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TEENAGE BRAIN DEVELOPMENT JANUARY 6

Rosemary Schwimmer, Wilson HS PTA President and the Wilson HS PTA Board invite you to join us for a discussion/presentation by **Amy Ruona-Banister on teenage brain development on January 6, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Wilson Library**. For the past two years, Amy Ruona-Banister from the PPS Prevention Office has come to Wilson to talk about teenage brain development and the affects of drugs and alcohol on the developing adolescent brain. She also shares strategies for working with your teen. All are welcome to attend. Please join us in supporting quality education at Wilson High School!

THE OWNER'S MANUAL FOR RAISING TEENS, JANUARY 12

Howard Hiton, a licensed professional counselor who works with individuals and families, will be speaking at **Robert Gray Middle School on Monday, January 12, 2009, beginning at 7:00pm, all are welcome!** His topic will be "The Owner's Manual for Raising Teens: What Really Matters." An engaging speaker, Mr. Hiton received the Oregon Pediatric Society 1999 Award for Service to Children and the 2005 Oregon Peacemaker Award of Excellence for his support of youth. In addition to hearing this informative talk, some lucky attendee will **win an iPod shuffle**, which our PTA won from the state PTA, with the directive that it be given away at one of our meetings. Hope to see you there! Questions? Call Melanie McNett @ 503-245-1897.

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IRCO AT WILSON - NEW CLUB

IRCO (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization) is branching out and partnering with Wilson High School in order to offer a YWEP Club for African and Slavic girls on Fridays in the career center, room 149, from 2:30-4:00pm here at Wilson. The club will be run by counseling intern Holly Ikola and IRCO representative Lua Masumi. Meetings will consist of private consultation and case management from 2:30-3:15 and homework help, stem activities, college application assistance and leadership opportunities from 3:15 to 4:00pm. If you have any questions about this group you can email either Lua at Luam@mail.irc.org or Holly at hikola@pps.k12.or.us We hope to see you there!!

ATTN SENIOR PARENTS - DEADLINE CHANGE

Due to school being closed much of the week before winter break, the Grad Committee has decided to extend the deadline for submitting your payment at the lower rate. The new date for submitting grad party forms and payment at the \$ 65.00 rate is January 12. After that, the price goes up to \$ 80.00. We encourage you all to get your money in before the deadline, both to save money, and help us reach high student participation for grant money. Bev Warren-Leigh, Grad Party Chair, bev@threeoaks.com.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER - NEXT MEETING JANUARY 7

Dear Wilson Parents and Supporters -- A group of parents met recently to discuss the auction. We put our heads together and decided on the following approach. Our vision is an inclusive, fun, inspiring event that will highlight the diverse and talented students and staff at Wilson. The theme is: "We're All in this Together" (hum along!). The **dinner/auction** will be **April 4** at the **Multnomah Athletic Club**-- put it on your calendar! The auction will support a variety of activities, including sports, music, drama, art, club sports, etc. An allocation committee will make the decision on how the proceeds will be distributed. We will have entertainment (most of it provided by students), a charismatic "master of ceremonies", and exciting oral auction items. We are researching the possibility of conducting an online silent auction that would start before the event. We plan to ramp up the "fun" in "fundraising" and increase the "experiential" type of silent auction items (parties, events with teachers, art work from students and/or teachers, etc.). We're looking for table captains for participating activities as well as for alumni, community members, etc. So far, the organizers and committee chairs are: Chris Dearth, Lucy Brehm - Co Chairs. Gloria Leo, Suzanne Bevier-- Co Treasurers. Lisa Massinger- Publicity, Invitations, Programs. Della Shanley - UpStage Events, Auction Consultant. Our first priority is to select a chair for the procurement committee. Please let us know if you are interested prior to our next meeting date. The **next meeting is January 7 at 7pm in the faculty lounge**. Everyone who wants to be involved is welcome to attend and help us make this a wildly successful fund raiser. Questions, contact Lucy Brehm (co- chair) at lbrehm.1@gmail.com.

MEN'S LACROSSE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Wilson Men's Lacrosse Club registration is now open! Interested players should sign up on-line by following the registration link on the Men's Lacrosse Website www.wilsonlax.org . The **deadline to register is January 18**. For more information see the website www.wilsonlax.org .

