



Wilson Spotlight

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BAND/ORCHESTRA MEMBERS SHINE AND HEAD TO STATE COMPETITION

Paul Jolstead, Wilson Director of Bands, is pleased to announce that three Wilson musicians competed and recently made their mark at the PIL Solo/Ensemble Festival and qualified for the 2009 OSAA Band/Orchestra State competition in May. **Steven Skolnik**, Senior, received a 1+ score and is going to State on Drums. **Jordan Wu**, Freshman, received a 1+ score and is going to State on Violin; and **Kristin Chesnutt**, Freshman, received a 1+ score and is the 2nd alternate to State on Violin. **Karin and Jim Chesnutt**, Wilson parents, feel that we have much to celebrate in our school, especially our arts program at Wilson. "We have talented students and dedicated teachers in Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Drama and the Visual arts," add Karin and Jim. "Given the challenging economic times, our community must remain steadfast in the support and defense of our arts program at Wilson. Once cut these programs take years to re-establish. Thanks to our Wilson administration and teachers for providing our children with a complete and outstanding education." Wilson parents **Jan and Larry Skolnik** said the Wilson music program offers students such as Steven the chance to grow musically as musicians, leaders and community members. "It has enriched Steven's high school career in so many ways and has given him the chance to make lasting friendships among the high school music community. Having opportunities for young people to express themselves as artists is invaluable and leads to life-long musical expression." Congratulations to all the talented Wilson band/orchestra musicians and good luck to our three musicians as they head to State!

WILSON SELECTS ROSE FESTIVAL PRINCESS

Congratulations, **Eugenia Jacobsen**, Wilson's 2009 Rose Festival Princess!

PTA NAMES VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

The PTA is pleased to announce its [Volunteers of the Year](#). **Jeanne Zuelke**, our current PTA Treasurer, was named as Wilson's nominee for the Oregon State PTA Volunteer of the Year. The Wilson HS Local PTA Volunteers of the Year are **Mopsy Ballard**, **Lucy Brehm**, **Chris Dearth**, **Kathy Phillips**, and **Beverly Warren-Leigh**. This week we would like to introduce you to Jeanne Zuelke. Make sure to read the Spotlight each week where we will be highlighting each of these volunteers. Jeanne is our current PTA Treasurer and is Wilson's nominee for the Oregon State PTA Volunteer of the Year. Jeanne has been a Wilson parent (Teddy Albertson '08, U of O Freshman; Emily Albertson, Junior) for five years. Jeanne has served on PTA Boards at Capitol Hill Elementary, Jackson Middle School and Wilson for over 10 years, holding various positions, including PTA President, Vice President, Treasurer, Auction Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. Jeanne's husband, Russ Albertson, is also an active PTA member and has served on the Portland Council of the PTA. Jeanne has been a self-employed Licensed Massage Therapist for over 20 years, is active in the Girl Scouts and is an avid quilter. Also, please check the Spotlight for further announcements regarding a celebration to honor these special volunteers. Congratulations to all! *Submitted by Rosemary Schwimmer, Wilson PTA President*

WILSON HS PRESENTS CHORAL-O-CITY

On Thursday, March 19th the Wilson HS Choir and Choir Director **Steven Peter** presented Choral-o-City, a performance which included both the Wilson HS Choir groups and the Milwaukie HS Choirs. The show opened with a one-of-a-kind presentation by the Wilson Women, led by PSU Student Teacher **Bethany Schweitzer**. We were treated to a beautiful solo by **Emma Knox-Hershey**. Next up, the Wilson Men performed three numbers, featuring solos by **Gabe Penk**, **Colin Scannell** and **Jake Schwimmer**. The Milwaukie Choirs had two groups perform: the Pony Pipers and the A Cappella Choir, led by Tracey Schwab. Our own WAVE performed three numbers, and the Wilsingers rounded out the performance with four numbers, featuring solos by **Karl Metz**, **Korey Sasse** and **Nathan Urbach**. The finale combined all singing groups on stage for a rendition of A Gaelic Blessing. Special recognition to the Wilson soloists who have qualified for the 2009 Oregon State Solo Championships: **Alex Lindquist**, Bass Voice; **Jalena Montrond**, Soprano Voice 1st Alternate; **Sarah Spear**, Mezzo Voice 1st Alternate; **Karl Metz**, Tenor Voice 1st Alternate and **Jake Veristain**, Bass Voice 1st Alternate. Special thanks to **Karin Chesnutt** and **Rob Fishel**, accompanists. Thank you to all the supporters of the Wilson Choirs for their generosity in helping to procure the two new Wenger Signature Risers!

