



## Wilson Spotlight

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### INTRODUCING CLASS OF 2009 VALEDICTORIANS

Wilson seniors were recently recognized by the PPS School Board for graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA. They join a long list of Wilson students who rank at the top of their high school class. Next year these bright young stars will scatter across the globe continuing their education and career aspirations. Click here to take a closer look at your Wilson 2009 Valedictorians:

<http://wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10555>. Congratulations to our students and their parents:

Ian Alevy	Carlie Dennison-Leonard	H. Samuel Ewan	Chris Fenrick
Jennie Greb	Brittany Hartmann	Hadas Horenstein	Dave Keiter
Olivia Kipper	Matthew Klein	Sheridan Larsell	Nate Makuch
Miranda Paasche	Rahman A. Rahim	Lindsey Rowntree	Na'ama Schweitzer
Benjamin Silberberg	Jordan Terriere	Alexis Vidal	

### WILSON STUDENTS SOLVE COMPLEX PROBLEMS, WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to **Marcus Robinson** and **James Ranney** for winning the Barry Richmond Scholarship that will pay for each of them to attend the International System Dynamics Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico the last week of July. They will present their models in a parallel session at the conference. Their STELLA models and papers competed against other applicants from the college level (or above) for the award. **They are the first high school students to win this scholarship.** Other students who plan to attend the conference in July are **Pedro Alzaga-Elizondo**, **Julia McDowell**, **Henry Li**, and **Joseph Kibi** (a Wilson modeling student from two years ago). Each of these students will present a poster of their model at the conference. The annual International System Dynamics Conference is attended by between 600 and 700 university professors and business people from around the world who are interested in using system dynamics models to solve complex problems. Our very own Wilson teacher **Diana Fisher** was the 2007 recipient of the Barry Richmond Scholarship. Besides teaching at Wilson, Diana is the author of numerous resources on system dynamics modeling in the classroom. Congratulations!

### MUSICIANS TREAT AUDIENCE WITH END OF THE YEAR CONCERT

The evening started with the Chamber Orchestra. Ably led by violinist Matt Klein, they sailed through selections of Vivaldi's Four Seasons and ended with a rousing 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky. The Jazz Band then took the stage and had the audience tapping their toes to five songs, some familiar, some not. I loved the third piece, God Bless the Child. It was sultry with a slow swing beat. Perfect for the band to play. The Concert Band was next. This year, Mr. Paul Jolstead was fortunate to have a student teacher, Luke Warren, who directed this band in three of its four songs. I thought they were good at their Winter concert, but they are even better now. The future looks good for the Wilson Band program. Rounding out the evening was the Wind Ensemble playing four very different pieces. They started with The New Colonial March, from which the Wilson Fight Song is adapted. This was done in true marching style. The Concertino for Four Percussion was an interesting showcase of the fine percussion section. The last two numbers were almost exact opposites of each other. Strange Humors is a modern composition and The Wizard of Oz is from Hollywood's golden era. Despite the different genres, the band played all of them very well. There were 23 seniors in their final performance for Wilson. They were easily recognizable by their red boutonnières. It was a beautiful concert with which to close their high school careers. *Submitted by Carolyn Grill '75 and Liz Garnand, [Wilson Area Arts Council](http://www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10622/2009_spring_concert.pdf).* Click here for list of talented Wilson musicians: [http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10622/2009\\_spring\\_concert.pdf](http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10622/2009_spring_concert.pdf).

### BASEBALL TEAM EXCELLED ON FIELD AND IN CLASSROOM

Mike Clopton, Wilson Baseball coach would like to extend a thank you to the Wilson community and friends of Wilson baseball for your support of the team during the season, playoffs, and fundraisers. The team excelled on the field and in the classroom. The Wilson baseball team was among the top ten high schools in the 6A OSAA Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic All-State for their team GPA. Wilson ranked 7th with an overall GPA of 3.49, the highest ranking PPS school. "We are very proud of our performance," states Mike. Thank you!

