

Dear Wilson Community:

Thanks to the strong support of staff, families, students, local businesses, friends and neighbors, our students will enjoy a more diverse variety of electives and smaller class sizes during the 2012-2013 school year. Outgoing Principal Sue Brent was forced to make some tough choices. Her choices were based on a multitude of criteria: a significant drop in student enrollment, limited FTE as well as District mandates (minimum class size, maximum student/teacher ratio, etc.), student forecasting, and an eye on the future.

During the 2011-'12 school year, our community raised approximately \$78,000 for the Wilson Foundation. These funds are the only way to pay for additional certified staff positions. Those funds have already secured positions for next year's courses based on the above criteria.

Thanks to generous donations, we will be reinstating **wood/metal shop and architecture/drafting**. These classes have not been offered at Wilson for three years. When they were offered, approximately 125 students forecasted for these courses. We can fund .5 FTE with current funds. Not *all* students forecasting for these courses will be able to take them, but a significant portion will.

Each of our students benefits when courses are added, whether or not our own child is enrolled in that particular class. 90 students in shop or drafting translate to 90 fewer students in other classes, thus reducing class sizes throughout the school. Additionally, more course variety means that more students are exposed to more potential interests. Drama, Chemistry, Shop, Computer Science, History...any of Wilson's courses could open a door, stimulating students' interest in school or a job, or turning them on to their dream. Your Foundation dollars have brought back this opportunity for students. Thank you!

If you haven't yet made a contribution to Wilson's Foundation, know that it's not too late! Contributions can be made online at allhandsraised.org or by mail (2069 NE Hoyt St., 97232); please be sure to designate Wilson as the beneficiary.

Again, a hearty thank you to Foundation Committee volunteers, wonderful House Party hosts and attendees, hordes of donors, multiple restaurant/comedy club night owners and supporters (Pizzicato, Chez Jose, Sasquatch Brewery, Harvey's Comedy Club, Baja Fresh, Pizza Hut), and Principal Circle donors (Korkage, Verde Cocina)! Thank you to the many who helped with email/Bulletin/alumni/Spotlight notifications, web design, invitation/flyer design...the list goes on and on. Families and students thank you!