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WILSON SNOWBOARD TEAMS HEAD TO THE SNOW AND SCORE

Wilson snowboard teams recently had their first competition of the season and started off with high marks, with even more success this past weekend! Here are the results.

Banked Slalom: The Women's Varsity 1 team placed first and Varsity 2 team placed third on January 10. Riders on the V1 team included **Erin Leal**, **Jordan Farwell**, **Mary Benke**, and **Becca Bolstad**. Congratulations to **Erin Leal** and **Jordan Farwell** for earning 2nd and 3rd place individual medals. Riders on the V2 team were **Andrea Chin**, **Natalie Otto**, **Stephanie Corah**, and **Emily Prag**. The Men's Varsity 1 placed second. Riders were **Alex Massar**, **Jon Edwards**, **James Kent**, and **Jordan Richmond**.

Slopestyle – The Women's Varsity 1 team placed first with **Andrea Chin** earning a 2nd place individual medal on January 17. Riders were **Andrea Chin**, **Erin Leal**, **Mary Benke**, and **Jordan Farwell**. The Men's Varsity 1 team placed third. Riders were **Alex Massar**, **Jak Sharkey**, **Graham Schreiber**, and **Isaac Scott**.

Halfpipe – The Women's Varsity 1 team once again placed first with **Jordan Farwell** earning an individual gold medal and **Andrea Chin** placing 3rd overall on January 24. Riders were **Jordan Farwell**, **Andrea Chin**, **Mary Benke**, and **Becca Bolstad**. The Men's Varsity 1 team placed second. Riders were **James Kent**, **Kevin Schnell**, **Miles Cushing**, and **Jimmy Borden**. **James Kent** earned the individual gold medal.

Slopestyle - The snowboard team had another awesome day on the mountain on January 31 with the Women's team taking another 1st place trophy and the Men's Varsity 1 team taking 1st place and the V2 team in 3rd place. **Erin Leal** won the women's event with **Jordan Farwell** in 3rd place overall. Also riding on the Women's V1 team were **Mary Benke** and **Andrea Chin**. The Men's V1 riders were **Alex Massar**, **James Kent**, **Miles Cushing**, and **Kevin Schnell**. Alex and James earned 2nd and 3rd place individual medals. The Men's V2 riders were **Graham Schreiber**, **Isaac Scott**, **Robbie Newhouse**, and **Max Rudolph**.

Congratulations to our talented young riders, their dedicated parents, and our coaches! Upcoming events include February 8 – Banked Slalom; February 14 – Halfpipe; February 28 – BoarderCross; and March 5-7 – STATE.

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DEAR PARENTS ... FEBRUARY 3

Please join us for the Wilson High School PTA Meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00pm in the Faculty Lounge. Big things are happening at Wilson including: the PSAT on March 14, the All-School Auction on April 4, the Career Pathways in the Arts Day on April 17, the Grad Night Party and much more! These events are all sponsored by the Wilson HS PTA. We need your input, so please become involved!

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 waauction@pps.k12.or.us or visit our page on the Wilson Web site: www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/auction/.

8TH GRADE FAMILY NIGHT AT WILSON ... FEBRUARY 5

On Thursday, February, 5, Wilson will host 8th graders and their parents for an informational evening. We hope to see all of our 8th graders from the Wilson Cluster, as well as other families that may be interested in joining the Wilson community. The evening begins at 6:30pm in the Auditorium. See you there! Questions, contact Erica Meyers at emeyers@pps.k12.or.us.

JUST A FEW HOURS ON FEBRUARY 10 ... THAT'S IT!

Wilson's All-School Auction is holding a "donation request" mailing party on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00pm in the Faculty Lounge at school. It's pretty simple, we need your help to address envelopes. We have hundreds of donation request letters to mail out to let folks know about the upcoming auction, and we need just a few hours of your time to help address the envelopes by hand. If you can't make lots of meetings but want to help out with the auction this year, this is your chance. You will make some new friends and support Wilson all at the same time. Many hands make light work, so make sure to put the date on your calendar and bring a pen. Can we count on your help?

