



Wilson Spotlight

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MORE SPEECH AND DEBATE NEWS

Great job at the Tualatin HS tournament!! Thank you to all parents that supported our team by hanging out, driving, and judging. Congrats team for earning the following: 3rd place Dramatic Interpretation- **Olivia Patton**, 1st place Novice Duo- **Emma Snyder** and **Anaya LaMarr**, 2nd place Expos- **Chris Meabe**, 3rd place Expos- **Ulysses Duckler**, Finalist Novice Poetry- **Natasha Baranow**, 1st place Novice Poetry- **Chris Meabe**.

2005 GRAD UPDATE

Jessica Bruno, class of '05 graduated from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco in May with a BFA in Animation and Video Effects. She is employed with Sugar Inc., in San Francisco as a Jr. 3d artist (designing characters for video games). Jessica was influenced by the Architectural Drawing classes taught by Mr Mochon at Wilson. Because of her interests in the technical aspects of architecture, Jessica thought she wanted to be an architect. But she wanted to do something more creative. "So I decided on 3d modeling," adds Jessica. "I consider those architecture classes to have directly influenced me to study 3d modeling." Jessica's advice for current students at Wilson, "you don't want to be considered lucky, you want people to know you are worth it." Another talented Wilson grad! Click here to see her 3d artwork:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/munny_samus_J_Bruno.jpg.

Congratulations to her parents, Sharon Hartzog Bruno '78 and David Bruno.

GRADS

Tell us what you've been up to since leaving Wilson. Send your update to Linda Doyle: Lsdoyle@earthlink.net.

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• **DON'T FORGET ... Parent Teacher Conferences November 22 and 23rd**

Go to the Wilson website for all the details.

• **OP LAUNCHES "PARENTLINK" E-NEWSLETTER**

The Parent Education arm of OP has recently launched ParentLink, a bi-monthly e-newsletter designed to provide an important resource for parents. The goal of ParentLink is to help parents identify opportunities for developing a closer relationship with their children and provide them with proven methods that are science-based for navigating the challenges that raising children present. ParentLink strives to provide parents with the most up-to-date information on the best parenting strategies for keeping kids safe and healthy at all ages of development. Research shows that parents are the number one influence in their child's life. ParentLink seeks to help parents capitalize on that influence in helping them to make individualized, yet informed parenting choices. To subscribe to ParentLink, please send your email address to Carla Parmeter at:

cparmeter@orpartnership.org.

• **HEADS UP FROM WHS AUCTION**

If your team, club or program would like to participate and benefit from the Wilson Auction in April 2011, an INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM must be submitted by DECEMBER 1st.

Each group that wants to solicit items for sale and receive profit from those items is invited to complete a participation form and drop it off in the auction mailbox at WHS or fax it to 503 977-2300.

THE FORM REQUIRES THAT YOU:

1. Identify a parent liaison who will communicate with the auction committee via email and attend meetings when possible. The liaison will be responsible for communicating with and organizing their group for the purposes of procurement and ticket sales, and is encouraged to attend auction meetings when possible.
2. Identify a minimum of two people who have purchased auction tickets. Buying an entire table is no longer required.

Participation forms will soon be available to download from the web

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson>, or you can request that one be sent to you by email. Write, a.bottinelli@comcast.net.

12 groups have already completed their registration. Thanks! We hope you'll join us.

• **HILLSDALE CALLS ON WILSON COMMUNITY TO HELP WITH SNOW REMOVAL**

In anticipation of upcoming winter snow storms, businesses in Hillsdale have joined forces with Wilson Baseball and Wilson Wrestling for emergency snow removal. Our student-athletes are waiting for the call to action when the next storm hits. But this may not be enough. More volunteer help from the Wilson community may be needed. If you would like to help Hillsdale businesses remove snow from sidewalks and the parking lots, they likely will need your help. If you have a snow shovel, that's great. If you don't, Paloma Clothing has extra shovels. When a winter storm is predicted to hit our area, an email announcement will go out through the Wilson HS office and through the Spotlight. When the alert is sent out, individuals will be asked to come to Paloma Clothing in Hillsdale for their instructions, ready to clear snow. Remember, everyone should wear boots and dress appropriately if you are planning to help with snow removal in Hillsdale. By taking these steps, we hope to keep everyone safe and keep the businesses open in Hillsdale. Anyone interested in lending a hand and doing a good deed is welcome!

