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Above: The Environmental Education Service Learning Group on Community in Action Day

Environmental Education Service Learning

By: Kylee McCumber

The Environmental Education Service Learning Group, better known as E², is working to address a variety of different sustainability issues throughout Winchendon. Previously, the entire school disembarked on a community service day which was held on September 4th. The objective of the Day of Service was to get every individual excited for the work they will be doing in their Service Learning Group this year. Also, the community service day helps to address the issues that E² is working to change in the community. Steven Soos '22 recalled this impactful day by stating, "We are learning about the different environmental issues that are going on in the Winchendon Community Park". A calm and exciting day to help grasp the difficult and challenging concepts that their Service Learning Group will be facing, E² canoed through the

The Game of Kings: Chess Strategy and Tactics CoLAB

By: Kylee McCumber

What involves kings, queens, pawns, and CoLABs? The Game of Kings: Chess Strategy and Tactics CoLAB! CoLAB is a very unique part of the Winchendon School experience, as it offers students a way to explore their passions outside of the typical classroom setting. The CoLAB periods have become extremely popular among students because they can alter CoLAB the best way they see fit. CoLABs are important for exploring different interests, and that's why Mr. Elliot Harvey created a wonderful CoLAB offering to teach mental toughness and self-discipline through chess. Students in this CoLAB will also learn different ways to play this strategic game. When asking Ethan Frazier '22 what he is learning in his CoLAB, he replied with "I am learning about different strategies to play chess." Also, Ethan expresses what he is looking forward to most by saying, "Going and seeing professional chess players". Ethan is taking a passion he has for chess and utilizing it

Below: The Game of Kings CoLAB learning the basic skills of chess at their first meeting



Back to School for the 2019-20 Year

By: Emma Landry

As students, faculty, and staff begin to settle into Winchendon to undertake the 2019-20 school year, the community looks to Headmaster Mrs. Lauren Lambert and co-presidents Hailey Guzman '20 and Andy Hong '20 for guidance on how to have a strong start to the year. Even as the main leaders on campus, Mrs. Lambert, Hailey, and Andy have all been taking the time to get to know the new faces at Winchendon, whether it be out on the fields supporting the soccer teams, in the gym cheering on volleyball, or simply in the dining hall during meals and community meeting. Mrs. Lambert stated that the "upbeat energy, unique life experiences, [and] many interests and talents" that Hailey and Andy contribute to the community has largely been a decisive factor in why the school year is off to a strong start.

Acknowledging that there are 126 new students at Winchendon, Hailey and Andy both commented on the opportunities that both returning and new students will have to connect with peers from various cultures, backgrounds, and identities. As co-presidents, Hailey and Andy have set forth examples for all students on how to meaningfully express their identities, and just as importantly, how to be sincere listeners. Hailey emphasizes that as co-presidents, "one of the things we wanted to focus on [this year] was being reachable to the students." Andy adds that his intention for the year is to create "an environment where you can learn from others and also teach others what you know." With just under six weeks completed of the school year, Winchendon students are already embodying the vision that Mrs. Lambert and co-presidents Andy and Hailey have embarked on creating at Winchendon for the 2019-20 school year.



Above: Hailey and Andy deliver speeches to the students at the first formal dinner

EEE Breakout Statewide

By: Ephraim Boamah

Across the state of Massachusetts, ten cases of EEE virus have been recorded leaving three people dead. The Eastern Equine Encephalitis, or EEE, belongs to the arboviruses virus category that spreads by bites from blood-sucking mosquitos. Risk factors for EEE range from time (known to occur from late spring to fall), exposure to mosquito and geographic region.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the EEE virus kills one-third of the patients that contract it. Fever, headache, tiredness, nausea/vomiting, coma, confusion, and seizures are other common symptoms. An estimate of 128 communities in Massachusetts are at moderate risk, 40 at high risk, and 35 at critical risk of EEE.

The Department of Public health has given out some guidelines to stay safe from the EEE virus such as: wearing a bug



Above: An image of an EEE virus.

Source: "Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE): Boston Children's Hospital." Boston Children's Hospital. N.p., n.d. Web. 26 Sept. 2019.