WILSON SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2009

Four Wilson graduates were recently inducted as members to the 2009 Wilson Sports Hall of Fame during the March 16 school assembly. These talented athletes are: **Carol (Eggen) Tyree-Dewell, 1961**, **Scott Peterson, 1976**, **Wendy (Peterson) Inghram, 1978**, and **Cindy (Murphy) Padilla, 1989**. Click here to read more about these talented alumni athletes:

<http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10424>.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

This week we introduce you to **Vicki (Fischer) Norris '91**. Vicki (Fischer) Norris '91 restores order as the President and Founder of her company, [Vicki Norris' Restoring Order®](#), an organizing services and products company based in Portland, Oregon. Vicki is celebrating her 10th year in business as a national organizing expert. To read about Vicki, click here:

<http://www.wilsonalumni.com/alumni-spotlight/norris.html>. If you would like to let us know about a Wilson grad, email the details to [Linda Doyle](mailto:Linda.Doyle).

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WILSON ALL SCHOOL AUCTION APRIL 4 – Last chance to buy tickets – March 30

We have a great venue, a fantastic selection of items and a lot of great people turning out for the auction to support our school. Don't be the only one to miss it! Reply cards and invitations are available in the office, on the Wilson website at <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/auction/> or by contacting Jill Aberer at jabere@chubb.com. We are looking forward to seeing you at this great event. Click here for the [Reply Card and the Invitation](#).

CHEER HEADS TO NATIONALS - HOLDS TRYOUTS FOR NEXT YEAR

Wilson Cheer is heading to Nationals on March 27 through March 30. The team is especially excited after just competing at The PacWest National Cheerleading Championships in Portland last weekend. Wilson Cheer placed 1st in their division - NATIONAL CHAMPS!!! Also they were Grand Champions which was the highest scoring team (including all divisions) in the competition! It was quite a week with our team being in Eugene for two days cheering on our basketball players and trying to fit in a practice schedule. We are heading to USA Nationals with the confidence that we can compete against the best teams in the country. Also, we would like to get the word out that cheer tryouts are coming soon. ALL students are encouraged to give cheerleading a try! Tumbling, dance or cheer background is helpful but NOT REQUIRED!! Become part of a State Championship program that also competes on the national level. Have fun supporting Wilson athletics as well as promoting Wilson pride throughout the community. Incoming freshman are welcome! **Tryout packets** will be available in the Wilson office and at all the middle schools the last week of April with **tryouts tentatively scheduled for the first week of May**. Thanks again for all your support! *Submitted by Chris Fazzolari, Wilson Cheer coach*

STUDENT STORE LOOKS TO HIRE

The Wilson Student Store is looking for someone (Wilson parent or part time staff) who wants to **supervise the student store Monday-Friday for 1 hour per day**. The job is very straight forward. It is your responsibility to open the door at the lunch bell and stay in there until lunch is over. The main roll is supervision. Making sure that the students that are working are being responsible, making sure the students that are shopping there are not unruly. There are a few tasks that take place during the lunch such as assigning a student the task of returning the pizza oven to the cafeteria and counting the left over pizzas at the end of the lunch and leaving it on a list. On occassion there would be another task you would be certain a student is completing, but you would have a checklist. We are looking for someone who is very dependable and someone who works well with Teens. This position will require a criminal background check and **pays \$10-\$15 an hour**. If you are interested in this position, please contact Erica Meyers at emeyers@pps.k12.or.us or call 503-916-5280.