### WILSON STUDENTS, COACHES, ALUMNUS HONORED BY PIL

Several weeks ago the PIL honored the league's top athletes, coaches at their [annual celebration at Nike's Tiger Woods Center](http://www.wilson.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10622/2009_spring_concert.pdf). Two Wilson students (**Erika Chesnutt** and **Nick O'Donnell**) were selected as Wilson's PIL Sportspersons of the Year. Erika plays Lacrosse. Nick participates in football, wrestling and track & field at Wilson. Two Wilson coaches (head coach, **Kent Dorsey** and assistant coach, **Jeremy Shetler '92**) were selected as Wilson's Coaches of the Year. Kent is a Jackson graduate and is the Head Coach for Wilson's championship wrestling team, and Jeremy is an Assistant Coach for Wilson football, wrestling and baseball. Jeremy was also honored as the league's Ron Pheister Assistant Coach of the Year. The honors for Wilson continued as the PIL named **Dr. Jim Chesnutt '81** (and Wilson parent) as the recipient of the Robert Blanchard Distinguished Service award. Chesnutt, a longtime Wilson team physician, has helped train others in the district and is medical director of Oregon Health & Science University's sports medicine program. "This is a real honor," states Jim, "not necessarily for myself but because it represents a joint achievement by the OHSU Sports Medicine Program, the PIL Athletic Department, and the PIL Hall of Fame to implement an athletic trainer program that improved health and safety for the athletes of the Portland Public Schools. We are hoping to help continue the program with community support despite budget challenges." Congratulations to Erika, Nick, Kent, Jeremy and Jim!

## WILSON SPRING SPORTS AWARDS

The Spring Sports Awards were held on Thursday, June 4. The following were honored:

Most Outstanding Player Awards: Men's Track - **Spencer Kelly**; Women's Track - **Lauren LeClair**; Men's Tennis - **Matt Casey**; Women's Tennis - **Ashley Armstrong**; Men's Golf - **Eliot Hill**; Women's Golf - **Keely Jamison**; Baseball - **Stuart Fewel**; and Softball - **Danika Klein**.

Senior Awards: Outstanding Senior Male Athlete - **Nick Dorsey**; Outstanding Senior Female Athlete - **Carley Izzett**; Senior Male Scholar-Athlete - **Matt Klein**; Senior Female; Scholar-Athlete - **Carlie Dennison-Leonard**; Paul McCall Sportsmanship Male - **Nick O'Donnell**; Paul McCall Sportsmanship Female - **Erika Chesnutt**.

## WILSON SAYING GOODBYE TO 4 TEACHERS

Thousands of students have walked through their doors at school. At the end of this school year, four teachers will leave the classroom and walk out their doors for the last time in their careers. **Jon Beima**, **Roy Ikada**, **Mark Mochon**, and **Pat Murphy** are retiring and will say good-bye to Wilson. Here's just a little about each of them.

**Jon Beima** began his teaching career in 1984, as a student teacher at Wilson under the tutelage of Al Gray. It was because of a telephone call from Mr. Gray to the district office that Jon get an interview, and he has been teaching at Wilson ever since. Mr. Beima has enjoyed working with all of the quality faculty at Wilson over the years. He says that through all of the challenges, with Measure 5 redistributing Portland education dollars to the rest of the state, superintendent changes, and what seems like constant reorganization of the district administrators, the constant has been the dedication of his fellow teachers. Jon is known around school for his songs. He adds, "I began writing math songs a year or two into my teaching career, (*Gotta Do My Algebra, Algebra Get Outa My Life, Old Time Geometry, Catching the Sine Wave, Log Rhythms, My TI-84*). The first time I sang in the classroom, I announced to my classes that the famous '60's math musician, Jonny Kwayjun, was coming to my classroom the next week. I mentioned that students' parents would probably know of him and maybe even have records. I was shocked that no parents knew of him." Jon also started writing songs for the faculty, to keep spirits up during the trying times. He has written between 30 to 40 songs. Here are a few of the titles: *In House Bill 3565, Ben O. Canada, I Love That Dirty Water, CIM Misery, If I Were A Wizard of Wilson, Assimilate, Ten Days For Free, BHAG*. Jon also began writing songs for Wilson retirees, and it has become a much enjoyed yearly tradition. Next fall, Jon will be teaching part time at Clark College in Vancouver. To continue interactions with students, Jon also plans on volunteering in one of the high schools in Vancouver. (Now, those will be some very lucky students!) What will Mr. Beima miss when he leaves Wilson? Jon tells us that he has had many wonderful students over the years, and "I will miss teaching at Wilson."

