



April is Autism Awareness Month and April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day. This Winchester community event promotes and celebrates autistic people as family members, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community members who make valuable contributions to our world. This year's event emphasizes promise and potential.

New Family Activity: Insta-Instagram Puzzlepiece Photo Booth!

Light refreshments

Sponsored by Winchester's Disability Access Commission with help from BRIO Integrated Theater, Winchester Multicultural Network, and WIN-PAC. Special thanks to Jennifer Flaherty, Special Education Teacher at Lynch Elementary School for her boundless energy and enthusiasm.

April 2nd at 7pm @ Lynch Elementary School

Lynch Elementary School, Brantwood Road, Winchester, MA



Autism Awareness Puzzle Art Installation

Project: Blank puzzle piece templates will be distributed for participants to take, decorate, return, and incorporate into a large autism awareness puzzle. The puzzle art installation will be exhibited during the remainder of **Autism Awareness Month.**

Special Guest: John Miller

John is a senior at Greater Lawrence Technical School where he is a member of the cross country track team. John is a many time Special Olympics gold medalist and has a black belt in Taekwondo. He also has autism. John is author and Illustrator of *Adventures in Handom*, a wildly imaginative science fiction story. Handom is based on characters John created during "hand play," an autism-related condition he developed as a young child. John will talk about his journey, read from his book, and show his illustrations.



Lauren Miller, John's mom, will address the promise and potential in all children on the autism spectrum. *Adventures in Handom* will be available for purchase. John will happily sign books purchased at the event.



Returning Guest: John Williams

John is a great friend of Winchester's Autism Awareness events. He returns again this year to display some of his amazing collage art. John has Asperger's syndrome. He is a frequent exhibitor and collage art workshop leader.