PTA GRANTS AWARDED

Every year the PTA uses the money it raises from fundraising and donations to support various worthy causes and events. The activities of the PTA include the All-School Auction, the Wilson Grad Night 2009, the Career Pathways in the Arts Day, Pizzicato Nights, the Sample SAT, all hospitality and teacher support events, the Scrip Program, drug abuse prevention speakers and programs, and more. This year the PTA has awarded \$500 to the PPS Clothing Center, \$500 to the PPS Student Aid Fund, \$1,000 to the PTA All-School Auction, \$1,000 to the PTA Grad Night Party, \$500 to the Wilson Library for the purchase of career development titles and \$200 to the counseling department to support programs for students. Limited funds are still available. Grant request forms are located in the PTA Mailbox. Please support the Wilson HS PTA Grants Program by making a tax-deductible contribution today! Contact PTA President, Rosemary Schwimmer rjschwimmer@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer or contribute to the PTA. Thank you for your support.

WILSON PARENT EXPANDS LOCAL MEDICAL CLINIC

The [Hillsdale News](#) recently reported that the Fanno Creek Clinic is expanding. **Dr. Gregg Coodley**, Wilson parent, who founded the clinic and manages it, noted that the construction work and the enlargement of the clinic's staff will help "get the economy moving again." Construction began in early March on a 2500-square-foot addition to the Fanno Creek Clinic at 2400 SW Vermont. Construction is estimated to last four months and cost \$500,000. The new wing will add 12 exam rooms and an expanded waiting area for the clinic's laboratory. The extra space will allow the 12-year-old clinic to institute a pediatrics department. The Clinic currently employs a staff of 50. Included in the number are 11 primary care practitioners as well as specialists in Cardiology, ENT, Gastroenterology, Psychiatry and Podiatry.

ABBY'S CLOSET DRESS DRIVE

Collect all your gently used Prom dresses and donate them to Abby's Closet! All dresses due the week after spring break – March 30 thru April 3. Questions? Hannah Acock hannah2010@comcast.net.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MULTNOMAH YOUTH COMMISSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Portland City Council & the Commission on Children, Families & Community is happy to announce recruitment for the 2009-10 Multnomah Youth Commission. They are interested in young people who will be between the ages of 13-21 (on August 1, 2009) to apply by May 4. APPLY ONLINE AT: www.ourcommission.org/apply. Youth Commissioners serve a 1 year term and commit up to 15 hours per month to help advise the County & City on issues that impact the lives of their peers. Youth Commissioners are also in charge of implementing "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth" the nation's first Bill of Rights written by and for young people. The Youth Commission gets things done! Youth interested in policy, activism, community organizing, or making the community better can apply to be Youth Commissioners. Youth interested in media advocacy, digital production & distribution, and social marketing can apply to be Youth Media Producers with the Youth Commission's Voice Box Media. Both applications are due May 4th and youth can apply online at www.ourcommission.org/apply. Last year alone, the Youth Commission worked to create YouthPass which now provides free bus passes for every student at Franklin, Jefferson & Roosevelt High Schools (and MYC will work to expand to more schools next year); YouthVote! getting youth engaged in local elections; School-Based Health Center advocacy; and a new committee working to reduce the drop-out rate.

SENIOR PARENTS NEED HELP FOR GRADUATION PARTY

We need approximately 5-10 Junior, Sophomore, or Freshman Parents or anyone that would like to help set up at the venue where the party is being held. Time commitment is about 1 hour. Date is Tuesday June 9, time for set-up is 9:00pm. If you can help please email Daureen Morris figgymorris@comcast.net - THANK YOU. Grad Night is a WHS PTA sponsored event.

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PTA SPONSORED "SAMPLE SAT" FOLLOW-UP MEETING APRIL 2

Join us Thursday, April 2 from 6:30-7:30pm, at the Wilson Faculty Lounge. Pick-up your Sample SAT results and learn more about the SAT. Please RSVP to WilsonPractSat@q.com.

WILSON ALL SCHOOL AUCTION TABLES ARE GOING FAST! APRIL 4

The 2009 Wilson All School Auction (PTA Sponsored) is well on it's way to a sell out! If you are interested in tickets or becoming a Table Captain for your club, sport or team, now is the time to contact Jill Abere at jabere@chubb.com or 503-294-5401. Tables Captains are responsible for filling a table of 10. Tickets are \$50 each. As a Table Captain, you will be recognized in the program as a major donor, there will be additional wine at your table and a few other "goodies" for all your effort. This is your chance to raise money for your group and support the All School Auction. Don't be the only one not there! Reply cards and invitations are available in the office, on the Wilson website at <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/auction/> or by contacting Jill Abere. We are looking forward to seeing you at this great event. Click here for the [Reply Card](#). Click here for the [Invitation](#).