Impeachment Inquiry

By: Ephraim Boamah

Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced on Tuesday, September 24th the House of Representatives is to proceed with an impeachment inquiry against President Trump.

The news comes after months of pressure from the left on the speaker to go on with an impeachment hearing but failed due to Pelosi's reluctance. So what then changed her mind? The announcement came amid admittance by the president of abusing his presidential power by seeking help from a foreign government (Ukraine) in hopes of receiving crucial information against the former Vice President, Joe Biden. The Trump-Ukraine report comes from the ongoing "whistleblower" complaints in the White House.

In her speech, Pelosi accuses the President of betraying the country as she said, "The actions of Trump's presidency revealed the dishonorable fact of the president's betrayal of his oath of office, betrayal of national security, and betrayal of the integrity of our elections."

In a tweet, the President responded, "the Democrats purposely had to ruin and demean it with more breaking news Witch Hunt garbage. So bad for our Country!"

So the question then becomes, is an impeachment an appropriate response and how is it going to impact the country and the upcoming elections?



Above: An image of Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi officially delivering news on impeachment inquiry.

Source: Singh, Maanvi, and Joan E Greve. "Nancy Pelosi Announces Official Impeachment Inquiry into Donald Trump – Live." The Guardian, Guardian News and Media, 24 Sept. 2019

The Face of Climate

By: Ephraim Boamah

In the streets of Australia, the United Kingdom, India, the United States and across the globe, the call to address climate change by teenagers gained unprecedented momentum struck a new level of urgency prior to the United Nations Summit.

On Friday, September 20th, the largest climate change protest in the history of the United States, was held across major cities worldwide with advocates marching with the aim of drawing attention towards the rapidly rising temperatures. The largest of the rallies was held in Australia with an estimate well over 300,000 people marching through more than 100 towns and cities across the country.

Spearheading the rallies is Greta Thunberg, a Swedish 16-year-old climate activist well known for her school strikeouts who organized a wave of youth activism.

In her speech at the New York march, Greta Thunberg, the face of climate change stated that "It's just not the young people's house. We all live here. It affects all of us."



Above: Youth climate activists marching through Washington D.C

Source: Laville, Sandra, and Jonathan Watts. "Across the Globe, Millions Join Biggest Climate Protest Ever." The Guardian, Guardian News and Media, 20 Sept. 2019

How To Make The Most Of Conference?

By: Sarah Irenshtain

Do you feel like you are or are going to fall behind in class? Do you just wish you had a little extra one on one time with the teacher whose class is tough to tackle? Do you think you could benefit by doing your homework with classmates to collaborate with?

The Solution to all these problems is CONFERENCE! Conference is a time were students can gain extra help in a class they are struggling with, get homework done with a teacher, while having the support and opportunity to collaborate with other students who have the same work to be done, or get together with friends to create study groups. All of the above are valuable ways to be spending your time in order to improve your academic life.

Typically, teachers will be in their classrooms at 2:30 in order to help you. With them being ready to help, and extra individual teaching, you can strive to achieve a point in which you may show up to class everyday ready and prepared with a thorough understanding of the concepts, and complete homework that your proud of!

Conference is a time where you can work together with classmates and exchange ideas in order to teach yourselves content that'll aid you in completing your homework. Getting homework done in conference, will result in study hall being less stressful and more manageable!

So at the end of the day, consider the numerous opportunities of who and what you have at your disposal for help, daily!

Boys' Varsity Soccer

By: Mostafa El-Bendary

A very successful weekend for Wapiti, sports with both of the Boys' Soccer teams coming away with overwhelming victories. In a goal-filled afternoon at LaBelle Field, the two teams managed to secure impressive home wins against Eagle Hill on a hot Saturday afternoon reaching as high as 86°F.

After a slow start to the season, the Boys' Varsity Soccer team managed to clinch their first win with an amazing performance by the boys. With a hat trick from Joao Kulikovski, a brace from Javier, and goals from Noah Gonzalez, Dante LeRoy, Logan LeBlance, Matthew Belliveau, and Mostafa El-Bendary, the team won by a substantial amount; a score of 10-0. In a post game interview, Javier Morejon stated that "it was a less competitive game than other games but the boys still came out and played tough." The Boys' Varsity Soccer team is progressing into the rest of their season with high moral among the team.

