmosphere of worldwide inclusion, not just tolerance, towards all people. He has worked extensively with all age groups in the United States and in other countries. His work has included peer mediation, diversity trainings, gender equity workshops, and violence prevention seminars.

Last year, over three hundred parents attended his evening performance. This year, we expect a similar turnout. Please SAVE THE DATE, and watch for notices about reserving a seat for his November 17 presentation to parents.

**Dr. Fowlin's presentation is being jointly sponsored by the Elementary, McCall Middle, and Winchester High School Parent's Associations, the Winchester Coalition For A Safer Community, and Parent to Parent. For more information on Dr. Fowlin's programs, please visit his website at www.michaelfowlin.com.

The WHS PFA 2009-2010 Direct Appeal

The WHS Parent Faculty Association's Direct Appeal is now underway for the 2009-2010 school year! **Early contributions are encouraged to help us plan for this year's needs.** To those of you who have already sent your checks in – **thank you!**

The **\$36,000** budgeted to be raised this year through the Direct Appeal (same budget as last year) will enable the PFA to continue to benefit all students and teachers at WHS by covering the cost of many important programs and supplies not included in the high school budget. In recent years, Direct Appeal funds have been used to provide grants to all WHS academic departments, the school library, and many extracurricular, enrichment, and support programs for your students. **Your contributions are important to our school community, are needed to help us meet our budget, and are most appreciated! Please consider a donation today.**

The PFA's goal is to raise Direct Appeal funds through the contributions of 100% of WHS families. We hope to increase this year's participation rate. Although a contribution of any amount is very much appreciated, we ask that each family consider making a one-time contribution for this school year of \$75.00 or more, which includes PFA dues.

Name of WHS Student(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

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

Checks made payable to the WHS PFA may be sent to **Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890.** You may also make your contribution at the WHS Open House on Thursday, September 24th, or the October meeting of the PFA. **Thank you for your participation!**

October PFA President Note:

Everyone's fall calendar is filling up quickly and attention spans are getting short. So, very briefly, here is my list of interesting events to attend in the coming months, I hope you will join me at each of them.

October 2, Former Secretary of State Madeline Albright comes to Winchester in support of the Connect and Commit program! Well known television personality Liz Walker will moderate a conversation with Secretary Albright at 7:00pm, McCall Middle School. Tickets are \$60 and include a copy of Secretary Albright's newest book: Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box. Tickets are available at Book Ends or on line at www.bookendswinchester.com.

October 7th, Social Networking for the Inept Adult. Join WHS students at our PFA meeting, 7:30pm, WHS library, to hear how they use Facebook and what role texting plays in teen communication. FYI, they most definitely didn't include the phrase "inept adult" in their program description (they are too polite) but I suspect for many of us, it might fit.

November 17 Michael Fowlin returns to Winchester. I know November seems like it is a year away but this evening event is worth putting on your calendar now. Fowlin is an actor and psychologist who does presentations for students and adults about inclusion...sounds dry and not very compelling but I saw him at McCall last year and was amazed. Follow your email for updates!

I hope the first month has gone as smoothly as possible for everyone. As ever, if you have questions or concerns, please email me at whspfa@gmail.com. I hope to see you all at the October PFA meeting.

Caren Connelly

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WHS Guidance Department October 2009

Middlesex League College Fair on October 27th

Students and parents from Winchester High School are invited to attend the Middlesex League College Fair co-sponsored by the WHS Guidance Department in cooperation with the Guidance Departments at several other Middlesex League high schools. The College Night will be held at the Shriners Auditorium on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Representatives from more than two hundred colleges will be in attendance to speak with students and parents and provide admissions information. Directions to the Shriners Auditorium: Take exit 39 off Route 93N. Bear right off exit and take the first left at the Fordham Road traffic lights. Shriners Auditorium is at the end of Fordham Road.

Additional College Fairs/Special Interest College Fairs & Programs

For students interested in pursuing a program of study in the area of performing or visual arts, the National Association of College Admission Counseling (N.A.C.A.C.) is sponsoring a Performing & Visual Arts College Fair where attendees can learn about educational opportunities, admissions and financial aid, portfolio days, audition and entrance requirements from representatives of educational institutions with specialized programs in the visual and performing arts. The program will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009 at The Boston Center for the Arts. For additional information, directions, and a list of colleges attending, go to the website www.nacacnet.org

Helpful Suggestions for Attending a College Fair

Planning ahead can make attendance at a college fair a much more productive experience. Some easy-to-use suggestions include:

- Identify the colleges you definitely want to visit.
- Prepare a list of questions to ask.
- Bring mailing labels if you have them to save time when filling out cards.
- Bring a pad and pen.
- Only pick up brochures you really need and want.
- Do a computer search ahead of time to find colleges that meet your criteria.