**Roy Ikada** began his teaching career at Wilson High School 19 years ago. He has taught courses in Computer Application, Keyboarding/Computer and Web Page Creation. Besides his work in the classrooms, Roy briefly coached volleyball at Wilson and was the assistant golf coach before taking the head golf coaching position. Roy has coached the Men's Golf team for five years, leading to many successful seasons. According to Coach Mike Clopton, Roy is a very organized, quiet person who just loves golf. What else do we remember about Roy? Mr. Ikada is that teacher who stands outside of his door before class starts and greets each student as they walk into class. "As each student walks in, Roy chats with them or simply says hello to them by name," adds Erica Meyers, WHS Business Manager. This kind of teaching will be missed!

**Mark Mochon** began his teaching career in 1978 at Hood River Junior High. As the sole member of the Technical Education Department at Wilson, Mark teaches up to four levels of Architecture, four levels of Technical Drafting, four levels of Woods and four levels of Metals. Reflecting on his time at Wilson, Mark would like to thank the entire Wilson community for the continued support of the Technical Education Department over the years. "Nationwide, the 'Shop' classes are scrutinized and questions are raised about their usefulness and relevancy," adds Mark. "Thank you for keeping the program alive and giving some kids a chance to excel in an area that can lead to a vocational career." When asked about what he will miss, Mark states, "Working with the students that truly have a passion for working with their minds and their hands."

**Pat Murphy** began his teaching career in 1986 after working for ten years for the juvenile court in Clackamas County as a juvenile court counselor. His first teaching job was at Mt. Tabor Middle School. From there he moved to Franklin High School and then for the past 11 years has been teaching at Wilson. Pat is quick to state that teaching is an amazing way to make a living. "After 10 years of working with kids who victimize others it is extremely satisfying to work with kids who are pursuing productive and positive goals," he adds. Pat is encouraged each day when he see kids showing empathy and concern for each other, adding "Little things like being friendly, saying something positive about someone, helping to assist others with a fund raiser or any number of other things. Then to see them over the years go on to other positive pursuits is equally rewarding." Pat truly loves running in to former students who have graduated from college and are productive, contributing citizens getting married and raising families. "I have a student in one of my classes who is a child of a former student from Franklin. That makes me feel a little old. What a great kid though. Both of her parents have done well in life," states Pat. What will he miss the most? Pat says the interactions with students. "Once I am no longer a classroom teacher I will lose the opportunity to have a relationship with many students. I enjoy hearing about their lives and thinking about what lessons they will need to understand how history can provide some sort of guide to help them in the future." Pat Murphy has a sign in his room that says, "Wise men learn from their own mistakes. Wiser men learn from the mistakes of others."

The Wilson community owes a lot to Jon, Roy, Mark and Pat. All the best to you! Enjoy your retirement and thanks for so many years.

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## HELP US RELOCATE STOLEN AND HISTORIC COMPUTERS

Scott Guthrie, Wilson teacher is reaching out to the Wilson community for help in retrieving several historic computers stolen from school. During the first week of June, persons unknown stole an [Apple Monitor III](#), a [complete Apple IIc](#) (with monitor, power supply, and stand), and all of the [Apple Software](#) Scott had on 5 1/4 and 3 1/2 inch floppy disks from the vintage computer display in room 233 at Wilson. These items cannot be replaced. Please email Scott Guthrie ([sguthrie@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:sguthrie@pps.k12.or.us)) with any information you have that may help in the recovery of these historic computers.

### **GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENT NEEDS HOST FAMILY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

Wilson is looking for a host family or two families for next school year for a male German exchange student who will be a junior at Wilson. If you have a student, who is studying German, and/or would be interested in hosting the German student, please contact Linda Campillo in the Wilson Library. You do not have to host the entire school year, as two families can split the year -- or if you are interested, you also could serve as the welcome family for the student's first month or so until another family is located. Linda Campillo, Wilson librarian knows the exchange student, so she can give you details. Please contact Linda Campillo ASAP at school (503) 916-5280, ext. 450 or by email: [lcampillo@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:lcampillo@pps.k12.or.us).

