



## Wilson Spotlight

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### THANK YOU WILSON

A huge thank you to Wilson High School for this reader board message that went up during winter break even before it snowed. Thanks also to the Wilson athletic teams and Pastor Reese Mayo, Waterfront Foursquare Church, for their offer to assist Hillsdale businesses in snow removal in the future. And a bear hug thank you to Wilson families for supporting Hillsdale businesses during these very challenging times. *Sincerely, Mike Roach, co-owner of Paloma Clothing and President of the Hillsdale Business and Professional Association*

### WILSON GRAD NAMED TO SCRIPPS COLLEGE FALL 2008 DEAN'S LIST

**Ariel Bloomer '08** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Scripps College in Claremont, California. The dean's list recognizes students who have achieved a grade point average of at least 11 (A-) in four, letter-graded courses in one semester. Ariel's father, James Bloomer, would like all the faculty and staff to know what a "great job they do with the students at Wilson!" Congratulations to Ariel and her parents, **Elaine Scheller** and **James Bloomer**.

### WILSON MUSICIANS ENTERTAINED AUDIENCE AT JANUARY 12 CONCERT

A few weeks ago Wilson parents enjoyed a full evening of performances by our students. The highlight of the evening kicked-off immediately with the Wilson Chamber Orchestra conducted by our new orchestra teacher, **Tayva Singer**. The Orchestra's opening was a well-known Mozart piece "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik", played with zest, energy and style. The Jazz Band, Concert Band and then Wind Ensemble band followed playing a wide range of compositions from different cultures and styles, conducted by **Paul Jolstead**, Director of Wilson Bands. Check out a hot new composer named John Mackey at <http://www.ostimusic.com/Undertow-media.html> to hear his work "Undertow". Our Wind Ensemble did an excellent job ending the evening in vibrant style, with the percussion section having possibly the most fun with the all the varying strong rhythms played throughout this piece. *Submitted by Wilson Area Arts Council*

### WILSON VOCAL MUSIC GROUPS ON THE GO

According to the Wilson Area Arts Council, five Wilson singers participated in the Women's and Men's All-State Choirs: **Molly Novash**, A2 (senior); **Sarah Spear**, S2 (junior); **Andrew Grossman**, B2 (junior); **Alex Miller**, B2 (senior); and **Jake Veristain** B2 (junior) at the 2009 Oregon All-State Music Conference in Eugene. Congratulations to our talented students! Also on Friday, March 6, Wilson's Concert Choir, WILSINGERS, will be participating in the Mt. Tabor Choral Festival on the Warner Pacific campus in SE Portland. This will be Wilson's first appearance at this Festival, one of two qualifying rounds that they'll be participating in this Festival Season. On Saturday, March 7, the Portland Interscholastic League (PIL) Solo/Ensemble Festival will be taking place at Wilson High School. At that event students from the Portland High Schools will perform for clinicians and adjudicators, and vocal soloists will be selected to represent the PIL at the 2009 State Solo Contest in early May. Like most other metro schools, Wilson was unable to present their Winter Concert back in December 2008, but it's their hope to perform a few of their "holiday" pieces at their next concert, "Choral-o-City 2009," on Thursday night, March 19. That concert will feature the four Wilson Choirs under the direction of **Steve Peter**, as well as two choirs from Milwaulkie HS under the direction of Ms. Tracey Schwab.

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### **TEEN DRIVERS SKILLS CLINIC FEBRUARY 28**

The Teen Drivers Skills Clinic is being held on Saturday, February 28 from 7am to Noon at the Portland International Raceway. The program consists of a short (90 minute) classroom session and then teens are put behind the wheels of their cars to practice what they were taught. Students age 16-21 years of age with a valid drivers license and proof of insurance may attend. Students under 18 must have their parents' permission and a signed Minor Waiver form. The program costs \$65 per student. What should the student drive? Your family car or daily driver. Every car has unique handling characteristics and they want students to be comfortable in the car where they spend most of their time. What else should the student bring? Layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Water and snacks. A helmet if you have one (they will have helmets to loan). A photocopy of your driver's license and your proof of insurance. The Minor Waiver signed by both parents (or a signed affirmation from single parents stating that they are the sole parent or guardian). The web site (<https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/89FB5F96-E1FA-1F3F-92F329F5A1DE6E5E>) where you register also gives you all the information you need. Note: they have a number of events that weekend. The one they are discussing here is the "Teen Drivers Skills Clinic".