For additional suggestions, students or parents may ask for a College Fair sheet from their guidance counselor.

2009 PSAT Date is Saturday, October 17

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at WHS on Saturday, October 17. **This is the only date the test will be given at WHS.** To register for the PSAT, juniors will be all signed up automatically through their math teacher. If sophomores want to take it, they should sign up in the **Math Department, before and after school**, beginning Monday, September 28 through Friday, October 9. The cost of the exam is \$25.00. The fee must be paid the morning of the exam. Students should bring the EXACT AMOUNT in cash, or a check payable to "Winchester High School".

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 2010. Information about NMSC programs, entry requirements, and scholarships can be found in the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin that will be provided to them when they register for the test. Other reasons sophomores and juniors may want to take the PSAT are:

- To get feedback about critical academic skills.
- To seek information from colleges.

For the latest information about the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT, go to www.collegeboard.com.

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.

Financial Aid Workshop

The W.H.S. Guidance Department is hosting a Financial Aid Workshop for parents of seniors on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium. Kendra Lider-Johnson, a representative from MEFA, will present the program. Ms. Lider-Johnson will provide step-by-step instructions on completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA)*, the form required to apply for all types of financial aid. She will also present information on the *CSS Profile* form required by many private institutions, in addition to the FAFSA. Students are welcome to attend this informative workshop with their parents.

*****REMINDER*****
College Workshop for Parents of Seniors Class 2010
Tuesday September 29, 2009
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
WHS Auditorium

IMPORTANT: Notice to College-bound Seniors and their Parents:
 Please be sure to adhere to the Guidance Office Deadlines when requesting transcripts. In order for transcripts to reach colleges on time, it is critical that the Transcript Request Forms be submitted by the specified deadline.
 If a college notifies you that something is missing from your admissions file, check with the Guidance Office about the date the materials were sent. Remember, colleges manage thousands of pieces of information. Recording and filing them can take weeks. Ask someone to physically check your file, not just the computerized database.

Connect and 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, which is in the library of the high school. If you have questions about Connect and Commit, visit Kristen Ritchie, Program Director, in the Connect and Commit Office, check out the Connect and Commit table at the High School Open House on September 25th from 7-9pm, or contact Kristen via email kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us or via phone 781-721-7020 x1999.

This year, each month will have a theme. Each meeting that month as well as the additional service activities and events will relate to that specific topic. In meetings, students will learn about issues in the community related to the topic and even hear from organizations and individuals who are knowledgeable on the subject. Outside of the meetings students will have the opportunity to get involved in service projects that will show them some ways that they can help the community solve such difficult issues.

2009-2010 Calendar

- September: Welcome & Fun
- October: Open Month
- November: Hunger & Homelessness
- December: Global Health
- January: Mental Health
- February: Elder Issues
- March: War & Peace
- April: Animal Cruelty
- May: Environment
- June: End of Year Reflection & Celebration



Winchester Youth Center 458R Main Street Winchester MA 01890 781-721-0906 www.wincyc.com

The Winchester Youth Center (WYC) is committed to fostering leadership skills and a long-term commitment to community service through healthy social and experiential-learning activities for teens.

The goals of the WYC are to:

- Provide Winchester teens with their own space that will foster healthy, safe, and enriching alternative activities outside of school hours. This is a place for Winchester teens to engage in substance-free activities and develop healthy social skills.
- Supply valuable work and service-learning opportunities in the community that enhance leadership development through real life experiences.
- Strengthen the relationship between teens and the community and instill a commitment to civic responsibility and community involvement.
- Promote positive and healthy youth development.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Peer Leadership Program The WYC Peer Leaders are a group of Winchester High School students who are committed to their community and serving as role models for all Winchester teens. The Peer Leaders meet on Monday evenings to work on further developing their leadership, communication,

interpersonal, and decision-making skills; plan for upcoming projects; and have a lot of fun. They staff the Drop-in Center after school 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 contact the WYC for more information.

SSA: Students Spreading Awareness SSA is the WYC's peer education group for Winchester High School students. The mission of this group is "to inspire positive change in our world and provide opportunities for students to become active in the community. We identify issues of concern that we feel our peers are uninformed about and spread awareness in unique and interactive ways." Throughout this school year we'll be focusing our efforts on issues as diverse as the war in Iraq, drinking and driving, local and world hunger, AIDS, sexual health, and the genocide in Darfur. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact the WYC.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year the WYC runs a ton of different special events in an effort to provide WHS students with great alcohol & drug-free alternatives. It's all part of the Peer Leaders' commitment to help their peers make good decisions! Check out our website to learn about all of our special events and mark your calendars for all the things you won't want to miss.

