



Wilson Spotlight

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COMPOSER TO WATCH

Kenji Bunch, a 1991 alumnus of Wilson High School, is coming back to Portland as a special guest at the Portland Youth Philharmonic's Winter Concert on March 13, 2010 in the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Kenji was in the Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP), America's first youth orchestra, from the age of 12 until he graduated from high school. He will be returning to hear PYP perform one of his own compositions, "For Our Children's Children". This successful alumnus of Wilson High School and PYP is currently living and working as a performer and composer in New York. His awards and commissions are many. The New York Times calls him a "Composer to Watch." To read more about Kenji, go to: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/alumni-spotlight/bunch.html>.

PYP would like to offer a \$5.00 ticket to the March 13th concert for any students of Wilson High School. Simply present your Wilson High School student ID at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall box office on the night of the concert. (The box office opens at 5:30pm.) For questions and information, call PYP, Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00 at 503-223-5939.

Kenji will be visiting some of the music students at Wilson while he is in Portland. Paul Jolstead is looking forward to having an alumnus talk with his students about how someone who used to sit in the very same classrooms as these students today, went on to become a successful musician.

WILSON STUDENTS DEBUT ORIGINAL PLAY WITH MUSIC

The student artists of Wilson High School are set to begin work on a one-of-a-kind theatre project that has all of us here very excited: the original music play 'Handprint Alley'. Commissioned by Wilson High School's Theatre Department, 'Handprint Alley' is Matthew B. Zrebski's new play with music, telling the story of the mysterious disappearance of five teenagers a decade ago - and the effect the resulting mythology has had on the lives of others... Mysterious, funny, tragic and sometimes epic - this show promises to be a groundbreaking production for Wilson High School. Matt Zrebski is a multi-award winning playwright, composer, and producer-director whose career has been defined by new play development. He has served as the Artistic Director for Youth Could Know Theatre, Theatre Atlantis, and Stark Raving Theatre - all companies specializing in new work - and since 1995, has mounted over 40 world premieres. He also teaches playwriting through the Literary Arts WITS program and serves as Co-Coordinator for the Visions and Voices program at Portland Center Stage. With auditions kicking things off, the cast and crew are hard at work preparing this exciting work of theatre for its world premiere mid-May! The director, Mr. Zrebski, encourages everyone to keep up with this thrilling project on the play's blog: wilsondramahandprint.blogspot.com. We're all looking forward to seeing the whole Wilson community when this huge project debuts in May.

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STUDENTS, UP FOR AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME ... OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland. 4 days + 3 Nights + 4 Plays + 2 Workshops + 1 Backstage Tour = Memories you'll never forget. Students, join us for the trip this April 8-11 to see Hamlet, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Pride and Prejudice, and Well, produced by one of America's foremost theatre companies, and enjoy a weekend of great times with some of the best people there are. Students don't need to be hooked up with Wilson Theatre in any way to be a part of the experience...so what's holding you back? Information available from Mr. Miller in the Drama Room, or via email at mjamie@pps.k12.or.us.

BOOKS FLEW OFF THE SHELVES

Thank you to all who participated, shopped, and donated books for the Grad Night Book Sale. It was a great success! The Grad Night Committee would like to thank Burlingame Church for hosting our event, and Kathy Phillips for organizing this Grad Night Fundraiser.

STUDENTS, WANNA BE PUBLISHED?

The Veridian is now accepting submissions for the 2010 issue. Photography, artwork, short stories and poetry can be dropped off in Mr. Higbee's box or emailed to teachhigbee@mac.com.

SENIOR AND SENIOR PARENT YEARBOOK ADS

There are only four available yearbook pages left for senior/senior parent ads and we are sending out our last set of yearbook pages to the printers on March 19. If you still want an ad, or if you have not yet submitted your ad/photos, we need them NOW. Contact Keith Higbee at teachhigbee@mac.com if you want to claim the remaining space or if you need help finishing your ad.