### **WILSON YOUNG LIFE HOLDS BAKE SALE JUNE 13**

The Wilson High School Young Life Club will host a driveway and bake sale on Saturday, June 13 at 11219 SW Lancaster Rd., 97219, from 9:00am - 4:00pm. All families who want to support the Young Life Summer Camp Scholarship Fund can add their own treasures to this sale. Call Sally New for more information (or leave a message) at 503.245.5454. E-mail may be quicker at: [newsally97219@yahoo.com](mailto:newsally97219@yahoo.com). All Wilson families and friends are welcome to attend. Look for the green YL signs around the neighborhood.

### **END OF SCHOOL YEAR SCRIP ORDERS**

Get your Scrip order in... Orders are still being taken both this week and next. There will also be an order on July 7, August 4 and September 1. If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at [schulte@easystreet.net](mailto:schulte@easystreet.net) at 503-244-5072.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE ANYONE?**

The PPS Clothing Center, at Marshall High School, could use your help during the last week in August--it's the first week the Center is "open for business" for the 2009-2010 school year. Shifts are available Monday thru Thursday, 8/24 to 8/27, from 9:00 to 2:00 (or any portion of those hours that you are available). Parents and students are welcome to help, and students will receive community service hour verification. If you'd like to know more or want to volunteer, please call Mari Vandewettering at 503-464-7899.

### **SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM NEEDS OUR HELP**

After being crowned as Oregon's 6A Champion in Speech & Debate, members of the Wilson High School Speech & Debate team are headed to the 2009 national competition in Alabama. Three of our students, **Marcus Robinson, Jillian Prouty** and **Mackenzie Bean**, will be representing Wilson and the State of Oregon at the 2009 competition in Alabama. Even with the generous support from the Wilson PTA and the Wilson Area Arts Council, the team needs our help to raise the funds to send them on this prestigious trip. Click here to help them out: [http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10602/Wilson\\_Speech\\_solicitation\\_letter.pdf](http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10602/Wilson_Speech_solicitation_letter.pdf).

### **WELCOME SUMMER WITH SPANISH TAPAS AND SANGRIA!**

A Wilson High School auction item that still has available space is the Tapas and Sangria Party scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at 6:30pm. This fun first-of-summer party will be held at Michelle and John Lostra's house near Hillsdale. The menu features: paella, Spanish frittata, stuffed red peppers with tuna, garlic shrimp, basil-cheese-tomato skewers, baguettes and tapanade, green salad, sweet fried bananas, white and red sangria. Tickets are \$35. Please contact one of the following people to sign up: Michelle Lostra, 503-244-3891; Terri Scribner, 503-348-3614. Bring your friends and neighbors (21 years or older) and help support Wilson!!

### **PARENT SUPPORT NEEDED FOR COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

Did you know that each counselor at Wilson carries a load of 400 students? The PTA is looking for a Counseling Department Parent Support Coordinator to recruit and schedule parents to help out with the heavy workload of our counseling department. Wilson has a classroom available, we just need to fill it with enthusiastic parents who want to help our students get the best information about college choices and applications. We also need parents to host college visits, help students with essays for college applications and do filing and data entry. In addition, due to the overwhelming success of the Career Pathways in the Arts Day, we are looking for parent volunteers to chair similar events highlighting the other five pathways. Specifically, we plan to kick off next year with a Career Pathways in Business Day. If you are interested in heading up this program, or in volunteering in any capacity, please contact PTA President Rosemary Schwimmer at [rjschwimmer@comcast.net](mailto:rjschwimmer@comcast.net) or call her at 503-203-8971.

### **WILSON PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

The Wilson High School Preschool is now enrolling for the Fall 09' school year. Click here for the details: <http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/10544>.

### **BUY T-SHIRT AND HELP SUPPORT WILSON PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Please support the Wilson Preschool Program. T-shirts are being sold in the Student Store during lunch and in Mr. Loveless' room, 134. Only \$10.

