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WORLD AIDS DAY, DECEMBER 1

World AIDS Day is commemorated around the globe on December 1. On this day we remember the victims of AIDS, learn more about the devastating effects of the disease, and at the same time celebrate progress made in the battle against the pandemic.

According to the US Department of Health & Human Services, worldwide the estimated number of people living with HIV is over 33 million. Estimates show that the number of children living with HIV globally continues to increase steadily. An estimated one million Americans are living with HIV. Young people aged 15–24 account for an estimated 45% of new HIV infections worldwide. Young people in the United States are at persistent risk for HIV infection, with an estimated 5,172 young people ages 13 to 24 diagnosed with HIV or AIDS, representing about 14 percent of the persons diagnosed in 2005.

There are many ways you can take action in response to HIV/AIDS:

- practice safe methods to prevent HIV
- decide not to engage in high risk behaviors
- talk about HIV prevention with family, friends, and colleagues
- provide support to people living with HIV/AIDS
- get involved with World AIDS Day in your community

Join with the Portland Area Global AIDS Coalition for World AIDS Day in Portland on Monday, December 1 at the Tiffany Center, 1410 SW Morrison St. There is a free Action Fair and Guest Speaker from 4-5:30pm. There is a benefit for Portland-Mutare Sister City/Africa AIDS Response from 6-8pm, speakers include Mayor Tom Potter and his wife Karin Hansen. Also, come hear Portland students share their experiences from their recent trip to Mutare, Zimbabwe. Entertainment by Loveness Wesa. Benefit tickets are \$25.00 at the door. [Cascade AIDS Project](#)

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WE ARE SO CLOSE

Just a quick word from the Wilson Choirs regarding last school year's acquisition of four Wenger Signature Risers. THEY'RE GREAT, and all of our singers, as well as our audiences have noticed how much more comfortable our singers look, how secure they are while they're performing, and above all, we all share the satisfaction of knowing that our community came our aid when we needed them! Incidentally, singers on the top row are especially grateful thanks to those safety rails on the back of each riser. (Also, several other Wilson organizations have been able to use them over the past few months.) When we began raising funds for the risers several years ago, the Wilson Choirs had 45 singers, and thanks to steadily increased enrollment in our four choirs, we now have **110 singers** who take at least one choral class every day---and the growth is expected to continue. Upon checking-in with the Wenger Corporation, they're just now finishing up with their 2008 Fall Promotion, and have provided us a quote for two extra risers (to complement our current four) for \$3495, which includes their shipping charges from Owatonna, MN. Thanks to another great annual Wreath Sale, we have just over \$3000 in our choral account, so the remaining balance needed to order our final two Wenger Signature Risers is VERY, VERY CLOSE! (**\$495**). If you're looking for that "end-of-the-year" donation to a non-profit that would immediately benefit our Wilson community, have we got a deal for you! Please contact Erica Meyers, Wilson's Business Manager with any donations, and please do so by Wednesday, December 10. She'll provide our Tax Exempt #. Wenger's Fall Promotion is only good till mid-December, when the riser and shipping costs will go back up to pre-sale levels. Thanks again for your help, and hope to hear from you in the weeks to come! Steve Peter, Wilson Choirs, speter@pps.k12.or.us. Erica Meyers, emeyers@pps.k12.or.us.

JOIN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE EVENING

The Trojan Funding Club needs you. This year the Trojan Funding Club is hosting an ALL-inclusive, ALL Wilson auction to benefit the whole school on **Saturday, April 4th**. We are looking for a team of volunteers to run this auction. If we do not have a committee, there will not be an auction. A BIG fund-raising goal has been set meet the BIG needs of: Athletics and Clubs, The Arts and the Auditorium, FTE to help fund an additional teacher, and updated computers for the library. Our next steering **committee** is scheduled for **Wednesday, Dec. 3rd at 7 PM in the Faculty Lounge**. If you have the time to put in to this and would like to have some fun, we need your help. This is the time to start procuring items for the auction!!! If you are interested in a position on the Auction committee, please email Erica Meyers at emeyers@pps.k12.or.us.

THREE SCRIP DAYS BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS

There are ONLY THREE December Tuesdays for ordering scrip! December 2, December 9, and December 16. Please find the new scrip ordering form on the Wilson HS website at <http://www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10168>. Order right away! We count on your support.

WRITING CENTER LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Wilson's Librarian Linda Campillo is creating a Writing Center in the library to offer Wilson students writing help during the school day. We are looking for parent volunteers who may have a professional background that involves or involved writing. Students will bring in their assignments from any subject area, and receive editing, formatting or whatever help they need. If you are interested, willing and would love to help, please contact Linda Campillo in the library at lcampillo@pps.k12.or.us.

NEED A CHRISTMAS TREE? NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 20

Purchase your Christmas tree from the Wilson Boosters and support Wilson students at the same time. Wilson Boosters sells beautiful, freshly cut Christmas trees in the Barbur Blvd A-Boy parking lot from November 28th through December 20th. We are open Thursday and Friday from 4-7 pm. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 am - 6 pm. We are also looking for volunteers to help sell the trees. Past volunteers have had a lot of fun with this event and some have even made it an annual holiday tradition. If you are interested in getting into the Christmas spirit and helping Wilson Boosters raise much needed funds for our students, contact Rick Hascall at 503-452-1574, or rhascall@comcast.net. Sign-up sheets will also be at Parent Teacher Conferences. Volunteer shifts are between 2 and 4 hours long.