CHEERLEADERS JUST WANT TO SAY "THANKS"

Many thanks from WHS Cheerleaders to those of you that purchased Seasons & Regions gift certificates. We are getting closer to earning the money we need to compete at USA Nationals in Anaheim. Last year we placed 4th Nationally and plan to do better this year. Thanks for your support!

'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.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2009 GRAD PARTY!

Get your student signed up now for a fun and memorable graduation celebration! The Grad Party is an all-night celebration, and begins right after the graduation ceremony on June 9. Download registration forms from the Wilson website at: <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10174>. Please be sure that the forms are filled out completely, and signed by both the guardian and the student. Completed forms and payments may be dropped off to the Grad Night locked box in the school office or mailed to: Wilson Grad Night Party, PO Box 80113, Portland, OR 97280-1113. Questions? Contact Bev Warren-Leigh, Grad Party Chair at bevww@threeoaks.com.

CULTURE NIGHT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Culture Night planning committee will be meeting on Mondays at lunch in room 224. Stop by and see what we are doing!

MODEL UN

Join the Model UN on Wednesdays at lunch in room 224. Please attend if you are planning to go to the conference in April.

FRENCH CULTURE CLUB

Join the French Culture Club on Thursdays at lunch in room 224. Bring some food to share and let's pick a movie to watch!!

CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE FEBRUARY 8

This Sunday, February 8, WHS Cheerleaders will be collecting cans and bottles at Jackson Middle School from 11:30 to 12:30 to earn money for their trip to USA Nationals. If you have any questions or want to make arrangements for us to pick-up cans/bottles, please emailditonn@comcast.net Thank you!

SCRIP ORDERS AND VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Why not look through the Scrip form when looking for a gift for that special someone. 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) at 503-244-5072 or Gail (elembeke503@aol.com) or 503 -246-3411.

RENT (SCHOOL EDITION) IS COMING TO WILSON - OPENING NIGHT FEBRUARY 19

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.

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".

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. **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!

GRAD PARTY MEETINGS

Get involved with the Grad Party! We welcome junior and senior parents to our one-hour meetings every first Monday of the month. Meetings are held in the faculty lounge at 7:00 PM. Come to learn more about what we're planning and how you can help. Bev Warren-Leigh, Grad Party Chair: bev@threeoaks.com.

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.

PPS STUDENTS TO MAKE UP TIME LOST TO SNOW DAYS

Last day of school is now Wednesday, **June 10**. Wilson students will now attend school on **March 6**. To read more about the changes to Wilson's schedule, click here:

<https://app.e2ma.net/app/view:CampaignPublic/id:16514.1684958246/rid:6c6364e79a07c5a00d32d34a87903d7b>

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S IN A CIGARETTE?

Your body gets more than nicotine when you smoke. There are more than 4,000 chemicals in cigarette smoke. Some of the worst ones are - Nicotine: a deadly poison, Arsenic: used in rat poison, Methane: a component of rocket fuel, Ammonia: found in floor cleaner, Cadmium: used in batteries, Carbon Monoxide: part of car exhaust, Formaldehyde: used to preserve body tissue, Butane: lighter fluid, and Hydrogen Cyanide: the poison used in gas chambers. Some of the chemicals are also in wood varnish, the insect poison DDT, arsenic, nail polish remover, and rat poison. Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Reducing Tobacco Use: A Report of the Surgeon General. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2000.

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UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

~~February 3 Cluster Concert (Robert Gray, Jackson, Wilson Bands) CANCELLED~~

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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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.

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.

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.

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.

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WHS DAILY BULLETIN 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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WILSON ATHLETICS

always recheck date/time, as schedules changes

Monday, February 2

Women's Basketball @ Lakeridge 5:30 / 5:30 / 7:15 Mini-bus

Tuesday, February 3

Wrestling – District Frosh / Novice Tournament @ Wilson 3:30

Wednesday, February 4

Wrestling @ Grant 6:30 Bus-5:10

Thursday, February 5

No contests

Friday, February 6

Women's Basketball @ Grant 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30 Frosh / JV early release 2:45 Mini-bus

Men's Basketball Grant @ Wilson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30

Swimming @ Dishman vs. Lincoln 4:30 Early release 3:00 Bus-3:15

Saturday, February 7

No contests

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RIEKE GIRLS DESIGN ROBOT TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