Haunted House On Saturday, October 24th and Sunday, October 25th the WYC Peer Leaders will run our second annual super-spooky Haunted House! The Haunted House will take place at the Winchester Recreation Department, 263 Main Street from 7:30-10:00pm. Admission is \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Peer Leaders' April vacation Habitat for Humanity trip.

WYC Halloween Costume Party Coffee House On Friday, October 30th from 8:30-11:00pm the Peer Leaders will transform the WYC into a Halloween-themed Coffee House. All attendees are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and get into the Halloween spirit! There will be a contest for the best costumes and prizes will be awarded to the winners. 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' February vacation Habitat for Humanity trip.

Rock for Youth Each year the WYC sponsors a Battle of the Bands for local high school rock stars. The first of three rounds will take place on Friday, November 20th from 6:30-11:00pm 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. As with all WYC events, no outside drinks are allowed and students are not allowed to re-enter. Proceeds from Rock for Youth benefit the Harrison Chadwick Youth Service Awards Scholarships.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Throughout the year the WYC Peer Leaders coordinate and participate in a huge variety of community service projects. The Peer Leaders 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. Please check out our website for a complete description of our service efforts.

WYC Jewels The Peer Leaders have created beautiful jewelry made of fresh water pearls, glass beads, turquoise, and more. All of our hand-crafted jewelry is on display in the WYC and can be purchased Monday-Friday from 2:00-5:00 pm. The proceeds from all jewelry sales go to benefit the WYC and our youth development programs. Please check our website to find dates of upcoming jewelry parties.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer The Peer Leaders are organizing a team to participate in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Boston on October 4th. Please check out our website or contact us at the WYC to find out how you can make a donation to this tremendous cause for the American Cancer Society or if you would like to join our walk team.

Halloween Window Painting The WYC sponsors and organizes this town-wide annual event for children in collaboration with the Winchester Recreation Department. Participants are given the opportunity to paint the the windows of participating downtown businesses with a Halloween theme on Saturday, October 24th. The Peer Leaders set it all up and will be in their Halloween costumes to encourage the children and present medals to all participants.

Lowell Wish Project The Lowell Wish Project provides emergency, basic, and seasonal goods to low income families in the Merrimack Valley. The Peer Leaders volunteer several times throughout the year sorting and organizing donated items. Currently we are collecting a wide variety of greatly needed items including new/lightly used pots & pans, jeans for school-aged children, clothing and other gear for babies. We respectfully request that all items be in new/lightly used condition. Please bring your donations to the WYC any day between 2:00-5:00pm or contact us and we'll pick them up from your home.

Animal Rescue League The Animal Rescue League of Boston is a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing domesticated animals and wildlife from suffering, cruelty, abandonment, and neglect. The Peer Leaders are collecting clean cotton bath towels, laundry detergent, and new dog & cat toys to donate to their 3 local shelters. Please bring your donations to the WYC any day between 2:00-5:00pm or contact us and we'll pick them up from your home.

Woburn Food Pantry

Each month the Peer Leaders and Little Brothers & Sisters go door-to-door in Winchester neighborhoods to collect food for the Woburn Council of Social Concern's food pantry. On Sunday, October 18th we will be all over town trick-or-treating for non-perishable items. Please contact the WYC if you have food items that you would like to donate and be on the lookout for flyers saying that we're coming to your neighborhood. We will also be out in November and December collecting for the holiday season.

Habitat for Humanity For 4 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 February vacation we will travel to a different area of the country to participate in our fifth annual week-long service trip. Throughout the fall and winter, the Peer Leaders will be running a variety of events in an effort to fundraise 100% of the expenses for our trip in February. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience.

SCHOOL RELATED NEWS AND EVENTS

The **Winchester Field Development Council (WFDC)** will be holding a Red and Black Autumn Auction on November 14, 2009. The event will be held at the Winchester Town Hall and proceeds will benefit Phase 2 of the Manchester Field Renovation Project. Phase 1 of the project began this past July and features a new multi purpose synthetic playing field with bleachers, press box and scoreboard. The highlight of Phase 2 is a start of the art track and field facility for the town of Winchester. The Red and Black Autumn Auction will feature a cash bar, D.J., hors d'Oeuvres and a wide range of unique auction items. For additional information on the WFDC or to purchase tickets to this event please visit us at www.wfdc.net Tickets are \$35.00 and are limited.

Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence (WFEE)

What project combines engineering and design skills, adds in mechanical ability and equates to a fun, educational experience for any WHS student? If you have been following news from WFEE then you know it is the Auto Club whose members have recently begun converting a second vehicle from gas to electric. Thanks to funding from WFEE, students last year were able to convert a gas guzzling Chevy S10 pick up into a clean and quiet electric vehicle. Work continues on the truck with the expectation that it will be sold later this year. New to the Auto Shop is a red Miata with a blown engine which, thanks to a second WFEE grant, will be converted to electric power during this school year. The Auto Club meets every Monday from 6:00-9:00pm in the Technology Wing of WHS (best accessed from the rear parking lot). Questions about the club should go to Matt James, mjames@winchester.k12.ma.us. For more information on WFEE grants please visit our website www.wfee.org or sign up for our electronic newsletter at info@wfee.org.

