



## Wilson Spotlight

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### IMPROVING THE 'LUNCHBOX' - WILSON STUDENTS HELP OUT HILLSDALE MAIN STREET

by Reid Van Mouwerik '12 *originally published in the Hillsdale News, <http://www.hillsdalenews.org/>*

Wilson students, who view the sloping shops of Hillsdale as a perennial lunchbox, are joining the Hillsdale Main Street program to burnish the box and improve its contents. The students, members of Wilson's marketing class, are drawn in by loyalty to their community and by the chance to experience working with local businesses. **Simone Smith**, a junior, said, "I think it's easy to experience Hillsdale as a consumer, but it's really interesting to see what kind of things you would think of as a business owner." Smith's marketing teacher, **Linda Owen-Cooper**, says the opportunities offered by Main Street allow her students to put classroom-learned skills to work.

The student involvement is just part of a much larger Hillsdale Main Street program that has attracted dozens of volunteers. Thanks to the efforts of the Hillsdale Community Foundation, Hillsdale residents and businesses donated \$30,000 last year to qualify for the Main Street designation. The status comes with a \$58,000 city grant to advance Hillsdale in five areas: design, economic restructuring, organization, promotion, and sustainability.

Hillsdale Main Street's full-time executive director is **Suzan Poisner**. Poisner says she has always made a point of getting students involved in her past work in urban planning. She and Owen-Cooper say the cooperation is a triple-win that benefits the community, Main Street and students. The 10 marketing students are joining Main Street committees, taking notes, and even establishing a presence for Main Street on Facebook.

**Grace Clark**, a junior who lives just blocks from the Capitol Highway commercial area, says her work putting Hillsdale Main Street online has brought her closer to Hillsdale in new ways. "I feel like I'm connected to the neighborhood," said Clark.

She is not alone. Hundreds of Hillsdale-area youth pass through Rieke, Robert Gray, and Wilson schools. All are within a half-mile of the cluster of shops and eateries that line the Capitol Highway strip. **Cole Somers**, a junior not involved with Main Street or Wilson's marketing program, said, "The Dale" has been his "spot" for years.

The new Main Street connection between Hillsdale and Wilson students is already making Hillsdale a better lunchbox.

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See posting below for ways to help Hillsdale Main Street.

## **WILSON SENIOR HEADS TO AMHERST COLLEGE**

According to WestSideLax.com, Wilson senior and lacrosse midfielder **Fiona Dearth** has committed to play NCAA Division III women's lacrosse at Amherst College in Massachusetts. She also considered Tufts and Williams. Fiona will be one of the first Northwestern women to play for Amherst or any college in this very competitive league. Dearth, who was an All-American honorable mention in 2010, scored 47 goals and had 27 assists and 55 ground balls. She was also an Academic All-American and a first-team All-State selection. Wilson advanced to the state championship game in 2010, losing to Oregon City, 15-6, in the final. Dearth selected Amherst for its academics, lacrosse program and lacrosse coach, according to Wilson head coach Sarah Bromley. Amherst plays in the New England Small College Athletic Conference and was 11-5 last season. Congratulations to Fiona, her parents, her coaches, and the teachers and counselors at Wilson!

## **WILSON GRAD FILM SELECTED FOR *ONE DAY ON EARTH* GLOBAL DOCUMENTARY**

A film created by **David Keller '07** was recently selected to be part of *One Day on Earth*, where documentary filmmakers, students, and inspired citizens world-wide recorded the human experience over a 24-hour period on 10-10-10. *One Day on Earth* was founded in 2008 to create an online community, and a shared film archive, showcasing the amazing diversity, conflict, tragedy and triumph that occur in one day on earth. David's video footage was selected to represent Portland, Oregon and takes you on a visual tour of Portland. David is a semi-professional cinematographer working as a director, director of photography, camera operator, and/or editor on videos in the Portland area. He has worked on music videos, promotional videos, skateboard videos, commercials, live events, short films, documentaries, and more. David says that he has, "worked on all sorts of projects ranging from a promotional video for the wooden design company Sticks & Stones Accessories, to the One Day on Earth global documentary." To see more of his work, click on these links: David Keller's "Portland, Oregon": <http://vimeo.com/16553892>; David Keller's work: [vimeo.com/thedavidkeller](http://vimeo.com/thedavidkeller); and One Day on Earth: <http://www.onedayonearth.org/>. Congratulations to David and his very proud mother, Rosanne Keller!

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## **PARENT/STUDENT BOOK GROUP**

Linda Campillo, Wilson Librarian, is organizing a new parent/student book group to participate in the Multnomah County Library's Everybody Reads. Wilson is receiving copies of the book and free tickets for the author lecture on March 7th. The ninth annual Everybody Reads selection is *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore. If you would like to join the parent/student book group, please contact Linda Campillo at: [lcampillo@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:lcampillo@pps.k12.or.us).

