

Thank you for your support of Wilson High School arts education. Your "In The Bag" proceeds make an incredible difference, allowing our teachers to innovate and expand their programs and capabilities each year. **Brian Chatard, Principal**

Through 25 years of teaching in the Portland Public Schools, I have watched Art Programs throughout our district and our state shrink and disappear at an alarming rate. Things have always been different here at Wilson High School. Throughout the years of cut, cut, cut Wilson has managed to hang on to and even grow their arts program. The sole reason for this because of the support we receive from the Wilson community and specifically the Wilson Area Arts Council and their "In the Bag" Fundraiser. WAAC's influence can be seen throughout all of Wilson's Arts programs in the form of items they have purchased over the years. Without their continued support we would be no different from the doom and gloom we see around us. Thank you again. **Steve Walmer, teacher – Architectural Drawing/Woods/Metals**

On behalf of the Video Production classes, please accept our gratitude and thanks for your generosity. Our program is enhanced in material, tangible ways by the generosity of the Wilson Area Arts Council's "In the Bag" fundraiser. It is always amazing to see how the addition of a few pieces of equipment can reveal creative pathways that previously were shadow-bound. Please accept our thanks for your invaluable support. **Paul Rizzo, teacher – Video Production**

By supporting the arts, students are given an opportunity to have a well rounded education. It has been proven that arts students succeed in school at a higher level and elsewhere in life. They learn patience, dedication, teamwork and respect. Again, thank you so much for this donation to WHS band. **Nick Caldwell, teacher – Band, Guitar, Sound Engineering**

Supporting the arts financially is vital to creating a program that is engaging for students and enduring. The depth and breadth of our arts department at Wilson parallels our financial support. We live in a world that is becoming more visual and creative. To compete in this changing world our students will need to be creative, understand artistic principles and elements of design, and be able to analyze and interpret works of art. The funds generated by WAAC are instrumental in providing students with the tools they will need to be competitive in a visual and creative world. **Matthew Carlson, teacher – Photography, Print, Drawing**

How can there be too many plugins in the world? Are there too many songs, too many books, too many places to go? **Martin Douglass, teacher – Digital Media Design, Web Design**

I believe students need to have quality art tools for doing their best quality work. When we create a ceramics lab free from clutter and broken tools and supply equipment a professional would use, students do better work and learn more. I am excited to be building a ceramics lab where students can achieve excellence. When we support the arts in our schools we open the closed doors in children's lives. **Andrew Butterfield, teacher – Ceramics**

Community support is essential for art programs in schools to thrive. Every dollar given to the Wilson Art Department goes back to our students in the form of materials, tools, and equipment to support their learning. The Wilson Area Arts Council's "In the Bag" fundraiser helps us provide each student with a wonderful experience in the arts. Thank you for your continued support. **Marie Pearson, teacher – Draw, Paint, Print, 3-D Design (Sculpture)**