### **WINTER FORMAL JANUARY 31**

Winter Formal is January 31 at the Tiffany Center! Tickets are on sale. Buy now! Space is limited. Single - \$25, Couple - \$40. See bookkeeper to purchase!

### **FLOWERS IN YOUR FUTURE?**

Order your Winter Formal corsage and/or boutonniere today at Z-Fiori Florists in Hillsdale. Not only will you get lovely flowers for your big day, you will also help the senior class have a great Grad Party. Ten percent of your Winter Formal flower purchase goes to the seniors' Grad Party.

### **WILSON -- ALL SCHOOL -- AUCTION MEETING FEBRUARY 4**

Wilson - all school - Auction: Our next general meeting is February 4 at 7:00pm in the Wilson Faculty Lounge. Please plan to attend and help us make this a successful fundraiser! We need volunteers for various positions and we are looking for donations too. For more info, contact us at [wauktion@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:wauktion@pps.k12.or.us) or visit our page on the Wilson Web site: [www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/auction/](http://www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/auction/).

### **RENT (SCHOOL EDITION) IS COMING TO WILSON - FEBRUARY 19-22 AND FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 1**

Rehearsals for Wilson's winter musical, *Rent*, have started with performances scheduled for February 19-22 and February 26 through March 1. All Sundays listed are Matinee performances. This special version of the popular Broadway play *RENT* was developed for performance in public schools. Based on Giacomo Puccini's opera *La Boheme*, *RENT* presents the story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side in the thriving days of the Bohemian East Village, in the shadow of AIDS. All performances take place in the Cosgrove Auditorium on the campus of Wilson High School. The dates/times are: Feb 19-20-21 at 7:00pm; Feb 22 at 2:00pm Matinee; Feb 26-27-28 at 7:00pm; and March 1 at 2:00pm Matinee.

### **MEN'S LACROSSE**

Don't miss out, register now to play Men's Lacrosse for Wilson this spring! Players should sign up on-line by following the registration link at [www.wilsonlax.org](http://www.wilsonlax.org). Conditioning starts in February. For more information see the website [www.wilsonlax.org](http://www.wilsonlax.org).

### **TRACK & FIELD COLLECTING OLD EQUIPMENT**

Del Gerber, Track & Field Coach, is collecting used cell phones, old laptops and ink jet cartridges (sorry, no toner cartridges), iPods, and digital cameras as fundraiser again this year. "Anyone wishing to help us out can bring them to me at Wilson, or they can drop them off at the office to my attention," adds Del. Thanks for all you do to help out our young students! Questions, contact Del at [delgerber@excite.com](mailto:delgerber@excite.com).

### **TAKE PRACTICE SAT AT WILSON MARCH 14**

Attention Wilson students and parents! Students, you can take the Sample SAT for only \$15. This is a low-stress test using real SAT questions from the current test. The **test** is at Wilson, in the cafeteria, on **Saturday, March 14**. Check-in is at 8:30am and the test runs from 9-1:30pm. Registration forms are in the office or can be e-mailed to you by contacting Peggy at [WilsonPractSAT@q.com](mailto:WilsonPractSAT@q.com). **March 6** is the **deadline** for **registration** for Practice SAT @ Wilson. There is no reason to wait to register, sign-up now to guarantee a spot. Middle school students welcomed!

### **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. Please see the Scholarship Application form in the Statement or you can get a copy at Wilson's counseling office. Click here for the application form: [http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10244/f/Booster\\_Scholarship\\_Form.pdf](http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10244/f/Booster_Scholarship_Form.pdf).