TRIMET PROPOSES TO CUT BUS #55 FROM ROUTE ... MEETING APRIL 6

TriMet is proposing to drop the #55 Hamilton bus route, along with Route #1 and #8. This issue will be discussed at a TriMet hearing at Wilson HS on Monday, April 6 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. If they don't hear from us, the route will be cancelled. You can also submit your comments at comments@trimet.org, or Phone at 503-962-5806.

MONDAY, APRIL 13 - 2009 VOLUNTEER FAIR & COMMUNITY FORUM

Have you always wanted to volunteer, but never knew how? Do you want to help shape a discussion on your community? If so, be part of the solution at The Southwest Community Connection's 2009 Volunteer & Community Forum in the Wilson High School cafeteria from 4 to 7 p.m. Come at 4 p.m. for tips on how to have a successful fundraiser from WHS PTA President Rosemary Schwimmer. At 5 p.m. Neighborhood House's Rick Nitti will lead a discussion on hunger in our community. And from 5:30 to 7 p.m., enjoy the folksy blues tunes from Josh Kadish of Hillsdale Farmers' Market fame. Several volunteer groups with a wide range of subject matter have signed up for a table. See the April edition of The Southwest Community Connection for more details. This is your opportunity to make a difference in your community on an issue that's important to you. Take it.

CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE ARTS DAY AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL APRIL 17

The Wilson High School PTA and the Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC) are co-sponsoring a Career Pathways in the Arts Day to be held at Wilson High School on **April 17** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are seeking participation from professionals involved in visual, performing and applied arts. The purpose of the Career Pathways in the Arts Day is to educate high school students about the many possibilities for employment and volunteer opportunities in the arts. If you are one of the many talented professionals in Portland working in some capacity in design, architecture, art, photography, music, dance, theatre, etc., and would like to participate, please contact Wilson HS PTA President Rosemary Schwimmer for more information at rjschwimmer@comcast.net or call her at 503-203-8971. Click here to view the poster: http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10410/Career_Poster.pdf

SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 18

We are looking for Parent, Student and Community Volunteers to help beautify the Wilson Campus for the Spring Clean up on April 18. This year we would like to designate a section of the school to each class. If you are interested in leading the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior section, or you would like more information about our Annual Spring Clean Up Day, please contact Erica Meyers at 503-916-5280 or email emeyers@pps.k12.or.us. Thank you!

COUNSELORS SPONSOR FIELD TRIP TO PCC APRIL 24

The Wilson Counseling Department is sponsoring a field trip to visit PCC Sylvania Campus for its Preview Days on April 24! This is a great opportunity for current juniors and seniors (and parents if you're interested) to visit the campus for a day, learn how to apply to PCC, find out about the many resources PCC offers for students, and to attend presentations from 3 different academic programs there. We will be leaving and returning to school by bus. Students will receive a free sack lunch when they attend. Please encourage your student to attend. Watch for permission slips to come home soon and please return them to your student's counselor by April 9! If you have questions contact Kathryn Wolff at kwolff@pps.k12.or.us.

3RD ANNUAL GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP ... June 15-19

WHS Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach Mike Nolan is excited to announce the **3rd Annual Girl's Basketball Camp for 5th 6th 7th and 8th graders from June 15-19 from 1:00 to 5:00pm** at Wilson High School. The cost is \$75.00. Activities: Shooting skills, Passing Skills, Rebounding Skills, Defensive Skills, Ball-Handling Skills, Court Awareness, Screening Fundamentals, Footwork, Communication, Having Fun! While we will be stressing the importance of FUN-damentals, we will also be stressing the importance of teamwork, hard work, and dedication. There will be games & contests daily. All camp participants will receive a Wilson Basketball T-shirt. The camp will be run by the Wilson High School coaching staff along with players in the program. Contest winners will receive a brand new Wilson Basketball and All-Stars will be recognized with a camp all-star T-Shirt. Click here for the Basketball Camp **Registration Form**: <http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10421/GirlsBasketballsummercamp.pdf>. Sign up now!

UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

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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SCHOLARS PROGRAM . SENIORS . COMMUNITY SERVICE

Keith Brown, WHS Counselor, is reminding all seniors who have worked on a Scholars Program course of study that they need to make an appointment with their counselor sometime during the remainder of third quarter to verify completion of the program. Documentation to community service hours should be brought with you to the meeting.

MURALS TO BE DESIGNED FOR WILSON LIBRARY - A FIRST FOR WILSON!

The Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC) and the Wilson PTA are supporting Wilson High School Librarian Linda Campillo's vision to make the library a more artful and creative space. The Library is the biggest and most used "classroom" on the Wilson Campus, but the space is not inviting as the walls are mostly off-white. Librarian Campillo is spearheading a project, in conjunction with the Wilson Art Department to use Wilson art students to create murals to fill the empty wall-space in the Library. Your money for supplies will go to more than just paint. Wilson art students will be participating in a juried public art competition. Wilson art teacher Susan Parker will be using the Wilson public art process, as part of the project curriculum. Please join with WAAC to raise money for this exciting undertaking and support the goal of filling the walls of the Library with creative expression that mirrors a space of reading, reflection and learning. To **make a donation**, please click on <http://www.wilsonarts.org/artsdrive.htm>.

PARENTS OF SENIORS!

Graduation is coming quickly! Don't forget to register for the 2009 Grad Night Party. Have your student check out the Grad Night display window by the office for a list of seniors that have registered. If your student's name is in red, their registration forms were incomplete and returned to them. Please complete the forms and put them in the Grad Night box in the office. If more registration forms are needed, they can be picked up at the office, or downloaded from the website at: <http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10174>.

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 at the following link: [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!

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2009 GRAD PARTY!

Get your student signed up now for a fun and memorable graduation celebration! The Grad Party (sponsored by the WHS PTA) 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 bev@threeoaks.com.

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.

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.

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

The WHS PTA Scrip program 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 (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.

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 change

Monday, March 30, 2009

Baseball Varsity – Franklin @ Wilson 4:30
Baseball JV – @ Jefferson 4:30 Early release-2:45
Baseball JV2 – Franklin @ Jackson 4:30
Softball – David Douglas @ Wilson 4:00 Early release-2:45
Men's Lacrosse, Marist at Wilson JV 4pm and Varsity 5:30 at Rieke Field

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Softball – Jefferson @ Wilson 4:00 Early release-2:45
Men's Golf - @ Canby 11:00 Early release-9:05
Women's Tennis - @ Grant 4:00 Early release-2:30
Men's Tennis – Grant @ Wilson 4:00 Early release-2:50

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Baseball Varsity – @ Franklin 4:30 Early release-2:50 Bus-3:10
Track - @ Lincoln 4:00 Early release-2:15 Bus-2:30 / 3:15
Women's Golf - @ Redtail Noon Early release-10:45

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Baseball Varsity – Franklin @ Wilson 4:30
Baseball JV – Grant @ Jackson 4:30
Baseball JV2 – @ Madison (Glenhaven) 4:30
Softball - @ Lincoln 4:00
Women's Tennis – Marshall @ Wilson 4:00
Men's Lacrosse, Away at Hood River 5pm JV abd 7pm Varsity (Bus at 3pm)

Friday, April 3, 2009

Baseball Varsity – Tigard @ Wilson 4:30
Baseball JV – @ Tigard 4:30 Early release-3:00
Baseball JV2 – @ Tigard 4:30 Early release-3:00
Men's Golf - @ Sprague Invitational 1:00 Early release-TBA
Women's Tennis – Beaverton @ Wilson 4:00 Early release-2:45

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Men's Golf - @ West Albany Invitational TBA
Track - @ Sandy 10:00 am Bus-TBA

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HOST STUDENT FROM SPAIN THIS SUMMER