### **LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SAVE WILSON'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Click here to read an article in the Portland Tribune by Joshua Bolkan (written for The Southwest Community Connection) about teachers, parents, students and administrators' efforts to save Wilson High School's preschool program: [http://www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story\\_id=124302691237958600](http://www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=124302691237958600). To learn about fundraising efforts, visit the "Help Save Wilson High School Preschool Program" Facebook group. To enroll your child for next year's preschool class, contact Erica Meyers at 503-916-5280, or [emeyers@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:emeyers@pps.k12.or.us).

## **SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR SUMMER STATEMENTS NEWSLETTER BY JUNE 22**

Kathy Kersey, Principal's Secretary would like everyone to know that the deadline for submitting information for the Summer Statements newsletter sent from the principal's office is June 22. Anticipated mailing will be July 13.

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## **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR WILSON YOUTH FOOTBALL**

Wilson Youth Football is currently registering players (3rd through 8th grades) for next year's season (August 10 - October 31). Find out more at [www.wilsonyouthfootball.com](http://www.wilsonyouthfootball.com). They are also looking for a volunteer 8th grade coach. If you are interested, please contact Vice President-Darcy Shetler ([dshetler@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:dshetler@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 **Registration Form**: <http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10421/GirlsBasketballsummercamp.pdf>.

## **WILSON BOY'S BASKETBALL CAMP JUNE 15-19 AND JUNE 22-26**

Wilson High School is having their 11th Annual Boy's Basketball Camp for 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders, June 15-19 and June 22-26. This camp is for next year's grades. Instruction will include individual fundamentals and team play. Games will be played daily along with a variety of contests. Camp participants will receive a Wilson Basketball T-Shirt. Cost is \$75.00 per session. Click here for Registration form: [http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10555/WHS\\_09\\_Basketball\\_Ball\\_CAMP.pdf](http://cms18.pps.k12.or.us/docs/pg/400/rid/10555/WHS_09_Basketball_Ball_CAMP.pdf)

**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 [lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:lsdoyle@earthlink.net).

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## **HOW WOULD YOU SPEND IT?**

Tuesday, June 9, 7 p.m. - '\$3,000 Question' Hillsdale forum. The non-profit Hillsdale Community Foundation wants to know how you would spend \$3,000 to help improve Hillsdale. To find out, the foundation's board is holding "\$3,000 question" brainstorming forum on Tuesday, June 9, 7 p.m., at the Watershed building (Capitol Highway and Bertha Court). The board expects its annual Hillsdale Used Book Sale on Sunday, July 26, will raise the \$3,000.

## **WILSON TROJAN CHEER CAMP**

Are you still looking for a fun week long activity this summer for your kids age 8 - 13? Register them for Wilson Trojan Cheer Camp, July 13-17 in Wilson's Courtyard. Your student will learn the basic aspects of Cheer and routines they will get to perform at the first Wilson Football game of next Fall. Camp runs Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM and each camper will get a free t-shirt. Cost is only \$150 with discounts for additional family members. Pick up a brochure in Gray's, Rieke's or Hayhurst's office or contact registrar Maureen Berrie-Lawson [reenb@q.com](mailto:reenb@q.com), 503.246.1474.

## **DROP OFF USED BOOKS**

Sundays, June 21 and 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Used books collected for sale. Drop off used book donations begins at the Hillsdale Farmers Market. The books will be sold at the July 26 Hillsdale Used Book Sale during the annual Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds will go to the Hillsdale Community Foundation. See above "\$3,000 Question" listing.