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### UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

February 3 Cluster Concert (Robert Gray, Jackson, Wilson Bands)  
February 19-22 and February 26-March 1- musical "Rent" School Edition  
February 28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS  
March 6 Wilson's Concert Choir, WILSINGERS, participating in Mt. Tabor Choral Festival on Warner Pacific campus in SE Portland  
March 7 PIL Vocal Solo/Ensemble at Wilson  
March 19 Wilson "Choral-o-City 2009"  
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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### '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](mailto:tim@leighcompany.com).

### WILSON EXCHANGE STUDENT NEEDS HOST FAMILY

Every year The Rotary Club of Portland brings together exchange students from around the world and places them with families to enjoy a year with our students. Right now The Rotary Club of Portland is gathering names of potential host parents for this and next school year. This year's student is **Davide a Senior from Sardinia**. His current host is the Carpenter Family. We wish to find a **host family for him from Spring Break through Graduation** until about the beginning of July. Please call Stephanie Selser '62 for more information at: 503 521-8016, 503 318-5307 cell, or email [at.stephsel@verizon.net](mailto:at.stephsel@verizon.net).

### PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB - ENTERPRISE ACADEMY FEBRUARY 6-8 - OPPORTUNITY FOR WILSON STUDENTS

Every year the Portland Rotary Club provides an opportunity for high school students to explore the challenges and opportunities of our free enterprise system. Enterprise Academy is an innovative weekend seminar that allows students to interact with successful businesspeople and to participate in a highly informative and enjoyable team project. The event has a reputation for excellence and attracts top-notch speakers in product innovation, finance, labor relations, marketing, law, advertising, customer service, and retailing. This year **Enterprise Academy** will be a weekend-long seminar held **Friday, February 6 through Sunday, February 8** at Canby Grove Camp and Retreat Center. Students will work in competitive teams and learn key concepts of business, group collaboration and ethical business practices. Over 80 students from high schools across the metropolitan area lend their own diverse backgrounds and views to the value of the final product. Students will spend two nights in a retreat atmosphere with their teammates and advisors - chaperoned at all times. Wilson HS students have been involved each year and we hope to have a strong showing again this year. **Student applications and teacher recommendations must be received by the week of January 26, 2009** at the latest. Students will be accepted on a first come/first served if qualified basis. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and have a demonstrated ability to get along well with others, including adults. Students with special needs will be accommodated and are encouraged to apply. **Applications are available** through Jennifer Singer, Wilson faculty, and in Wilson's Main Office. Questions, please contact Carie Strahorn at 503.242.1300.

### MESSAGE FROM PPS SUPERINTENDENT

To read a letter from Superintendent Carole Smith regarding Stronger PPS schools and jobs for Oregon, click here: <https://app.e2ma.net/app/view/CampaignPublic/id:16514.1643255271/rid:47a214e3696fe059d8634cc2aa67ebf3>.

### REGISTER FOR GRAD PARTY

Starting on January 13, the price for the party goes up to \$80.00. Scholarships are limited and will only be able to cover a percentage of the full price of a ticket. So to take advantage of this opportunity and get your student signed up now for the perfect graduation celebration! Download the registration forms from the Wilson website at <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10174>. Completed forms and payments maybe dropped in the Grad Night locked box in the school office or mailed to: Wilson Grad Night Party, PO Box 80113, Portland, OR 97280-1113. You will need your student's shot and medical insurance information and your student will need to sign the facility waiver. Thank you! Bev Warren-Leigh, Grad Party Chair, [bev@threeoaks.com](mailto:bev@threeoaks.com).

### DONATE WINTER CLOTHING TO STUDENTS IN NEED!

The PTA Clothing Center needs gently-used coats, jackets, hoodies, jeans, and winter shoes to help keep PPS kids warm through the rest of the winter! This year, the number of children requesting clothing from the Center is up about 40% over the past few years, and the demand will likely continue to grow until the economy starts to improve. Please take a few moments to look through your closets for the clothes you no longer need and bring them to the Clothing Center bin in the main office. 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.