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TUTORING AND CONSULTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Wilson Writing Center is now open every period on Wednesday & Thursday in the library. If you need help with an English Essay, Science Lab or College application essay, or other writing assignments, please either make an appointment or stop by and talk with a writing consultant. Also, we have tutors available to help with any subject on Wednesday afternoons, Thursday during Tutor time, and Friday during seventh period. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get some assistance with your classroom assignments.

UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

February 3 Cluster Concert (Robert Gray, Jackson, Wilson Bands)
February 19-22 and 26-28 the musical "Rent"
February 28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS
March 7 Vocal Solo/Ensemble at Wilson
April 15 PIL Band Festival (Wind Ensemble)
May 2 OSAA State Solo Contest
May 16 OSAA State Band Contest
June 2 Spring Band Concert

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REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT DURING SEMESTER FINALS

Semester finals will be here before you know it. Encourage your children during finals by sending them a "Sweet Gram." For only \$4.00, delicious cookies from Baker & Spice or other sweet treats from local bakeries will be hand delivered to your child's class, along with your personalized message of encouragement. Other students at Wilson need encouragement too, but don't always receive it. If you would like a Wilson counselor to recommend a worthy student for a Sweet Gram just write in "Counselor's Choice" and we will make sure your gift is sent. Orders must be received in the school office **no later than Monday, January 12**. Treats will be delivered before January 25th. If ordering for the 2nd quarter, please send \$4.00 (cash or check made out to Wilson PTA Grad Night.) If you would like to order a delivery for the remaining three quarters, please send \$12.00. Bring your payment and information into Wilson's front office or mail to: Attn: WHS Grad Night, 1151 SW Vermont Ave., Portland, OR 97219. Include the following with your payment: Child's full name: _____; Grade: _____; 2nd Period Teacher/Rm#: _____; Your message: _____ . Please send all correspondence, Attn: WHS Grad Night. Questions, contact Patty at terriere@quik.com or 503-245-5703.

ROSE FESTIVAL COURT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Are you a Junior or Senior? Do you have a 3.0 GPA? Have you collected at least 20 hours of community service? Would you like to travel around Oregon? Could you use a scholarship for your higher education? YOU CAN BE A CANDIDATE for the Rose Festival Court Scholarship Program!! Applications now available online: www.rosefestival.org/events/rosecourt/apply.shtml. APPLICATIONS DUE January 9, 2009.

BASKETBALL FANS

The Wilson Booster Club is looking for fans to work the concession stand during Men's Basketball Games. We are in particular need of coverage during the Varsity games. Games are usually on Tuesday and Friday afternoon/evenings. Email Matt at mfendall@comcast.net to sign-up.

RESERVE A COPY OF 2008-2009 YEARBOOK

Wilson's Yearbook Advisor, Keith Higbee wants everyone to know that this year's staff is hard at work on the 2008-2009 yearbook which is looking even better than last year's: we are shooting for national awards this year. If you have not yet reserved a copy of this sure to be stellar book, make sure to purchase yours from the bookkeeper this month before the price goes up in January. **SENIOR YEARBOOK AD**

Seniors, it's time to start putting together your senior yearbook ad. Reserve space for your 1/2 or full page ad with a \$40 deposit due to Mr. Higbee by the end of this month. All seniors responsible for payment in a group ad MUST sign the ad contract. For more information visit <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10232>. Any questions, email Higbee at teachhigbee@mac.com or stop by rooms 137/214.

PARENTS PLACE AD IN YEARBOOK

Senior parents, it's time to start putting together a congratulatory yearbook ad for your senior. Limited space is available, so be sure to send in a check payable to Wilson High School in order to reserve your spot. For more information visit <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10232>. Any questions, email Keith Higbee at teachhigbee@mac.com or call (503) 916-5280 x446.

WEAR WILSON - SUPPORT WILSON

Show your school spirit and support Wilson Students and activities by purchasing Wilson products like t-shirts, sweatshirts, scarves, blankets, water bottles and hats. They can be purchased at the Basketball Concession Stand and at Garden Home Thriftway. Proceeds support the Wilson Boosters and your kids.

MEMBERSHIP SURPRISE!