According to the [Hillsdale News](#), The Bindle Bot Girls, a team of fifth graders from Rieke Elementary School, won the fourth place teamwork award in the state Intel First Lego League Championship Tournament, Jan. 16. The Rieke team competed among 60 teams. They built their robot and programed it to perform tasks related to solving climate change. Pictured from left to right with their coaches, Cherri Gallison and Mark Sandifer behind them and their robot in front of them are: Hallie Rathfelder, Lauren Gallison, Elle Sandifer, Molly Jansky, Sabine Pigg, and Alaina Benschung. Congratulations!

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 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://www.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://www.goodshop.com). 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 <http://www.goodsearch.com/> and be sure to enter Wilson Area Arts Council as the charity you want to support.

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.rieke.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.

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 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 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/birdscornell>.

JORDAN FUNDAMENTALS GRANT PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS

The Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program was born out of the belief that education is the key to opportunity and to building commitment among students to the core values which foster personal excellence and achievement. The core values which serve to guide the Jordan Brand are known as Brand Truth's: Authentic, Uncompromised, Earned and Aspirational. It is in that spirit the Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program awards one million dollars annually, to teachers across the country, who motivate and inspire students toward achieving excellence. These grants are given to support teachers and provide access to additional resources. Innovation Grants: Grants averaging \$2500 will be awarded to individual teachers for projects that will impact classroom innovation and improve instruction. Inspiration Grants: Winners of Innovation Grants may apply for an Inspiration Grant. Grants totaling \$10,000 will be awarded to teams of teachers in support of scaling-up implementation of approaches developed with Innovation Grants. For information about the program, including eligibility requirements, please visit: www.jordanfundamentals.com.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES - STIPENDS FOR TEACHERS

2009 Summer NEH Seminars and Institutes: Purpose: American educators across the country are encouraged to apply now for 2009 summer study opportunities in the humanities. Each summer, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports rigorous national, residential seminars, institutes, and workshops located in the United States and abroad. Program participants receive stipends to help defray travel and living expenses. Summer Seminars and Institutes for School Teachers provide K-12 educators with a means to deepen their understanding of important subjects in the humanities. Go to: <http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html>.

KOHL'S KIDS WHO CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

The Kohl's Corporation plans to award a total of over \$350,000 in scholarships and prizes this year to more than two thousand kids whose volunteer efforts have made a positive impact on their communities. The program recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6 to 18) who help make their communities a better place. To be eligible for an award, the young person's efforts should be above and beyond what is normally expected of a child his or her age. Volunteer efforts should have made a positive impact on others and occurred in the last twelve months. Nominees must be legal U.S. residents of a state in which a Kohl's store is located. Nominees must be between the ages of 6 and 18 and not yet a high school graduate as of March 15, 2009. Each nominee must be nominated by someone 21 years of age or older. Parents may nominate their own children. Nominees will be divided into two groups (ages 6 to 12 and 13 to 18) and awards will be given on three levels. More than two thousand store winners will each be awarded a \$50 Kohl's Gift Card. The 194 regional winners will each be awarded \$1,000 scholarships toward their postsecondary education. Ten national winners will each be awarded \$5,000 scholarships. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on behalf of each national winner. Deadline: March 15, 2009. Visit the Kohl's Corporation Web site for complete program materials at <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016669/kohlscorp>.

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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 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](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 ... 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 [Graham Metz-Porozni](mailto:Graham.Metz-Porozni) or contact Classic Reunions at www.classicreunions.com or call (503) 626-3669 or (800) 474-3669 or email at: wilson1999@classicreunions.com.

CHECK OUT NEW WWSH 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

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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

FEBRUARY

2 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
3 PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge
5 Eighth Grade Parent Night, 6:30pm
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
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28 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble at Grant HS

MARCH

1 Rent School Edition, Wilson's Cosgrove Auditorium, 2pm Matinee
2 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
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 the Multnomah Athletic Club
6 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
7 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 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
5 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

1 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
2 Spring Band Concert
8 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm
9 Wilson graduation 8pm
10 Last day of school **THIS IS A NEW DATE**

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