## **JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB**

If you are looking for a way to get involved with Wilson High School, meet new people and have fun, join the Booster club! The Booster club is a non-profit organization that supports all extra-curricular activities: athletics, clubs, and various school functions at Wilson. We raise money through concession stands at various athletic events, selling Christmas trees, membership and donations. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. (Check calendar for future meetings). If you don't have time to come to the meetings, please join anyway. Membership is \$20.00 for two parent households and \$15.00 for single parent households. Membership forms are available in the office and in the Wilson Statement. Your financial support is always welcome. Click here for the membership form:

[http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10245/f/Wilson\\_Booster\\_membership\\_Form.pdf](http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10245/f/Wilson_Booster_membership_Form.pdf).

## **WEAR WILSON - SUPPORT WILSON**

Wilson Products like t-shirts, sweatshirts, scarves, blankets, water bottles and hats can be purchased at the Basketball/Wrestling Concession Stand and at Garden Home Thriftway. Proceeds support the Wilson Boosters and your kids!

## **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.

## **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 AD AND PARENTS AD IN YEARBOOK**

Seniors and senior parents, it's time to submit your senior yearbook ad and your congratulatory yearbook ad for your senior. For more information visit <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10232>. Any questions, email Higbee at [teachhigbee@mac.com](mailto:teachhigbee@mac.com) or stop by rooms 137/214.

## **HOMEWORK, LISTEN TO MUSIC ... ALL AT THE HILLSDALE LIBRARY**

Hillsdale Library's Teen Lounge and Homework Center has expanded it's hours! Use library computers, get homework help or just do your homework and listen to music. For teens in grades 6-12. Thursdays, 2:30-5:30. Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd.

## **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.

## **SCRIP ORDERS**

Scrip is a great way to support 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](mailto:schulte@easystreet.net)) at 503-244-5072 or Gail ([elembke503@aol.com](mailto:elembke503@aol.com)) or 503 -246-3411.

**WHS DAILY BULLETIN** If you don't already receive the Daily e-Bulletin, contact Sara Mattheisen at: [smatthei@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:smatthei@pps.k12.or.us).

**HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT?** Send the details to Linda Doyle at [lndoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:lndoyle@earthlink.net).

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## **WILSON ATHLETICS**

always recheck date/time, as schedules changes

Monday, January 26

Wrestling – Frosh/Novice @ Marshall @ 6:30 (Bus @ 4:45)  
Men's Basketball @ Centennial @ 5:30 / 5:30 / 7:15 (Mini bus)

Tuesday, January 27:

No Contests

Wednesday, January 28:

Swimming @ Columbia Pool @ 6:30 (Bus @ 5:15)

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### **SPANISH IMMERSION COURSE IN MADRID THIS SUMMER**

There are still spaces available for the Spanish immersion course organized by Grammata Servicios Linguisticos. Students will sample some of Spain's most delicious cuisine, contemplate some of the country's most celebrated art and visit some of its most spectacular monuments, all while immersing themselves in the Spanish language. The course runs from June 11 to July 12, 2009. The course fee (not including airfare) is \$2,725. Space is limited to 20 students and is designed for students with at least one year of Spanish. The course fee includes: Grammata representative on board all flights; Welcome celebration in Madrid; Full room and board with a Spanish host family carefully screened by our staff and matched with the visiting student; 48 hours of Spanish instruction by native instructors in our center; Transport to and from our center and the student's homestay; \$100,000 of medical insurance coverage for the duration of the program; Guided visits to Toledo, Segovia and El Escorial, destinations easily reached from Madrid by modern, high-speed rail; Tours and activities in Madrid led by our staff; Supervision by Grammata staff and an individual progress report, plus diploma for each participant at the program's end; Optional excursions for an additional fee (to be announced). Additional information and payment instructions may be requested from Clifton Chestnut at Grammata Servicios Linguisticos by [emailingcliftonchestnut@yahoo.com](mailto:emailingcliftonchestnut@yahoo.com). Mr. Chestnut is available to phone families interested in the program, and can send you a multimedia presentation about the course.

### **YOU CAN HELP THE ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS JUST BY USING THE INTERNET**

What if the **Wilson Area Arts Council** earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, we can! [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) is a search engine that donates a penny per search to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results. You can also help by doing your shopping using [GoodShop](http://GoodShop). Monies raised through this program will be used for arts-related field trips, to support the Wilson Area Arts Council Instrument Drive, to pay for supplies for Art Literacy in the Wilson cluster schools, and a whole lot more! Be sure to spread the word! Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Wilson Area Arts Council as the charity you want to support.