• **SENIORS... PARENTS OF SENIORS ...PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

Please be mindful that counselors work until December 17th, and not over the winter break. If you are applying to a college that requires a letter and/or supporting paperwork from your counselor, we need to have all of your supporting materials (resume, questionnaires, recommendation forms) by Thanksgiving break if you have a deadline of January 1st.

• **BOOK FAIR TO BENEFIT WILSON LIBRARY, NOV 22 AND NOV 23**

Shop Annie Bloom's at Wilson during Teacher Conferences and support the Wilson Library!

Wilson PTA and Annie Bloom's are teaming up to bring you a selection of general interest and gift books for all ages. PTA/Library will receive 15% of all sales, including gift certificates. Look for the sale in the Wilson Cafeteria on Monday, November 22nd, and Tuesday, November 23rd, from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. We will gladly accept cash, check, or credit card. While you're there, you will also be able to **purchase copies of the WHS Student Directory. Directories are free with PTA membership** or \$10 per copy. Cash or check only for directories. E-mail PTA President, Valeurie Friedman (valeurie@gmail.com), if you have an hour or two to **volunteer at the sale.**

• HELLO WILSON VOLUNTEERS

Are you open for lunch from 11:30 to 12:15 on Weds & Thurs? If so.... why not spend it at Wilson getting your computer fix while helping monitor the Computer Lab? You get to spend quality time away from work. We get to have somebody watch the kids as they amuse themselves properly. It's a win-win for everybody. Please contact David Dacklin, PTA Volunteer Coordinator for scheduling. dacklind@aol.com.

• LATEST ON TRIMET PASSES FOR PPS STUDENTS

Continuation of TriMet passes for Portland Public Schools is close to reaching an agreement that would allow students in grades 9-12 to continue riding TriMet for free through the 2010-11 school year. The school district expects to reach a formal agreement soon with the City of Portland and TriMet to extend the program. Students would receive new stickers for their ID cards in December that allow them to continue riding TriMet buses, MAX and streetcars — any day of the week at any time — through June 30, 2011. For updates, go to www.pps.k12.or.us and click “news” or call PPS Student Transportation at 503-916-6901.

WILSON PTA PARENT EDUCATION EVENT, NOVEMBER 29

Wilson PTA Parent Education Event, 6-8:00 pm November 29th, Wilson Auditorium. Please join us from 6-6:30 for a half-hour of informal parent-to-parent networking. This is your chance to check in with other parents--be part of the Wilson High School village! PTA will provide tasty edibles as well as hot and cold drinks. At 6:30 we will move on to our panel discussion. Wilson PTA, Wilson administrators, and Oregon Partnership will present an interactive panel discussion on parenting strategies to decrease risky behaviors by your teen entitled "But All the Other Kids Are Going to the Party"--Tools Parents Can Use to Help Their Teens Avoid Risky Behaviors." Topics will include alcohol and substance use, internet dangers, texting/sexting, distracted and impaired driving and more. Panelists from Oregon Partnership, the Children's Program, the Wilson administration and local teens will provide you with information and concrete parenting advice on how to navigate your teen safely through high school and beyond. Contact PTA President Valeurie Friedman (valeurie@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

• NEXT AUCTION MEETING, DECEMBER 1

At the NEXT AUCTION MEETING, DEC 1ST, 7:00PM in the Wilson Faculty Lounge, groups will be personalizing procurement letters to previous auction donors. This is your opportunity to directly solicit donors who have contributed to your specific group in the past. If your group is not represented at the meeting, the letter will be signed on behalf of the PTA Grant Fund.

BOOSTER CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

When: Friday, Nov 26 - Monday, Dec 20, Mon-Fri 5-7pm, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm.
Where: A-Boy parking lot Corner of Barbur & Terwilliger. What: Nobles, Douglas and Grand Firs...sizes-under 3ft to 10ft. GREAT PRICES!! Have not increased prices since 2006. Why: The money you spend goes directly back to the financial assistance Wilson Boosters provide to all Wilson activities, clubs and programs. How: We are manned totally by parent and student volunteers. If you would like to help PLEASE contact: Bill Norris our Christmas tree coordinator, dfnorris2@msn.com, 503-804-8685. We look forward to providing you with your Christmas tree this year!

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ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT AND SUBSTANCE USE LECTURE, DECEMBER 9

Ukiah Marcus (LCSW/CADC serving adolescents, young adults, and families) announces a Community Lecture with Q & A Session called Adolescent Development and Substance Use, December 9 from 7pm to 9pm. Free to all who are interested. Please RSVP by December 3. Space is limited. Contact Ukiah Marcus at: ukiah123@gmail.com.

