

COMMUNITY NEWS

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Please join us on January 6th for a presentation by Donna Marcotte-Rizza, the Assistive Technology Specialist with the Winchester Schools. Donna will be talking about and demonstrating various technologies that can help students of all abilities both in school and at home. The meeting will take place in the Lynch Library from 7-9 P.M. Donna has a wealth of information to share so we hope to see you there. Sponsored by The PAC Support Group for LBLD/Dyslexia. Amy Kraft akpk1282@verizon.net and Kim Lazarus kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net

WINCHESTER ABC BOTTLE DRIVE

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 8, 2011, 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 Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242 or Mary D. Jordan at 781-729-8397. Thank you for your continued help.

VINSON-OWEN PUBLIC OVERRIDE FORUM

Sunday, January 9th, 2 to 4 pm
Vinson-Owen School, 75 Johnson Road

Do you have questions about the V-O project and upcoming Proposition 2 1/2 Override vote on 1/11/11? The Winchester League of Women Voters and its co-sponsor, WFEE, invite you to a **Public Forum** on **Sunday, January 9th from 2 to 4 pm at Vinson-Owen School.**

Come **tour the V-O facility** and then gather in the gym for a **panel presentation** on the project and debt exclusion override with:

Tom Howley, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Sarah Girotti, Chair, School Committee
Bill McAlduff, Superintendent of Schools

There will be an opportunity for **questions from the audience** and answers from the panel. Hot chocolate and light refreshments; wheelchair accessible. More info about the League of Women Voters can be found at <http://www.lwvwinchester.org/>

MLK Day Celebration – West African Drumming & Dance, Art Display, Crafts & More

Monday, January 17 at 3-5pm
Metcalf Hall of the Winchester Unitarian Church

The Winchester Multicultural Network and the Family Action Network (FAN) invite all members of our community—and particularly families with children—to join in a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr.'s birthday on Monday, January 17. This free event will take place from 3-5pm in Metcalf Hall at the Unitarian Church, corner of Main St. and Mystic Valley Parkway. Craft activities begin at 3:00 and a performance by Teranga Freedom Dance & Drumming will start at 4:00. The event will also feature a display of art and writing by Winchester students, a book fair, and refreshments. For information email Susan Lewis at sklfree2be@yahoo.com or call 781-729-3785.

FRIENDS OF ART

If you would like to help support the art program in your child's school please join us as we plan for the Party for the Arts! The theme for this year is "20/20 Visions" and the date is set for March 26, 2011. Mark your calendar!

Our next meeting will be on January 3, 2011 at 7 PM in the Winchester High School Photo Lab (diagonally across from the cafeteria). For more information email winchesterfoa@hotmail.com. Please join us and learn more about how you can help keep the visual arts a meaningful part of your child's school experience.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 507 CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Saturday, January 8, 2011

\$10.00 per Tree (Donation)

Let Boy Scout Troop 507 help recycle your Christmas tree. The Boy Scouts will collect old holiday trees from Winchester residents **on Saturday, January 8, 2011 starting at 7:00 am**. The Scouts will collect trees and bring them to the Transfer Station from those residents who have pre-registered with a \$10 donation. This is the seventeenth year that this successful fundraiser has helped Winchester residents dispose of their old trees, while helping the troop raise money for equipment and trips. Send coupon below and check, payable to BSA Troop 507, to BSA Troop 507, c/o Tom Eid, 28 Maxwell Road, Winchester, MA 01890. Order deadline is Monday, January 3, 2011. Or, you can sign-up with a Boy Scout from Troop 507 at the Transfer Station on Saturdays in December. *Please remove all ornaments, lights, plastic and trim from the tree.* Please have your tree curbside **by 7 am on Saturday, January 8, 2011**. If you have any questions, email us at boyscout507trees@gmail.com or call 781-820-2141 for more information.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

of Trees @ \$10 _____ Additional Donation _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 507!

90TH WINTON CLUB CABARET

The Winton Club is holding its 90th annual Cabaret to benefit Winchester Hospital. This year's show is entitled Wincennial, celebrating 110 years of the Winton Club. The show will run from Tuesday February 1 to Saturday, February 5 at Winchester Town Hall. Be a part of the fun and help raise money for a worthy cause! For more information about the show and tickets, go to www.cabaret.wintonclub.org.