LET WILSON RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

This is Wilson's Students for Environmental Action's fifth annual Christmas tree recycling drive! SEA will collect trees on two Saturdays - December 27 and January 3. Email your tree recycling request to wilsonsea@gmail.com with "tree recycling" in the subject line. Please include your name, address, phone number, and preferred pick-up date. Sign up by December 23 to assure your tree gets picked up. \$10.00 suggested donation - all money goes to caring for and beautifying the Wilson campus. Thanks!

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.

UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

December 3 Winter Talent Show at 7pm
December 11-13 Wilson OneActs at 7pm
December 16 Winter Band Concert (with Chamber Orchestra)
December 18 Wilson Choirs Winter Concert (Cosgrove Auditorium) 7pm
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

WILSON VOCAL MUSICIANS OUT AND ABOUT TOWN

December 4-5 Choir Wreath Distribution from 4-6pm @ "A-Boy" Terwilliger and Barbur
December 4 Wilson Choirs @ the Grotto, 9pm "Festival of Lights"
December 6 WAVE Caroling in Multnomah Village Noon
December 7 WAVE Caroling gig in Downtown Portland (Royal Rosarians) 12:30pm
December 10 all day KBPS Radio 1450am - Holiday Greeting Card recording @ Wilson
December 11 all day KBPS Radio 1450am - Holiday Greeting Card recording @ Wilson
December 11 Wilsingers+ @ Jackson Middle School Choral Concert 7pm
December 16 WAVE Caroling @ Standard Insurance (Downtown) noon
December 18 Wilson Choirs Winter Concert (Cosgrove Auditorium) 7pm
December 19 WAVE Caroling @ PacWest Center (Downtown) noon
December 19 Caroling "In the Halls" by all choirs all day

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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 12th**. 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.

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.

SCRIP ORDERS - GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Scrip is a great way to support Wilson while you shop for those gifts for holidays. 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 lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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SPEND TOO MANY HOURS IN FRONT OF THE TELEVISION?

[Media Think](#), formerly the Northwest Media Literacy Center, has posted a survey of how families use media and what their attitudes are towards it. Media Think is a Portland-based nonprofit that advances media literacy – the ability to interpret, understand and evaluate media and its messages. Their focus is on young people – the most voracious and vulnerable consumers of media. Media Think changes how young people think about, interact with, and use media. Rick Seifert, Media Think board member and Hillsdale neighborhood activist, is active in the media literacy movement. He would like to encourage everyone to the survey. Media Think hopes to offer a Northwest Earth Institute-like course called "The Media Mindful Family" next year. Here is the link to the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=U6tQyM5XSb_2b_2fObyCKiBzTA_3d_3d.

2ND ANNUAL ROBERT GRAY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

To benefit Robert Gray's popular Music travel opportunities, they will be holding their annual Holiday Bazaar in the Gray Cafeteria, 12/13, 11 am - 4 pm. Many craft vendors will be displaying their marvelous and unique Christmas gifts for any budget. Please come and find that one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone of any age in all price ranges.

FISKAR'S PROJECT ORANGE THUMB TO SUPPORT GARDEN PROGRAMS

This year, Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb will award grants to twenty organizations in the United States and Canada. Each grantee will receive up to \$1,500 in Fiskars garden tools and up to \$800 in gardening-related materials (i.e. green goods). Gardens and/or gardening projects geared toward community involvement, neighborhood beautification, sustainable agriculture, and/or horticultural education are eligible. Community garden groups as well as schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, and treatment facilities are all encouraged to apply. Only group applications will be considered. Deadline: February 17, 2009. For complete program information and application, visit the project's Web site at <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15015939/projectorange>.

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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>.

CHECK OUT NEW WWS 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

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

DECEMBER

Nov 28-Dec 20 Booster Club Christmas Tree Sale A-Boy on Barbur Blvd
1 Professional Development NO SCHOOL
3 Winter Talent Show 7pm
3 Trojan Funding Club meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
9 Financial Aid Night at Wilson, 7-pm
11 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
11-13 Wilson OneActs 7pm
16 Winter Band Concert (with Chamber Orchestra)
18 Wilson Choirs Winter Concert (Cosgrove Auditorium) 7pm
22-Jan 4 Winter Break NO SCHOOL
27 SEA Christmas Tree Recycle

JANUARY

3 SEA Christmas Tree Recycle
6 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
8 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria

FEBRUARY

3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
3 Cluster Concert (Robert Gray, Jackson, Wilson Bands)
7 Grad Night Benefit Book Sale 9-5pm Burlingame Baptist Church
12 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria
19-22 the musical "Rent"
26-28 the musical "Rent"
23 College Night for PPS Juniors at Madison HS, 7pm
28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS

MARCH

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

APRIL

4 Trojan Funding Club 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)
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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