GET HELP WITH COLLEGE OR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAYS

Wilson Writing Consultants are available to help seniors with college or scholarship application essays. Please stop by the Library and talk to Librarian Linda Campillo for more information and to make an appointment. Last year's seniors found the writing consultants to be very helpful.

INSTRUMENT DRIVE RETURNS

Do you have a band or orchestra instrument that's gathering dust in your attic or basement? The Robert Gray and Wilson High School bands would like to adopt it! Our friends at Food Front in Hillsdale will be an official, on-going drop off site for instruments looking for a new home. Bring your instrument in to their store during regular business hours and ask for John. WAAC will send you a donation receipt if you leave your name and address along with the instrument. To have your instrument picked up: call Lisa Broten at 503-293-0903. You can make a difference by providing a student with the opportunity to learn and enjoy music!!!

WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS ANTHOLOGY FUNDRAISER, DECEMBER 8

Writers in the Schools is excited to announce our Anthology Release Party and Fundraiser, a benefit event, on Wednesday, December 8 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the World Trade Center Auditorium. Oregon's legendary, award-winning author, Barry Lopez, will host a fun and lively evening of stories, poems, awards and music, followed by a reception with hors d'oeuvres, wine, and sparkling cider. The program will feature teen writers published in the student anthology, Take My Hand, I Want to Show You Something. The students will be joined onstage by editors of the Burnside Review, Glimmer Train, Tin House, and The Oregonian, as well as Portland Public Schools teachers and principals. Ticket purchases count as a tax-deductible donation and are \$100 for general admission, \$250 for supporter level, and \$500 for sponsor level. All donations will help Literary Arts raise \$20,000 for Writers in the Schools. WITS is a program of Literary Arts, which cultivates young writers and supports Oregon authors through semester-long writing residencies in classrooms at all the Portland Public high schools and several alternative programs. For tickets or more information, call or email Evan at Literary Arts, 503.227.2583, at: evan@literary-arts.org. RSVP by November 30th to celebrate with students, teachers, principals, writers and other community members who want to make a difference in Portland Public Schools.

PTA VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the more than 250 Wilson parents who have signed up to volunteer! Your time and effort are vital to supporting our students! If you have not yet heard from the appropriate activity chair or other responsible person with a specific assignment, please contact PTA Volunteer Coordinator David Dacklin (DacklinD@aol.com). It's not too late to sign up to be a Wilson parent volunteer. Go to the PTA section of the Wilson website for volunteer information.

THE PTA CLOTHING CENTER NEEDS YOUR USED STUDENT CLOTHING NOW!

We just got word that the Clothing Center is very low on clothes. Over 670 students have come through the Center since school began, and the inventory is way down—they are **totally out of warm winter coats!** So if you have clothing that your kids, neighbors and co-workers have outgrown that are gently used/new, the Center would love to have them. Know that your donations are given to students in need at no cost to them. Wilson is now an on-going collection site for the PTA Clothing Center donations. There is a labeled white bin in the main office where you can drop donations 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.

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THINKER TOYS OFFERS BENEFIT DAYS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS, DECEMBER 1 AND 2

Thinker Toys Will Donate 15 Percent of Sales to the School of Your Choice When You Shop on December 1st and 2nd. This year, the specialty toy shop in Multnomah Village will donate 15 percent of sales all day on Wednesday and Thursday, December 1 and 2, to any school that a customer chooses. Customers who shop at Thinker Toys on those days indicate the beneficiary school upon checkout, and Thinker Toys will tally the purchases for each school and send 15 percent of the gross sales to the schools that customers have designated. For more information and a video tour of the store, visit <http://www.thinkertoysoregon.com/>. **Contacts:** Joan & Tye Steinbach, Thinker Toys, 503-245-3936 OR Beth Blenz-Clucas, Sugar Mountain PR , (503) 293-9498, beth@sugarmountainpr.com.

WILSON GRAD CELEBRATES 5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY, DECEMBER 4

Join Wilson grad **Libbi Hawkins '77** as she celebrates with the community the 5-year anniversary of her clinic, Gabriel Park Veterinary Clinic on Saturday, December 4 from 7-10pm. Serving wine, hors d'oeuvres and festive snacks. 4421 SW Vermont St, Portland. 503-245-7275.

HILLSDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH HOLDS HOLIDAY EVENT, DECEMBER 5

Alternative Gift Fair - Many items reduced in price! Sunday, December 5, 11:30-2:00 pm at 6948 SW Capitol Hwy, Midway between Hillsdale and Multnomah Village, For more information call 503-246-5474.