JANUARY COMMUNITY EVENTS AT WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 11 7:30-9PM Blues Jam Session. Come play or sing with the Underground House Band. Open to the community, all ages. \$7 at the door to participate, audience free. For complete list of this month's songs, visit <http://winchestermusic.org/the-underground/jam.aspx>

Saturday, January 15 11AM-12:30 PM Junior District Mock Audition Workshop for instrumentalists in grades 6-9 auditioning for the MMEA Jr. District Festival. Try out your audition piece for WCMS faculty members before your auditions. Get great tips about auditioning, calming your nerves, and presentation. \$25 to participate. Must register by Monday, January 10. Visit winchestermusic.org/classes/workshops.aspx.

Sunday, January 23 3:00 PM Faculty Chamber Music Concert Celebrates Robert Schumann. WCMS faculty and friends perform a concert to celebrate the 200th birthday of composer Robert Schumann. Full concert details at www.winchestermusic.org. Suggested donation: \$10 at the door.

REVOLUTION PREP TEST PREP CLASSES

When evaluating other test prep options, Revolution Prep recommends parents look at score improvements, parent satisfaction, quality of instructors and cost, as we did. Revolution has in-home and online private tutoring, on- campus and online group classes and a hybrid course that combines tutoring and group instruction at fair prices. They also have a unique feature where you can go to revolutionprep.com and read the bios and reviews of instructors who are likely to teach and tutor in this area.

Revolution Prep will be holding group classes leading up to the March 12th, May 7th and June 4th test dates.

- Winchester High School: Mondays 5-9PM and Wednesdays 6PM – 9PM First Session **Monday January 24th**
- Winchester High School: Wednesdays 5-9PM and Mondays 6PM-9PM First Session **Wednesday March 16th**
- Winchester High School: Tuesdays 5-9PM and Thursdays 6PM-9PM First Session **Tuesday April 26th**.

WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK FILM SERIES

Monday, Jan. 10: *Outsourced* (India/US)

After his entire department is outsourced, an American novelty products salesman heads to India to train his replacement.

Monday, Feb. 14: *I Not Stupid* (Singapore)

This satirical comedy portrays the lives, struggles and adventures of three Singapore pupils who are placed in the academically inferior EM3 stream.

All films begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room and are free

2ND ANNUAL WINCHESTER TOPS FOR HOOPS

Bringing the joy and excitement of basketball to young athletes with disabilities. Winchester Youth Basketball Association announces the second annual TOPS for Hoops program. This program provides children with disabilities the opportunity to play basketball through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of basketball once a week. A volunteer group of “junior coaches” serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes.

Schedule:

- Beginning in January, the Program runs six Sundays from Jan 9th to Feb 13th
- Location is Lincoln School in Winchester
- Time is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- Everyone from anywhere is welcome.

If you are interested in Winchester’s TOPS for Hoops program as either an athlete or junior coach, please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPS for Hoops Director, at jfcalnan@yahoo.com. No prior basketball experience necessary.

PARENT TO PARENT BOOK GROUP

Parent to Parent presents a book group discussion on Loving Without Spoiling, and 100 Other Timeless Tips for Raising Terrific Kids by Nancy Samalin. In this easy-to-read book, Ms. Samalin helps parents find effective ways to set loving limits without spoiling or indulging children. She outlines 100 topics that focus on actual situations that occur in families. For each situation, she provides suggestions for what to do *right now* to resolve the conflict. In short, the book may be considered a daily guide to skillful parenting - the instruction manual all parents wish came with their children. Widely recognized and respected as a parenting authority, Ms. Samalin focuses on showing parents how to balance discipline, love and humor, by presenting practical, guilt-free, and parent-tested ways to handle any parenting issue that may be thrown at you. Come join other parents on **Monday, January 31, at 7:00pm in the Winchester Library meeting room** as we discuss these “timeless tips.” Books will be available ahead of time through the Library (ask at the Circulation Desk), and at Book Ends. You do not need to have read the book to join in the discussion. For a full calendar of Parent to Parent events, please visit www.parenttoparentwinchester.org.