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On Sept. 19 the Westchase Elementary PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) will hold its Wizard Walk. The Wizard Walk is a locally organized, healthy alternative to traditional product sales that will raise money to support all PTA programs and events for the year. Remaining money will be applied to an on-going capital campaign to build a new playground.

The Wizard Walk will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 8 a. m. to noon at the Westchase Recreation Center Field. Volunteers will be needed throughout the event. Look for more Wizard Walk information and volunteer sign-up links in your student's folder, or contact (联系) Laura Kohler at president@westchasepta.org. The PTA is also holding a year-long Spirit Stick fundraiser (资金筹集活动). Spirit Sticks are small and students can display them on a key ring on their backpacks, which represent a variety of interests and accomplishments. There will be many ways to earn a Spirit Stick (good grades, great behavior, exceptional attendance, etc.) and opportunities to purchase the limited edition sticks for just \$1 every Friday in the courtyard. For more information, contact Nikki Pivnichny at fundraising@westchasepta.org.

In addition to new fundraising programs, the PTA is partnering with our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Kiersten Rivenburg, on a new campaign called Kindness Counts. Look for new recognitions and rewards as we continue to promote kindness from our children, staff and parents throughout the year. For more information, contact Laura Smith at kindnesscounts@westchasepta.org.

Now in its eighth year, the After-School Enrichment Program (ASE) is bringing back some favorite programs and offering some new ones. Students will have the opportunity to explore and develop a variety of new interests. Class schedules will be available soon. Registration starts on Sept. 7. Fall session begins Sept. 21 -22. For more information, contact Jennifer Newman at ase@westchasepta.org.

【1】What is the purpose of the Wizard Walk?

- A. To donate to an on-going training program.
- B. To exchange traditional products.
- C. To support the building of a new school building.
- D. To collect money for certain programs and events.

【2】What can we learn about Spirit Sticks?

- A. They can be used as key rings.
- B. They are made by students themselves.
- C. The limited edition sticks can be bought.
- D. Only students with good grades can get them.

【3】If students want to develop a new hobby, they can get in touch with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Laura Kohler B. Nikki Pivnichny
- C. Laura Smith D. Jennifer Newman

2.

I waited half an hour, set the board, and sat in the studio, reviewing my questions until the telephone lines flashed.

"Hello?"

"This is Connie Chung. I'm so sorry I'm late."

Connie Chung was one of the only four women anchors (主播) to make it into the club of major evening network television news. For almost an hour we talked about the industry. When I asked if she ever had an instructor throughout her trials, she turned around and offered to instruct me. When I asked why she decided to do it, she simply replied, "Because you're good."

That afternoon I rushed home and told my mother what had happened. Without looking up, she just said "Good for you." Hearing this, I felt a sense of loss. Her consistent response always made me feel under-appreciated.

Until then I had been searching for something that I would never get—that sense of love and acceptance in a house full of negativity (消极).

I knew I needed to get rid of all the negativity in my life first, so I packed my bags and walked out of the house, thinking a risk would allow me to open myself to the world again and receive all the positive energy that I needed.

Then radio became my way of connecting with others. My ability to book high-level guests and celebrities (名人) was gradually recognized and eventually all the words of encouragement from past guests and colleagues helped me to re-build my confidence levels. "I can do this," I kept telling myself, and pushed even harder to find my next aim.

People had faith in me, so I developed faith in myself. Their positive attitudes towards themselves and towards me helped me develop my own positive attitude, leading to productive interactions with celebrities and adding to my list of instructors.

I may not have started life surrounded by positivity but I surely feel that I am surrounded by it now. It's amazing how positivity builds on itself.

【1】What was the author probably doing at the beginning of the text?

- A. He was preparing for a show. B. He was looking for an instructor.
- C. He was waiting to be interviewed. D. He was broadcasting news in the studio.

【2】How did the author's mother react when told about Connie's decision?

- A. She felt excited. B. She didn't believe it.
- C. She was very grateful. D. She didn't take it seriously.

【3】Why did the author leave home?

- A. To broaden his view. B. To escape punishment.
- C. To keep away from negativity. D. To set up a home of his own.

【4】What can be the best title for the text?

- A. The Strength of Positivity B. My Goal in Career
- C. My Ability in Management D. The Friendship Between Anchors

3.

Some of the world's biggest companies—Apple, Amazon, Facebook—didn't exist 30 years ago. So what firms are we working for in 2050? That's a question put forward by historian Yuval Noah Harari in his new book "21 Lessons for the 21st Century".

He argues that because technology is changing so fast, it's one of the first times in human history when we don't know what jobs will look like in the coming three decades. "So the best bet is to focus on emotional intelligence (EQ)," he said. "Information is the last thing the kids need. They have too much of it."

In this book, he focuses on the various challenges facing us today. As he writes in the book's introduction: "What are today's greatest challenges? What should we pay attention to? What should we teach our kids?" One area where these questions crop up is artificial intelligence (AI). Harari believes that AI will completely affect the