## **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION IN MULTNOMAH VILLAGE, AUGUST 15**

Looking for a terrific community event this summer? Bring the entire family to Multnomah Day on August 15, the annual SW Portland celebration that draws thousands of families, kids and their canine counterparts. Things kick off with a Kiwanis pancake breakfast at the Key Bank parking lot at 8:00 am. The Dog Parade assembles at Handy Andy's at the intersection of Capital Highway and Garden Home Road at 9:30 at starts at 9:45. At 10:00 the parade starts and winds through the center of the village starting at 10:00 am. Everybody's welcome to be in the parade – hand-pulled wagons, scout groups, bands, school groups, musicians, jugglers, dogs – you name it! The rest of the day features a "Kid Zone" at the Multnomah Center, artisan booths, clowns, food vendors, sidewalk sales and live music! Please contact Joan Steinbach at 503-245-3936 or at [multnomahparade@gmail.com](mailto:multnomahparade@gmail.com) if you have a group that wants to be in the parade. To volunteer (very fun community service opportunities) please contact Tye Steinbach at 503-245-3936 or [Tyesteinbach@yahoo.com](mailto:Tyesteinbach@yahoo.com). For additional information you can contact Gail Anderson at 503-953-8114 or at [ganderson@lfcpxd.org](mailto:ganderson@lfcpxd.org). Also check out the website at [www.multnomahvillage.org](http://www.multnomahvillage.org).

## **ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS SHARING THE DREAM GRANTS**

Applications Invited for National Association of Elementary School Principals/MetLife Foundation Sharing the Dream Grants. Grants of \$3,000 each will be awarded to elementary and middle school principals in the United States and its territories to support programs that increase local community interest in and involvement with the school. Deadline: July 8, 2009. Complete program guidelines are available at: [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=253100010](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253100010)



## **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - GREEN YOUR SCHOOL CONTEST**

High School Students Invited to Submit Entries for Green Your School Contest. Awards of up to \$5,000 will be given to high schools whose students have designed projects to improve, restore, beautify, or conserve their school environment. Deadline: October 9, 2009. Complete program guidelines are available at: [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=252800004](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=252800004).

## **YOUTH GARDEN GRANTS**

The National Gardening Association has announced that the Home Depot is returning as the Youth Garden Grants sponsor for 2010. NGA annually awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs across the United States. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply may do so, but must wait one year before applying again, and must have significantly expanded their garden programs. For the 2010 grant cycle, 100 grants are available. Five programs will each receive gift cards valued at \$1,000 (a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and educational materials from NGA). Ninety-five programs will each receive a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot and educational materials from NGA. Complete program guidelines are available at <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>.

## **HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL SUMMER!**

Share your summer with a European teen or Asian college student who is eager to practice English and learn firsthand about American family life! More than 250 teens from France and Spain are traveling to the Portland area this summer to stay with host families for 3, 4 or 7 weeks. University students from China, Japan and Korea will stay for 2-4 weeks and attend classes at PSU. Each student has studied English for a few years, brings spending money, and is covered by health insurance. We match families and students based on age, gender and shared interests. Join the fun- apply to host! To learn more about ANDEO's programs visit [www.andeo.org](http://www.andeo.org) or call 1-800-274-6007 for more information. ANDEO is a non-profit organization celebrating its 28th year in the Northwest.

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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](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](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)

## **SAVE DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010**

For the next school year, all students will need to attend Registration to get yearbook pictures, ID card, parking passes, lockers, schedules, and collect textbooks.

Senior and Junior Registration August 25.

Sophomore Registration August 26.

Freshman Registration August 27.

Make up Registration September 8 from 8:00am to Noon.

The first day of school, Tuesday, September 8.

Winter break, Monday, December 21, through Friday, January 1, 2010

Spring break, Monday, March 22, through Friday, March 26.

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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

JUNE 2009

8 Grad Party meeting, Faculty Lounge 7pm

9 Wilson mandatory Graduation Rehearsal at Memorial Coliseum 9:30am

9 Wilson graduation 8pm

10 Last day of school

11 Teacher Planning Day

12 Teacher Planning Day

AUGUST 2009

25 Senior and Junior Registration

26 Sophomore Registration

27 Freshman Registration

29 Next Community Clean-up at Wilson (including inside painting ) ... is Sat August 29, 9am- Noon

SEPTEMBER 2009

8 Make up Registration 8:00am to Noon

8 The first day of school

NOVEMBER

24-25 Parent-teacher conferences

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2010

Winter break Monday, December 21, through Friday, January 1, 2010

MARCH 2010

Spring break Monday, March 22, through Friday, March 26, 2010

JUNE 2010

15 Last day of school

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