### **HAYHURST ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FAIR JANUARY 29**

Hayhurst School is having their annual Multicultural Fair January 29th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The evening will include Latino Dancers, African Drumming, Book Marker Making from the Philippines, and of course, Henna Painting. Food of some 20 restaurants will be featured offered at a very reasonable price so it should be a festive night. Alumni, neighbors, friends and family are welcome to this very festive event. Admission is free!

### **RIEKE ELEMENTARY HOSTING KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP FEBRUARY 4**

Rieke Elementary is hosting Kindergarten Round Up. Wednesday, February 4, 2009 from 7:00-8:30pm. If you or someone you know has a child entering kindergarten in the Fall, you are invited to come and learn about the wonderful world of kindergarten at Rieke Elementary. We will welcome you in the gymnasium for an orientation session, then move to an open house in the classrooms and conclude with registration in the library. This is an evening of adult participation only; we will host a child-centered "Welcome to Rieke Kindergarten" event for incoming kindergartners in the Spring. To help in registering your child for kindergarten, please bring your child's birth certificate, dates of immunizations, proof of address and emergency contact numbers. We look forward to meeting you! Rieke Elementary offers: •Full-day and half-day kindergarten; •Physical education; •Music education; •Library Media Specialist; •Integrated technology; •Community partnerships; •On-site childcare; •After school enrichment programs. Rieke Elementary - the heart of Hillsdale, 1405 SW Vermont, Portland, OR 97219, 503.916.5768, [www.rieko.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.rieko.pps.k12.or.us).

### **HAYHURST PERFORMANCE AND GUILD FAIRE FEBRUARY 8**

The Hayhurst Odyssey 3/4/5 Performance and Guild Faire is February 8 from 11:30am to 2:30pm. The performance is free. Colonial crafts will be for sale and colonial food for purchase. Alumni, neighbors, friends and family are welcome to this period event.

### **HAYHURST KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP FEBRUARY 11**

Hayhurst Schools Kindergarten Round-Up will be on February 11 from 9:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Anyone interested with school tours in Feb. on the 4th, 18th, and 25th from 8:45 am to 9:30 am. should please check in with Principal Robin Morrison at the front office.

### **HILLSDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH PIPE ORGAN DEDICATION AND CONCERT FEBRUARY 22**

You are invited to the Pipe Organ Dedication and Concert on Sunday, February 22. The newly renovated organ incorporates the wind-blown pipes that have existed in the church sanctuary since the 1960s with new digital technology. Not only can the organ now play a full repertoire of organ music, it can also control other instruments through its Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI), allowing a virtually unlimited number of sounds. Dedication worship service is at 10:30am. Concert is at 4:00pm at the Hillsdale Community Church UCC, 6948 SW Capitol Hwy, Halfway between Multnomah and Hillsdale.

### **JACKSON MS AUCTION FEBRUARY 28**

Jackson Middle School presents "the art of 2009 Auction, Saturday, February 28. 6:00pm patron event. 7:00-10:00pm auction/party. A fund-raising auction benefiting The Bernstein Artful Learning Program. This program, inspired by the legendary composer Leonard Bernstein, places the arts at the center of learning and believes that the arts cross all disciplines. Tickets: \$25 pre-sale; \$30 at the door; \$75 patron event (special art preview, hosted bar from 6:00-7:00pm). Food and Beverages by Gotham Tavern, Music by Centerpiece. For ticket information visit [www.jacksonpta.org](http://www.jacksonpta.org) or contact Jackson Middle School at 503-916-5680.

### **10TH ANNUAL RGMS MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION SET FOR MARCH 3**

The community is invited to join in the 10th Annual Robert Gray Middle School Multicultural celebration on Tuesday, March 3 from 5:30 to 8:00pm. Admission is free and will feature delicious ethnic foods for sale at the World Café. The evening entertainment will include live performances, hands-on craft activities and multicultural displays from students and local artists. Students, faculty/staff and parents as well as local restaurants are collaborating to present this fun, family event. For more information, call the school at 503-916-5676.

