"In profound ways, literacy is destiny. It is the single most important goal of schooling and the key to academic and career success."

**WINCHENDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WELCOMES NEW INTERIM BUSINESS MANAGER**
The district is pleased to welcome Anne Mahan as the Interim Business Manager. She holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree from Fitchburg State College in Business Administration - accounting/finance and a Master’s of Business Administration from Nichols College. Anne's former positions included Assistant Executive Director of Assabet Valley Collaborative, Director of Business Services for the Shrewsbury Public Schools, and Finance Officer for Leominster Public Schools. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the position, and we wish her much success in her new role.

**WINCHENDON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**
The next meeting of the Winchendon School Committee will be held on Thursday, February 27, at 6:00 pm at the town hall, 2nd floor.

**CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING SURVEY**
As we work to strengthen the Winchendon Public Schools, the input of parents and guardians is essential. You know what is and is not working for your child and family, and we need your input so that we know where to focus our improvement efforts. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete the [Conditions for Learning Survey](http://bit.ly/CLS-parents).

**BUILDING SUPPORTS FOR THE FUTURE**
This workshop is hosted by the Winchendon SEPAC. We invite you to join other parents/caregivers of children with behavioral and mental health needs to participate in a focus group that will help us assess the family support needs in the North Central Massachusetts area. Your feedback is key in designing our family support work!
Where: Memorial Elementary School Cafeteria 32 Elmwood Road, Winchendon
When: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 5:30–7:30 pm

**JARRETT KROSOCZKA, NY BESTSELLING AUTHOR COMING TO MWCC**
The author will speak to his graphic memoir, HEY KIDDO, a story about his childhood growing up with his grandparents, struggles dealing with his family's addiction, and finding his father.
The event is being held on March 11, noon to 2:00 pm in the multipurpose room/common area at Mount Wachusett Community College.
CONGRATULATIONS AND KUDOS TO OUR MURDOCK STUDENTS
Both the junior varsity and varsity team took 2nd place in the cheerleading competition last week, with the varsity team moving on to the regionals.

Murdock High student Lily Digman, 1st place State Champion in the 600 meter, is now ranked 2nd in the state!

The varsity basketball team won the first round of the Clark Tournament on Sunday, February 16, 74-52 Murdock. First time in Murdock history!

Blue Devils Boys Basketball team will play in the first round playoff game on Tuesday 2/25 vs Renaissance 6pm at Putnam Vocational Academy in Springfield.

Please be a guest of Superintendent Landers at the Home Town Café on Monday, March 2, from 9:30–10:30 am, for breakfast and conversation about our schools. RSVP at jlanders@winchendonk12.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR WINCHENDON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Growing Places, local food access non-profit, is looking for high school students to plant and manage community gardens in Winchendon and Gardner and to lead a summer camp for middle school students. Once the growing season starts, we'll be outside and growing fresh produce in gardens in Winchendon and Gardner for donation and sale at farmers' markets (and you get to take some home!). In July and August, there will be an 8-week summer camp for 20 middle school students that meets once per week, filled with gardening, cooking, and team building.

If you are interested, the application is attached to this correspondence. This is a great job opportunity that will give you experience and skills in many different areas.

Interested in learning more? Email samantha@growingplaces.org or call 978-598-3723

MURDOCK HIGH SAT TEST FOR JUNIORS
Murdock will offer a school day SAT test for students in grade 11 on Tuesday, April 14. The cost of the test is $49.50 or $8.00 for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.
The deadline for registration is February 28. Sign up in the guidance office.