WILSON TO CROWN ROSE FESTIVAL PRINCESS, MARCH 2

Everyone is invited to join us on March 2 @ 3:30pm, in the auditorium, to see the crowning of the WHS 2010 Rose Festival Princess. We hope to see a good turn out in support of our fabulous court!

WILSON ALL SCHOOL AUCTION, APRIL 10

Tickets on sale now! Visit our web site for ticket order forms at www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/auction/. The Wilson All School Auction is a great opportunity to RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR WILSON PROGRAM, CLUB OR SPORT. Last year, over \$60,000 was raised at the auction to support a variety of activities from the library to instrumental music, from volleyball to the math department! When you solicit a donation, you get to decide what program(s) will benefit from the sale of that donated item. This year's goal is \$100,000 for Wilson kids! Call or write Nancy Kurkinen with your question or suggestions 503.227.0748, nak@hevanet.com. ALL ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31 for the Wilson All School Auction — Saturday April 10, 2010. Sponsored by the Wilson High School PTA

RUMMAGE SALE, APRIL 16-17

Still need items for rummage sale..... Kathy Phillips is contact person. Email is tkphillips6@gmail.com.

WILSON FOUNDATION COMMITTEE SEARCH ... Great volunteer and school involvement opportunity!

WHS is searching for WHS Foundation Committee members who can work for one purpose—to raise funds to hire more teachers. By supplementing Wilson's budget for teachers, our student's class sizes will be reduced and we will be able to offer more variety in course offerings. Contact Erica Meyers at emeyers@pps.k12.or.us if you are interested in serving on the foundation committee in any capacity.

Remember there are a number of ways to contribute to the WHS foundation:

Volunteer your time on the WHS Foundation Committee: We meet one time per month to brainstorm fundraising ideas. Contact Erica to find out meeting times.

Website: You can easily make a gift by clicking on the Portland Schools Foundation website <http://thinkschools.org>. Make sure that the funds are targeted to Wilson High School.

Monthly Giving: Make ongoing monthly gifts to the Wilson Foundation through automatic bank transfers (EFT) or automatic credit/debit card charges.

Workplace Giving and Corporate Matching Gifts: Many companies allow their employees to contribute through payroll deductions. Check with your human resources department. Corporate gifts are often matched by employers, so your donation goes twice as far. Click here to see if your company has a matching gifts program.

Non-cash donations: The Portland Schools Foundation now offers you the ability to turn unused items into a donation. Go to www.thecharitygroup.com and fill out an easy web donation form. Then place your donated item in the shipping box that the CharityGroup sends you and their shipping company will pick it up.

Phone: Call 503.234.5404 and have your Visa or MasterCard ready.

Mail: Send a check or credit card information to (with information that the funds are to be targeted to Wilson):
Portland Schools Foundation
905 NW 12th Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97209

Wilson's All School Auction: Attend the Auction at the MAC club on April 10th. We will have a paddle raise for FTE.

We appreciate all of our parent, community, and alum involvement at Wilson! Thanks to those that reach out and support Wilson in any way that you can!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RUMMAGE SALE

We still need volunteers for the Rummage Sale. Parents, contact Kathy if you can help her before during or after at, tkphillips6@gmail.com.

PICTURES FOR GRAD NIGHT

Attention Senior parents and students we need pictures for the upcoming grad night event. You can drop them off at Wilson Office in drop box next to the Grad Night Mail box or scan them and send them to Melissa Brace at princessbrace12@yahoo.com.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR GRAD NIGHT FORM?

Buses need to be reserved! It's time to turn in your grad night forms and money if you would like your student to attend. There will be no chance to attend after we have reserved the buses we need. Don't wait too long and get left behind.

SENIOR MUGS FOR SALE

\$10.00. Contact Jan Turner if interested in purchasing one at, jant007@msn.com.

VOLUNTEER AND HAVE SOME FUN AT GRAD NIGHT

If you haven't signed up to volunteer for Grad Night it's not too late. We still need volunteers for medical team during the event, buses, and decorating pre-event (Jr & Sophomore parents this job is for you!)