If you thought you signed up for the Booster Club Membership in the beginning of the school year packet, you didn't! We were unable to get the membership form in the packet. If you still would like to join, please fill out the form and send it in today! It is never too late to join the Booster Club and support your kids. To date, Booster Club sponsored the Back-to-School Pizza Feed and helped raise money for the Auditorium. We also raise money through Concession Stands at major athletic events at Wilson. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is selling Christmas Trees on the A-Boy parking lot on Barbur Blvd. The Booster club is a non-profit organization that supports all extra-curricular activities: athletics, clubs, and various school functions at Wilson. Join Today!!!

BOOSTER SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Wilson Boosters award \$500.00 scholarships to two college bound seniors. The senior must have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA, be a good student and a leader. This is not a need-based scholarship. Several short essays along with the application form, unofficial transcript and resume need to be submitted to the Booster Club by March 6th, 2009. You can get a Scholarship Application form at Wilson's counseling office.

'09 GRADUATION NIGHT BENEFIT BOOK SALE FEBRUARY 7

A fundraiser book sale supporting Wilson's 2009 graduation night sendoff gala for departing seniors will be presented at Burlingame Baptist Church (on Barbur, across from Fulton Community Center) on Saturday, **February 7**, from 9:00 to 5:00. Bargain books, videos, DVDs and books-on-tape of all types will be available. Volunteers are at work organizing the event now. Tell your friends and turn out yourself to support this worthy cause (and bring home some good reading or viewing material). In the meantime, donations of books and videos can be dropped off in the marked bins adjacent to the main entrance to the school. Contact: Tim Leigh, 503-380-8445, tim@leighcompany.com.

SENIOR PARENTS -- IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR FORMS AND MONEY IN FOR THE GRAD PARTY

You can pick up registration and permission forms in the office in the Grad Party letterbox. You and your students will need to sign the forms and include some medical information. If you do this before Winter break, the fee is only \$65. After break it goes up to \$80. So get your money and forms in now to avoid paying more! You can drop off your completed forms and money in the locked wooden Grad Party box in the office or mail it in to the PO BOX address listed on the form. Do NOT send it to the Wilson street address or it may get lost. This will be a lasting memory for your graduating student. Don't miss the opportunity for them to celebrate their graduation at a safe and fun all-night party!

CLOTHING CENTER REALLY NEEDS CLOTHES THIS YEAR!! PLEASE DONATE YOUR USED STUDENT CLOTHING AT WILSON!

The demand for student clothing from the PTA Clothing Center is way up! In the first two months of the school year the Center provided clothes to about 700 families—that's about 40% higher than the historical average number of families served/month. The Center really needs COATS/JACKETS, SCARVES, GLOVES, JEANS and other cold-weather clothing, and we're hoping to be able to provide a lot of clothing before winter break, so please bring your donations in soon! The Center provides free clothing to students in need within the Portland Public school district. It is entirely volunteer-run and dependent on donations. There is a labeled white bin in the main office where you or your kids can drop clothes anytime the office is open. Tax receipt donation forms and applications for obtaining clothes from the Center are available from the office staff. Questions? Call Mari Vandewettering, 503-464-7899.

SEASONS & REGIONS AND WILSON CHEERLEADERS

Help send Wilsons Cheerleading squad to Nationals in Anaheim. When you purchase gift certificates for \$25.00, Seasons & Regions has agreed to donate 25% to Wilsons cheerleading squad. Certificates are great birthday or holiday gifts for friends, family and co-workers. Certificates will be available through the end of December. Orders can be delivered same day. Email orders to: wcmac007@comcast.net.

SWCC HOMEWORK CLUB & WHS TUTOR TIME

There is free tutoring at the Southwest Community Center for Wilson students. Wednesday from 3:45pm - 5:45pm and Thursday from 2pm - 4pm there is tutoring with supervision. And, students will receive a free pass to the SWCC for every day they attend an hour of tutoring! Free after school food will also be provided. Contact Josh Leavitt at 503-953-9575 for more information.