## **ROBERT GRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS SPRING MUSICAL: "BYE BYE BIRDIE"**

Show dates: **April 30, May 1 and May 2**: Set in the 1950s, the plot revolves around rock and roll superstar Conrad Birdie and the complications that arise when he is drafted into the army. His agent stages a publicity stunt on The Ed Sullivan Show in which he will kiss one lucky girl from Sweet Apple, Ohio. This musical is funded by the R.G.M.S. PTA and a grant from the Wilson Area Arts Council. Get out your calendars and circle April 30, May 1 and May 2. **To purchase tickets** contact Christy Caton at [christycaton@msn.com](mailto:christycaton@msn.com) or by phone at 503-246-0891.

## **CELEBRATE URBAN BIRDS OFFERS MINI-GRANTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS**

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology invites applications for mini-grants supporting Celebrate Urban Bird events across the United States. Celebrate Urban Birds events are neighborhood events featuring activities involving birds, community service, art, the environment, and science. Celebrate Urban Birds mini-grants may be used to support a bird-activity day at a local museum, after-school program, library, or community center, or to fund art and gardening activities at a club, business, school, senior center, or neighborhood organization. Groups working with traditionally underserved communities are strongly encouraged to apply. No experience with birds is required. Deadline: February 15, 2009. Mini-grant amounts will range between \$100 and \$500 each. For guidelines, examples of mini-grants awarded last year, and an application form, visit the program's Web site at <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016568/birdscorenell>.

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## **ALUMNI NEWS**

### **2001 GRAD OPENS PILATES STUDIO IN HILLSDALE**

**Mckenzie Peterson '01** recently opened a Pilates studio called "Moving Moxie Pilates LLC." The studio is located near the Hillsdale Library in the same complex as Salvador Molly's at 1515 SW Sunset Blvd 97239. Moving Moxie has flexible hours and affordable rates on mat and Pilates equipment. Mckenzie was particularly inspired to settle her studio in the area of Wilson High School because of the support of the Wilson community and the other surrounding public schools. Having attended both Mary Rieke and Robert Gray, she finds gratification knowing that she is giving back to an area that means so much to her. It is common to see some of her favorite teachers around town such as **Mr. Murphy** at the community center or **Mr. Penk** getting a coffee at Baker & Spice or even the retired **Ms. Woods** at the Sunday farmers market. Mckenzie is extremely grateful for her positive experience at Wilson and she hopes to give back as much as possible to parents, alums and students from this small community. Learn more at Moving Moxie Pilates LLC at <http://www.movingmoxie.com> or call 503-244-1240.

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

Plans have been finalized for our 50th reunion! Dates: September 11 and 12, 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](#), 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 ... JULY 31, 2009**

Classmates are starting to come together for your 10-year reunion. Date: Friday, July 31 at Kell's Pub in Downtown Portland. Questions, please email [Grahm Metz-Porozni](mailto:Grahm Metz-Porozni) or contact Classic Reunions at [www.classicreunions.com](http://www.classicreunions.com) or call (503) 626-3669 or (800) 474-3669 or email at: [wilson1999@classicreunions.com](mailto:wilson1999@classicreunions.com).

**CHECK OUT NEW WWHS ALUMNI WEBSITE** at <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/index.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](http://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](http://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**

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 *Rent* School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm  
20 *Rent* School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm  
21 *Rent* School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm  
22 *Rent* School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 2pm Matinee  
23 Junior College Night @ Madison, 7pm  
23 College Night for PPS Juniors at Madison HS, 7pm  
26 *Rent* School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm  
27 *Rent* School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm  
28 *Rent* School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 7pm  
28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS

## MARCH

1 *Rent* School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 2pm Matinee  
3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge  
6 Deadline for registration for Practice SAT @ Wilson  
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  
14 Practice SAT test @ Wilson 8:30am to 1:30pm  
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  
30 Robert Gray Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie"

## MAY

1 Robert Gray Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie"  
2 Robert Gray Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie"  
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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