JUNIOR PARENTS

Junior Parents it's time to start thinking about volunteering for Grad Night 2011. You will need to start thinking about where and when by June 2010.

If you think you are interested, you are welcome to come to grad night meetings and get your feet wet. Meetings are the second Monday of the month in April and May 2010, in the Wilson Faculty Room 7-8:30pm.

PHOTO CONTEST

The second annual "The Way I See It: A Youth Perspective on Public Health" photo contest invites Oregon youth (ages 12 to 18) to submit photos illustrating how the environments in which Oregonians live, work, and play can help or hinder their ability to make healthy choices. Complete contest rules and submission instructions can be found at www.communityhealthpriorities.org. Cash prizes will be given for first, second and third place. The contest is sponsored by Community Health Priorities, a project of the Northwest Health Foundation and the Oregon Public Health Division. For complete rules and submission instructions simply visit: <http://www.communityhealthpriorities.org/photocontest/>. Contest ends March 15.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

Register from now until March 9, 2010 to take the AP exams this spring. Students receiving qualifying AP Exam scores may earn college credit at certain colleges and universities. The cost is \$88 per exam and the tests will be in May. Financial assistance is available for those that qualify. Registration and financial assistance forms are available in the main office and on the Wilson website. Bring your completed registration, with payment, to the main office by March 9. Late registrations will incur a substantial late registration fee. Also attached is the "Bulletin for AP Students and Parents" which has a wealth of information regarding the AP program and exams. AP® (Advanced Placement) is a CollegeBoard® program designed to prepare students to succeed in college-level classes. Every spring, AP students are invited to take exams. For additional questions, contact Abby Menashe, amenashe@pps.k12.or.us.

TEEN SERVICE CREW, MARCH 2

Need community service hours and volunteer credit? Check out the Teen Service Crew @ your library. Come for a two-hour block of fun, music, snacks and enough work to keep you busy!

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 6-8 p.m.

Capitol Hill Library

10723 S.W. Capitol Hwy.

503.988.5385

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREERS DAY, MARCH 3

Western Oregon University will feature its Criminal Justice Careers Day on Wednesday, March 3 from 10:30 am until 1:45 at WOU in Monmouth, Oregon. It is approximately 1 hour from Portland. Registration is due by February 24. Register online: http://www.wou.edu/student/admissions/criminal_justice_day/index.php or call 1.877.877.1593, option 1.

TEEN LOUNGE AND HOMEWORK CENTER AT HILLSDALE LIBRARY

Changes to Teen Lounge and Homework Center at the Hillsdale Library. Beginning March, it will run from 3:00-5:00pm on Thursdays. Use library computers, get homework help, or just do your homework and listen to music. For teens in grades 6-12.

OREGON GIRLS STATE CONFERENCE, JUNE 20-26

The Oregon Girls State Conference is open to junior girls. Oregon Girls State is a program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon and all applicants are evaluated and chosen by Auxiliary members. Each summer they host a one-week session for young women to come and learn about our governmental and public systems and how to become actively involved in the community as leaders. It is a program that offers training in the practical processes of self government and good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society. They do this by setting up their own pseudo county, and state governments and administer them according to the laws of the state of Oregon under the guidance of the Auxiliary Girls State Commission and staff. This camp will take place at Willamette University, the week of June 20 -26. The cost for this camp is \$340 per student. There may be some scholarship money available. To learn more about the program click here: <http://www.oregongirlsstate.org/a-week-at-girls-state.html>. Applications are now available at: <http://www.oregongirlsstate.org/how-to-apply.html>.