Grammata Servicios Lingüísticos is looking for host families for high school students from Spain for this summer. Ideally, host families should have at least one teenager in the home, provide a private bedroom for the student and live within a reasonable walking distance of a Tri-Met transit stop. Students arrive in Portland on July 1, 2009 and depart from Portland on Tuesday, July 28, 2009. There is a Host family stipend of \$275 to help defray costs. As last year's host families will attest, taking in a student provided a fantastic opportunity to learn about Spanish culture. Likewise, the visiting students took full advantage of the chance to immerse themselves in American culture and improve their English, an essential skill for the business world. If you are interested in hosting a student, please complete the attached application and email it to Clifton Chestnut at cliftonchestnut@yahoo.com no later than April 1, 2009. If you know someone who might be interested in hosting a student, feel free to forward this email message to them.

KIDS AND MEDIA: GETTING UNPLUGGED AT STEPHENSON APRIL 2

Kids and Media: Getting Unplugged by Ellen Currey-Wilson. Thursday, April 2, 6:15 – 7:30PM. FREE ADMISSION at Stephenson School Gym, 2627 SW Stephenson Street, Portland. TV Turnoff Week is just around the corner! If you've ever threatened to throw out the TV sets and video games, but can't imagine how you would survive without them, this presentation is for you. Learn creative ways to manage TV withdrawal, and in television's place, discover forgotten pleasures. Learn about the benefits of limiting television and video games, including improvements in children's health, social skills, school performance, connection to nature, imagination and ability to focus. Explore ways to increase creativity, build community and help kids feel included without TV and video games. Teach kids to become more media literate and aware of the effects of excessive exposure to advertising, including increased consumerism, stress on the environment, and an inability to make informed political decisions. Learn about marketing policies in other countries, such as Sweden and Norway which do not permit any television advertising directed at children under 12. This event is funded by Stephenson PTA and is brought to you by Stephenson Wellness Team. To read the full Press Release go to www.stephensonpta.org and look for the event listed under New New Things. Questions, contact Kristin Cywinski, kristincywinski@comcast.net, 503.244.2288.

PLANT SALE AT MAPLEWOOD ES APRIL 11

Maplewood Elementary is holding its annual "Natives and More Plant Sale" on Saturday, April 11, from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Get in the swing of Spring by browsing a large selection of native plants, as well as some non-natives. All proceeds support the gardens at Maplewood. The school is located at 7452 SW 52nd Ave.

HAYHURST SCHOOLS HOLDS SPRING PLANT SALE

Hayhurst School is having their Spring Plant Sale from **March 17 to April 9**. Gardeners may pre-order from a wide variety of border plants, ground cover, annual flowers, perennial, planters and hanging basket, patio plants and will offer certified organic vegetable and herb plants in vegetable samplers this year. NewLeaf Greenhouse is supplying the lovely local plants. Order forms are available at the Hayhurst School office or online for download at www.hayhurst.com. Orders should be returned to the Hayhurst office no later than Thursday, April 9th. Plant pick-up will be Friday, May 15, at the Hayhurst School cafeteria. This event is open to the local community, as well as to Hayhurst and Odyssey families.

ROBERT GRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL: "BYE BYE BIRDIE"

Show dates: April 30, 6:30 p.m., May 1, 7:00 p.m., and May 2, 2:00pm. Ticket prices: \$5 – students and seniors, \$7 – adults, family 4-pack - \$20. There are a limited number of premium seats @ \$10 each. This musical is funded by the RGMS PTA and a grant from the Wilson Area Arts Council. To purchase tickets contact Christy Caton at christycaton@msn.com or by phone at 503-246-0891.

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ALUMNI NEWS

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

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WILSON

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

APRIL

2 PTA Sponsored "Sample SAT" Follow-up meeting Wilson Faculty Lounge 6:30-7:30pm

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

13 Volunteer Fair and Community Forum Wilson High School cafeteria 4 to 7pm (organized by Southwest Community Connection newspaper)

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

18 Wilson Campus Spring Cleanup

24 PCC Preview Day on Sylvania Campus

30 Robert Gray Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie"

MAY

1 Wilson "Prom" at Crystal Ballroom

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

8-10 "On the Razzle" theater production at Wilson

14 Booster Club meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria

15-17 "On the Razzle" theater production at Wilson

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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