Below: Boys' Varsity Soccer celebrate a goal scored!



Boys' Junior Varsity Soccer

By: Mostafa El-Bendary

Continuing with their winning ways, the Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer team defeated Eagle Hill on home soil. They heavily outscored their opponents with goals from Greg Lahr (2), Hayden Flick (2), Nadav Elouz (2), and Edmond Branche, leading to a 7-3 final. Andy Hong, center back, complimented his teammates after the game, saying that "the boys did an amazing job, they collaborated well, [and] left out all their outside priorities, focus[ing] fully on the game."

Both teams look to continue their winning streaks on the pitch when the Varsity Boys head to Macduffie on Saturday and the JV Boys travelling to Hoosac. Be sure to wish them luck when you get a chance!

Below: Peter kicks the ball towards the goal.



Girls' Varsity Soccer

By: Emma Landry

With only nine returning players on a squad of twenty-one girls, Girls' Varsity Soccer has been confronted with adversity since the onset of their season. The team has begun the season competing against four highly-skilled and experienced teams in Vermont Academy, Proctor Academy, the Tilton School, and Putnam Science Academy. Although they have yet to come out with a win, both coaches and veteran players alike comment on the young team's ability to improve on targeted areas each game. Co-captain Natalie Parker'20 noted, "Everyone on the team never gives up, and just works harder and harder to be better and improve."

Despite the slow start on the field, Girls' Varsity Soccer has nonetheless kindled a genuine camaraderie amongst themselves and demonstrated unity amidst the obstacles they face. When asked about the dynamic of the team, Parker'20 expressed, "[our team] consists of a lot of different personalities, but they surprisingly all work together to create a positive and supportive environment." Friday, September 27th, on Labelle Field, Girls' Varsity Soccer will play in their biggest game of the season against rivals Cushing Academy.



Above: Hope gets ready to make a play during the girls' game.

UPCOMING SOCCER GAMES

By: Max Caouette

9/28/19 BVS 3:00pm @ MacDuffie BJVS 3:00pm @ Hoosac GVS 2:30pm @ Hoosac
10/2/19 BVS 3:45pm vs. St. Andrew's BJVS 3:00pm vs. Belmont Hill GVS 3:45 vs. St. Andrew's

Girls' Varsity Volleyball

By: Lauren Donovan

After a defeat from Cushing, Winchendon's Varsity Volleyball team came back with two wins; 3-0 against Eagle Hill on Wednesday and 3-0 against Bancroft on Saturday. During Wednesday's home game, many new players were seen on the court. After a tight final set, the girls pulled through and completed the final set. On Saturday, they arrived at Bancroft's homecoming as dozens of their fans rallied in anticipation of a win. But to their disappointment, the Winchendon Varsity Volleyball team annihilated Bancroft set after set. On Wednesday, September 25, the team played against Macduffie. The team pulled out a win after a tough second set; however, won 3-0.



Above: Cassie attacks the ball against Eagle Hill.

Cross Country

By: Lauren Donovan

On Friday afternoon, Cross Country had their first meet against Eagle Hill. As best said by Mr. Byrne, one of the coaches for cross country, "The racers were good spirited, and everyone had a great time." Both veteran and new runners waited in anticipation for the race to begin, and after running around the entire Winchendon campus, Patrick Stevens came in first place with his teammates not too far behind. Brendan Campbell came in 5th place, then Stravros Gorgees in 8th place, despite getting lost along the way, Chase Evans in 10th place, and finally with Luke Black in 21st place.



Above: Patrick leads the race to win.

Volleyball and Cross Country Schedule

By: Max Caouette

10/02/19 GVB 3:30pm vs. Hoosac

"This day in history"

1905- the physics journal Annalen der Physik publishes Albert Einstein's paper "Does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content?", introducing the equation $E=mc^2$

1908-Henry Ford's first Ford Model T automobile leaves the Piquette Plant in Detroit, Michigan

Source: www.onthisday.com

Riddle

By: Sarah Irenshtain

"What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs?"
Check Back next week for the answer!!

Fun Fact

By: Sarah Irenshtain

Cows have best friends

Email us at newspaper@winchendon.org to help us start an advice column!

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