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COUNT DOWN STARTS NOW ... WILSON PLANT AND ORGANIC VEGETABLE SALE STARTS MARCH 29 - GREAT MOTHER'S DAY PRESENTS

This year the Wilson PTA is resurrecting the Wilson Plant and Organic Vegetable Sale in **May, 2010**. Ninety percent of the proceeds from your order will go directly to your favorite group/program at Wilson. The Wilson PTA will receive the remaining 10% of all proceeds. If you would like **your group/program to receive proceeds** from the plant sale, send your name, group name/program name, and contact information to Linda Doyle at: lsdoyle@earthlink.net. The plant sale **begins**, Monday, **March 29**. The plant sale **ends** Friday, **April 9**. The plants will be **delivered** to Wilson on **Friday, May 7**. Pick-up time is from 2:00 to 5:00pm at Wilson. This is one week before Mother's Day, so plan ahead. These are great presents for Mother's Day. Order forms will be available online, through email, and at school starting March 15. Questions, contact Linda Doyle at: lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

The Wilson High School Preschool is now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. The Wilson High School Preschool Program gives Wilson students the opportunity to learn and implement developmentally appropriate practices and creative curriculum to 3-5 year old children. Under the direction of a certified teacher, preschoolers work one-on-one with mentor students giving both the high school student and the preschooler a beneficial learning experience. PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Wilson will be hosting an open house March 16. If you are looking for a unique preschool program, please come. Please visit our website for more information <http://www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10277>.

2009-2010 STATEMENTS ARTICLE DEADLINES

If you would like to have news articles included in the Statements, below are the due dates.

<u>News articles due</u>	<u>E-Mail/mailling dates</u>
Monday, April 19, 2010 for June/July news	May 3, 2010
Monday, June 21, 2010 for summer/back-to school	July 12, 2010

WHS DAILY BULLETIN

Daily Bulletin Submissions has a change of email address. To email a submission for the Daily Bulletin, please the new email address of: wilsonbulletin@yahoo.com.

HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT? Send the details to Linda Doyle at lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

PTA SCRIP ORDERS

Get your Scrip order in... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at schulte@easystreet.net at 503-244-5072.

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SW HOPE: FEED THE HUNGRY FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 28

Please join this amazing community effort to collect 150,000 pounds of food! The fourth annual SW HOPE: Feed the Hungry campaign will kick off this month with a goal of collecting 150,000 pounds of food or the cash equivalent (\$1 purchases 5 pounds of food at the Oregon Food Bank). A record 72 faith congregations, businesses, community organizations and neighborhood associations signed on to support this year's effort! Look for SW HOPE food collection barrels in churches, businesses and community centers around the community. Food donations can be made at any of the faith locations displaying a SW HOPE banner. Donations, both food and monetary, can be made at Neighborhood House, located at 7780 SW Capitol Hwy, or online at www.nhweb.org.

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR GARDEN CRUSADER AWARDS

The annual Garden Crusader Awards program was established by Gardener's Supply to honor individuals who are improving the world through gardening. "Garden Crusaders" are individuals who are gardening beyond their own backyards to grow food for the hungry, beautify their communities, and help friends and neighbors discover the rewards of gardening. The award honors individuals in the United States who are improving their communities through gardening. There is no age requirement. Organizations may apply by choosing one person to represent the group. Award categories include Education, Feeding the Hungry, Urban Renewal, and Restoration. There are five winners for each category — first, second, third, plus two honorable mentions and one grand-prize winner, for a total of eighteen winners overall. The grand-prize winner will receive \$2,500 in cash and a \$2,500 gift certificate from Gardener's Supply. First-place winners will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate, second-place winners a \$750 gift certificate, third-place winners a \$500 gift certificate, and honorable mentions a \$200 gift certificate. All prizes will be awarded to the winner's organization in his or her name. Deadline: June 1, 2010. Visit the Gardener's Supply Web site for complete nomination guidelines: <http://www.gardeners.com/Garden-Crusader-Awards/5549.default.pg.html>.

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WILSON BAND PERFORMANCES/CONCERTS

Concerts & Other Activities: (all at Wilson unless otherwise noted)
Wednesday, April 14: Pre-Festival Concert
Thursday, April 15: PIL Festival (not at Wilson)
Tuesday, May 25: Spring Concert

UPCOMING WILSON CHOIR EVENTS

March 6 - 2010 PIL Vocal Solo/Ensemble Festival @ Wilson. This is an all-day event featuring soloists and ensembles from all over the PIL. From the field of some 200 soloists, six vocal soloists will be selected to represent the PIL at the Oregon State Solo Championships held at Linfield College on Saturday, May 1.