ING UNSUNG HEREOS PROGRAMS OPENS GRANT PROGRAM FOR K-12 EDUCATORS

The ING Unsung Heroes program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques to improve learning. Educators are welcome to submit grant applications describing projects they have initiated or would like to pursue. Each project is judged on its innovative method, creativity, and ability to positively influence students. Each year, one hundred educators are selected to receive \$2,000 each to help fund their innovative class projects. Three recipients are then selected to receive additional top awards of \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$25,000. All K-12 education professionals are eligible to apply. Applicants must be employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States and must be full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with projects that improve student learning. Visit the ING Web site for 2011 program guidelines and application materials. Link to Complete RFP at: <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS INVITED TO APPLY

The National Science Teachers Association, the largest professional organization in the world working to promote excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning, and Shell Oil Company have launched a new competition for middle and high school teachers that will bring laboratory resources to school districts across the United States. Through the NSTA Shell Science Lab Challenge, schools will compete for up to \$93,000 in total prizes, including a grand-prize school science lab makeover valued at \$20,000. The challenge invites middle and high school science teachers (grades 6-12) in the U.S. and Canada (with special attention to urban and underrepresented groups) to describe a replicable approach to science lab instruction using limited school and laboratory resources. Entries will be judged on the basis of several criteria, including uniqueness, creativity, and replicability. Eighteen regional winners will be selected. From those, five national winners will be chosen, and from the national winners a grand-prize winner will be selected. All winners will receive donated science lab equipment or gift certificates, a grant to purchase additional science lab tools and resources, a \$300 gift certificate to the NSTA Bookstore, and membership to the NSTA and the NSTA Learning Center. For complete program guidelines and application procedures, visit the NSTA Web site at: <http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/>.

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TEEN LOUNGE AND HOMEWORK CENTER @ HILLSDALE LIBRARY

Students, use library computers, get homework help, or just do your homework and listen to music at the Teen Lounge and Homework Center at the Hillsdale Library. For teens in grades 6-12 on Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00pm.

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2010-2011 STATEMENTS ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

If you would like to get an article included in the Statements newsletter, submit articles to Kathy Kersey, Secretary to the Wilson Principal on the dates listed below.

| New articles due | E-Mailing dates |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Monday, Jan 10 for Feb/Mar news | Jan 31 |
| Monday, Feb 28 for April/May news | Mar 14 |
| Monday, Apr 19 for June/July news | May 9 |
| Monday, Jun 20 for Back-to-School | Jul 11 |

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WHS Daily Bulletin Send to: wilsonbulletin@yahoo.com

HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE? Send the details to Linda Doyle at Lsdoyle@earthlink.net

PTA SCRIP ORDERS, ORDER SCRIP NOW ...Get your Scrip order in ... If you would like to order Scrip, please email Martha at: schulte@easystreet.net or call 503-244-5072.

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - All schedules subject to change. Check with coaches and the players.

See school calendar.

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ALUMNI NEWS ... Wilson High School official alumni website: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com>

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS ... To find out about upcoming Class Reunions go to:

<http://www.wilsonalumni.com/reunions.htm>

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 <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

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

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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

For complete calendar listings, see official school calendar online at:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/>

NOVEMBER

22 NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences 8-15 to Noon; 1-3:30; 5-8:30

23 NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences 8:15 to Noon; 1-3:30; 5-8

24-25-26 NO SCHOOL

26- Dec 20 Booster Club Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Mon-Fri 5-7pm; Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-6pm. A-Boy parking lot

29 PTA Parent Education Event 6-8pm Wilson Auditorium

30 Winter Play Auditions 3:30

DECEMBER

1 Two hour late opening

1 WHS Auction Intent to Participate Form deadline

1 WHS Auction meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

1-2 Winter Play Auditions 3:30

4 NHS Paint Project, 10-1pm

7 Financial Aid Night 7-9pm

8 Two hour late opening

8 Choir performs @ Grotto 7pm

13 Grad Night Planning 7pm

14 Site Council 3:30

15 Two hour late opening

15 Booster 6:30pm

16 Winter Choir Concert/Art Exhibit 7pm

20 Winter break begins

JANUARY

25 Wilson PTA General Meeting 7pm Faculty Room

APRIL

TBA next Community Care Day, campus cleanup

16 Wilson HS Benefit Auction at Mittleman Jewish Community Center

JUNE

8 Grad Night Party following graduation ceremony

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