TARGET PURCHASES BENEFIT WILSON

Every time you use a Target credit card (Target Visa Credit Card or Target Credit Card) you can make money for Wilson. Once you have their credit card, go online to the Target Take Charge of Education Program at <https://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?jsessionid=LUBPU34JRSMAFLARAAV5YAA?contentId=PRD03-005158> and select Wilson. Then start shopping. It's that simple. Target donates 1% of all Target credit card purchases made at a Target store or at Target.com. Target donates 1/2% of all Target Visa Credit Card purchases made outside of Target. Target sends checks twice a year to the attention of Wilson's principal. You can track how Wilson is doing at Target.com/tcoe. The total of all Target donations to Wilson has been \$8894.40 from January through September 2008. Thank you to those that have helped Wilson, and thank you to those that will help our school in the future!

SCRIP ORDERS - GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Scrip is a great way to support Wilson. You purchase scrip for everyday expenses like food, clothing, and entertainment and a percentage of each dollar purchased goes to Wilson. It's easy for you and great for Wilson. Don't hesitate to email or call if you would like to order scrip! Contacts: Martha (schulte@easystreet.net) at 503-244-5072 or Gail (elembke503@aol.com) or 503 -246-3411.

WHS DAILY BULLETIN Great way to stay informed about what's happening at Wilson on a daily basis! If you don't already receive the Daily e-Bulletin, contact Sara Mattheisen at: smatthei@pps.k12.or.us.

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

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BYE BYE BIRDIE - HOLD THOSE DATES

The drama news just keeps coming from Robert Gray MS. Christy Caton, RGMS mom and PPS teacher, would like everyone to hold the dates for the school's upcoming spring musical production of "Bye Bye Birdie". Get out your calendars and circle April 30, May 1 and May 2.

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ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS OF 1959 ... 50TH REUNION ... SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2009

Plans have been finalized for our 50th reunion! Dates: September 11th and 12th, 2009. For details go to: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/reunions/1959reunion.html>.

CLASS OF 1969 ... 1979

Are there plans for your upcoming reunions? If so, send your details to [Linda Doyle](mailto:Linda.Doyle), and we will share with your classmates.

CLASS OF 1989 REUNION UPDATE

Mark your calendars for our 20 year reunion! It will take place over the weekend of July 24-July 26, 2009. Friday will be an informal gathering, with Saturday being the big night! More information to come!

CLASS OF 1999 REUNION

Classmates are starting to come together for your 10-year reunion. Thoughts, questions, please email [Graham Metz-Porozni](mailto:Graham.Metz-Porozni).

CHECK OUT NEW WWHS ALUMNI WEBSITE at <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/index.htm>

POSITIVE ALUMNI NEWS - Send the details to [Linda Doyle](mailto: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

JANUARY

5 Classes resume
6 PTA meeting - Amy Ruona-Banister - Teenage Brain Development 7pm Library
7 All-School Trojan Auction meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
8 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
16 Wilson 24 (Drama-sponsored 8th grade overnight), 7pm
19 MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
20 National Honor Society Induction, 7pm
27-29 Semester Finals
30 Teacher Planning Day - NO SCHOOL
31 Winter Formal @ Tiffany Ballroom

FEBRUARY

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
3 Cluster Concert (Robert Gray, Jackson, Wilson Bands) 7pm at Wilson
5 Eighth Grade Parent Night, 7pm
7 Grad Night Benefit Book Sale 9-5pm Burlingame Baptist Church
7 Regional Acting Competition
11 All-School Trojan Auction meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
12 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
16 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
19-22 Winter Musical "Rent", 7pm
23 Junior College Night @ Madison, 7pm
23 College Night for PPS Juniors at Madison HS, 7pm
26-March 1 Winter Musical, "Rent", 7pm
28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS

MARCH

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
7 Vocal Solo/Ensemble at Wilson
11 All-School Trojan Auction meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
12 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
13 PCC Preview Day on Cascade Campus
23-27 Spring Break

APRIL

4 All-School Trojan Auction at MAC
6 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
9 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
14 Pizzicato Pizza Hillsdale fundraiser for Wilson all day
15 PIL Band Festival (Wind Ensemble)
17 Wilson PTA/WAAC Career Pathways in the Arts Day at Wilson
24 PCC Preview Day on Sylvania Campus

MAY

2 OSAA State Solo Contest
4 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
8 PCC Preview Day on Rock Creek Campus
14 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
16 OSAA State Band Contest

JUNE 2009

2 Spring Band Concert
9 Last day of school
9 Wilson graduation 8pm

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