March 18 - Choral-o-City, featuring the Wilson Choirs and the Reynolds HS Choir, Karen Bohart, Director

April 15-18 - Wilsingers Spring Tour - OSU, SOU, Sonoma State University (Santa Rosa, CA), and San Francisco

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

All schedules subject to change!

Tuesday

Women's Basketball Team plays at Barlow at 7:15 pm

Wednesday

Men's Basketball Team hosts Redmond at 7:00 pm.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Wilson High School Official Alumni website: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/index.htm>.

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS

To find out about upcoming Class Reunions go to: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/reunions.htm>.

POSITIVE ALUMNI NEWS - Send the details to [Linda Doyle](#).

PPS ATHLETIC WEBSITE Daily WHS Sports Schedules at <http://www.pilathletics.com/>

PHONE NUMBERS Wilson High School 503-916-5280 ... Attendance 503-916-5294 .. Athletic Hotline 503-916-3689

WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSURE www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us

FACULTY/STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION - If you would like to contact faculty or staff at Wilson go to: www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WILSON

all dates are subject to change; always check events for possible date/time changes
check with your counselor to confirm time, location, requirements for SAT and ACT test dates

MARCH

3-11 Students sign up to audition for Graduation Speaker

5 April ACT registration deadline

6 PIL 2010 Vocal Solo/Ensemble Festival @ Wilson

6 Sample SAT (PTA sponsored) @ Wilson 8:30-1:30pm

6 PIL BAND INSTRUMENTAL @ GRANT

6 PIL Band Instrumental @ Grant

8-9-10 Spring Play auditions

8 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm

9 Site Council 3:30pm

9 Booster Club 6:30pm

12 Spring Dance

13 SAT testing

15 Annual Art Exhibit @ Baker & Spice opens

16 Winter Sports Awards 7pm

18 Choral-O-City

18-28 BASEBALL SPRING TRIP

19 Improv Marathon

22-26 Spring Break

29 Return to class

APRIL

4 60 Day Rule Begins for seniors

8-9-10 MUN Conference

9 Teacher Planning Day No School

9-10 Drama Trip to Ashland

10 PTA Auction @ MAC

10 ACT testing

12 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm

13 Pizzicato Hillsdale Wilson PTA fundraiser, all day

13 PIL Choral Festival @ Cleveland

13 Site Council 3:30pm

13 Booster Club 6:30pm

14 Graduation Speaker Audition

14 Band Concert 7pm

24 Spring Clean-up 9-Noon

24 Culture Night

25 Baseball Pancake Breakfast

28 ACT testing for Juniors

29 June SAT registration deadline

MAY

1 SAT testing
3-4-5-6-7 AP testing
7 Seniors, complete all Off-Campus Coursework
7 June ACT registration deadline
7 Prom, 8-11pm World Trade Center
8 6A State Choir Festival @ George Fox University
10-11-12-13-14 AP testing
10 PTA Grad Night Planning 7pm
11 Site Council 3:30pm
11 Booster Club 6:30pm
14-15 Spring Play 7pm
16 Spring Play 2pm
20-21-22 Spring Play
21 Seniors, last day for Wilson to receive Official Grade Report for Off-Campus Coursework
25 Band Concert & Art Exhibit 7pm
25 PTA 7pm
27 Senior Awards Ceremony, time TBA
27-28 Trojanantics 7pm
31 Memorial Day No School

JUNE 2010

1-2 Senior Finals
2 Last day of school for seniors
2 Mandatory Senior Class meeting 2:15pm
3 Senior Awards Assembly, Senior BBQ
4 Troscars
5 SAT testing
8 Site Council 3:30pm
9 Graduation rehearsal 9:30am Memorial Coliseum
9 Graduation Memorial Coliseum 8pm
9 PTA Grad Night Party 10pm
12 ACT testing
15 Last Day of School

Principal Sue Brent (media contact) sbrent@pps.k12.or.us

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