

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL PTA UPDATE

Upcoming PTA Events:

February 2nd: Auction Planning Meeting

February 28th: PTA Parent Education Event—more info to come.

Plant Sale: Order forms coming soon. Volunteers needed for delivery day on May 6th.

Principal Sue Brent discussed several items at the recent PTA meeting:

- Forecasting now include a four-year plan, so may look slightly different this year.
- Staff has been working on professional growth in small workshops on topics like how to use the Wilson website, ESL strategies, and differentiation in instruction – adopting different methods of teaching for different students.
- February 3rd: 8th-Grade Family Night.
- February 22nd: Rose Festival Assembly.
- March 5th: National Honor Society workday to paint interior of building.
- Staff trainings are being held to recognize and help students in crisis.
- Upcoming Student art displays will be held at Baker & Spice in Hillsdale and at BESC.

General PTA News:

- Around 80 parents attended the PTA Parent Education event (addressing prevention of risky behaviors) in November. Feedback was very positive. Next event to be held on February 28th. Topics are still under discussion, so watch for more information soon.
- PTA awarded grant of \$1250 for purchase of anti-plagiarism software. Boosters providing matching funds.
- November's Book Fair raised almost \$250 for the Wilson library. Thanks to Karen Russell for chairing this event.
- In Auction news, tickets are still on sale for the April 16th event. For an additional \$50, you can reserve a ten-seat table and be eligible to win a prize in a special drawing. E-mail, jabere2chubb.com to buy tickets/tables.

Wilson PACT

Counselor Kathryn Wolff updated us on prevention planning at Wilson. PACT (Positive Action Concerning Teens) is conducting a social norming campaign aimed at reducing teens' perception of peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol. Students involved in PACT are conducting studies and planning campaigns and drug and alcohol-free activities for Wilson students. PACT will continue their work with a grant from Oregon Partnership, while school staff broaden the prevention program to include student, staff, and parent training for helping teens in crisis. The broader effort will be led by Kathryn, working closely with Marshall Haskins, and with grant support from the PTA and Oregon Partnership. More details will be available as planning progresses.

Bike Boulevards

Mark Lear, PBOT Traffic Safety Manager discussed new bike lanes and speed bumps that will create safer corridors for bikes and pedestrians from the north end of Terwilliger to Hillsdale, through the Rieke parking lot to Vermont, and from Vermont west to the SW Community Center. Twenty to thirty parking spots may be eliminated on the south side of Vermont between Wilson and Rieke to accommodate a bike lane. The final public meeting on this topic will be held in March or April. Watch for an announcement in the Spotlight. Mark also mentioned that any traffic safety concerns should be phoned in to 823-SAFE. Leave a message about traffic hazards, malfunctioning signals, or other concerns.

PPS Facilities Bond Measure

School Board member Ruth Adkins and Bond Campaign representative Mike Web discussed the May ballot measure to approve a bond for capital improvements throughout PPS, including a new playing field at Wilson, updated learning environments and upgraded safety, security, and building systems at every PPS school, and complete replacement of nine schools. The cost to the median homeowner is \$300 per year or \$2 per \$1000 of assessed value. A levy renewal paying for teaching positions may be added to the May ballot to replace the one that is due to expire. For more info on the bond and levy go to www.pps.k12.or.us.

The next Wilson High School PTA meeting is May 25th.

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