PARENTING BOOK GROUPS

Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library are offering a parenting book discussion series again this year. Join us for one or more of these informal discussions in the Meeting Room in the library, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Tuesday, October 6th, 7:00-9:00 pm: Letting Go: A Parents Guide to Understanding the College Years, by Karen Coburn and Madge Treeger

This indispensable guide provides parents with insights, information, comfort, and guidance throughout the emotional and social changes that take place during this important transition in life. The discussion will be appropriate for parents of children who are in college or approaching those years.

Thursday, November 5th, 7:00-9:00 pm: Staying Connected to Your Teenager: How to Keep Them Talking to You and How to Hear What They're Really Saying, by Michael Riera Family psychologist Mike Riera provides strategies to help frustrated parents reconnect with their teenager, and become a "consultant" rather than a "manager" in a teen's life. Hailed as one of the best books on the topic by parents who have lived through the teenage years.

Books will be on sale at Book Ends with a 20% discount when you mention this book group and also available at the circulation desk at the library. It is not required to have read the book to participate in this supportive discussion. Visit us at www.parenttoparentwinchester.org for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

On Tuesday, October 27th at 6:30 PM in the McCall Middle School Auditorium (accessible), the **Winchester Multicultural Network and co-sponsors Winchester Hospital and the Winchester's Parent Advisory Council** will be presenting photojournalist **Dan Habib's award-winning documentary film, *Including Samuel***, The film chronicles the Habib family's efforts to include their son Samuel, who has cerebral palsy, in every facet of their lives at home and in their community. The film also features four other families' experiences and related interviews. Following the screening there will be a panel discussion with Dan Habib and local community members regarding inclusion. For more information, contact the Winchester Multicultural Network at <http://www.wmcn.org>, or call 781-729-7100, or email office@wmcn.org.

Griffin Museum of Photography Annual Gala Fundraiser

WHEN/WHERE: Friday, September 25 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Griffin Museum, 67 Shore Road, Winchester THEME: "You Ought to be in Pictures!" Highlights include a silent auction, balloon raffle, live music, and photos with "celebrity" guests; hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and open bar featuring "Griffinis" Signature items for the auction and raffle include: --Great gift certificates (\$25 and up in value)--Pair of Red Sox tickets for the 2010 season (\$190 value)--Golf outing for two at the Myopia Hunt Club (\$500 value)--Weekend getaway at a Woodstock, VT house (\$900 value)--Tree "garden party" with pruning, etc. (\$500 value)--18 holes of golf with lunch for two at Winchester Country Club (\$320 value)--Apple iPod touch (\$230 value) TICKETS: \$75 per person; <http://www.griffinmuseum.org/> QUESTIONS: 781-729-1158 OR photos@griffinmuseum.org

Winchester Rotary to Hold Second Annual Oktoberfest - Town Hall - September 26, 2009 - Open to All

Building off the success of last Fall's first Oktoberfest celebration, the Winchester Rotary Club will be hosting its Second Annual Oktoberfest event at Town Hall on Saturday, September 26 from 5 PM to 9 PM. This family oriented fundraiser event will include an authentic live Oompah band, German food, soft drinks, beer and wine samplings provided by Sam Adams, and The Spirited Gourmet, dance, yodeling and other contests, as well as some surprises. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and can be purchased from Rotary members, Bookends, or at the door. Proceeds from the event will be reinvested in local school and community organizations through were in Munich, Germany itself.

The Rotary Club is also currently conducting a summer 50 – 50 fundraiser raffle with the drawing of the winner's name to take place during the Oktoberfest (the winner need not be present to win). Fifty percent of the funds raised through ticket sales will go to the winner, the remaining 50 percent will be available for Rotary grants to financial grants. Come join us for a fun evening celebrating this international event as though you support local organizations. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$ 50 and can be purchased from Rotary members, at the Saturday Winchester Farmers' Market, or at the Oktoberfest.

The Winchester Rotary Club is a community service organization of about 50 local women and men whose goal is to foster community, vocational and international programs for the benefit of all concerned. Rotary International is comprised of over 32,000 similar clubs throughout the United States and in 159 countries. In addition to performing local service projects, the Winchester Club also raises funds through several annual fundraisers and then returns the proceeds as financial grants to numerous local and regional organizations. The Club also provides annual scholarships to graduating seniors. For more information about this organization please visit www.winchesterrotary.org.