The author, Wes Moore has been featured on NPR, and he said he found out about the other Wes Moore from his mother when law enforcement, in his hometown, were looking for a criminal. Wes Moore the author is a Rhodes scholar. *The Other Wes Moore* is the story of two boys with similar backgrounds but very different destinies. It is an especially powerful story of hope, the influence of family and community, opportunity and the cultural and societal barriers to success. It is a story that transcends race and will resonate with anyone who is, or has ever been, at a crossroads. From Publishers Weekly: Two hauntingly similar boys take starkly different paths in this searing tale of the ghetto. Moore, an investment banker, Rhodes scholar, and former aide to Condoleezza Rice, was intrigued when he learned that another Wes Moore, his age and from the same area of Greater Baltimore, was wanted for killing a cop. Meeting his double and delving into his life reveals deeper likenesses: raised in fatherless families and poor black neighborhoods, both felt the lure of the money and status to be gained from dealing drugs. That the author resisted the criminal underworld

### **PARENT/STUDENT BOOK GROUP CONTINUED**

while the other Wes drifted into it is chalked up less to character than to the influence of relatives, mentors, and expectations that pushed against his own delinquent impulses, to the point of exiling him to military school. Moore writes with subtlety and insight about the plight of ghetto youth, viewing it from inside and out; he probes beneath the pathologies to reveal the pressures—poverty, a lack of prospects, the need to respond to violence with greater violence—that propelled the other Wes to his doom. The result is a moving exploration of roads not taken. More info on the Multnomah County Library Everybody Reads section.

### **PROVIDENCE PHARMACY & PERINATAL NURSING CAREER REGISTRATION EXTENDED**

Providence PHARMACY & PERINATAL NURSING Career Highlight **registration** has been extended and will **remain open through January 10th** for the following opportunities:

January 12th - Pharmacy Career Highlight - Providence St. Vincent Medical Center  
January 20th - Perinatal Nursing - Providence Portland Medical Center

**To Register:** Go to [www.providence.org/schooloutreach](http://www.providence.org/schooloutreach). You must both register online and send in the downloaded registration form.

### **PRE-SEASON SOFTBALL CONDITIONING, BEGINS JANUARY 11**

Pre-Season Softball Conditioning begins January 11th at 3:45-5pm. Wear weather appropriate clothing, bring water, athletic shoes and you must have the blue athletic clearance card with a white softball slip attached. For the first session we will meet inside by the gym.

### **GRAD NIGHT MEETING DATE CHANGED TO JANUARY 13**

Due to the large amount of people either attending or wanting to watch the Duck Game on Monday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> the Grad Night Meeting has been moved to Thursday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the WHS Teachers Lounge. We currently have 163 students registered for Grad Night on June 8<sup>th</sup>, if you have not turned your students registration in there is still time. You can download the forms at: [www.wilsongradnight.com](http://www.wilsongradnight.com).

### **MEN'S LACROSSE REGISTRATION OPEN**

Registration is now open for the Wilson Men's Lacrosse Club. Detailed registration information and forms can be found at [www.wilsonlax.org](http://www.wilsonlax.org). All forms and at least first payment are due no later than Jan. 21, 2011. Final payment is due no later than Feb. 21, 2011. Practices start Feb. 28. For questions regarding registration, contact Sarah Marin, [smarin@zanthus.com](mailto:smarin@zanthus.com). Questions regarding the Wilson's Men's lacrosse program, contact Coach Herb Hincks at: [wilsonlacrosse@comcast.net](mailto:wilsonlacrosse@comcast.net).

### **PTA GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 25**

The next PTA General Meeting is Tuesday, January 25th, 7:00 pm in the Faculty Lounge. Mark your calendars and join us to hear an update from Principal Sue Brent as well as information on the upcoming PPS bond measure and a presentation on Bike Boulevard planning for improved bike and pedestrian safety in the Wilson neighborhood from Mark Lear of PBOT. All are welcome!

After the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the next general PTA meeting will be held May 25th.

## **WILSON BENEFIT AT FOOD FRONT – MONTH OF JANUARY**

When you shop at Food Front in Hillsdale during the month of January, you can help raise money to buy a new baritone saxophone for the Wilson High School music program. New instruments are an excellent investment in music education for our students. Signs are up at the Hillsdale Food Front store to remind you at the check-out stands. You can drop change in the glass container or tell the check-out person and they will add your donation to your grocery bill. 100 percent of your donation goes to purchase the instrument. Can't beat that!

## **PORTLAND PARKS AND RECREATION TEEN PROGRAM**

Portland Parks and Recreation offers some great programs for Teens, including Leadership, Environmental Ed, Outdoor Recreation. The INTACT Leadership Program offers off-campus high school credit. Scholarships are available for students who need them. Brochures are in the bookshelves in the main office or go to: [www.portlandonline.com/parks/eeteens](http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/eeteens).

## **HILLSDALE LIBRARY – TEEN LOUNGE AND HOMEWORK CENTER – IT'S FREE**

The Hillsdale Library's "Teen Lounge and Homework Center" started up again on Thursday January 6th from 3-5. Use library computers, get homework help, or just do your homework and listen to music. For teens in grades 6-12. Thursdays 3-5. It's free.

## **NEXT AUCTION MEETING, FEBRUARY 2**

Next Auction meeting is **Wednesday, February 2, 7pm**. The agenda will include reports from group liaisons on procurement efforts and targeting of some creative offerings. Everyone is welcome.

## **GRAD NIGHT BOOK SALE, FEBRUARY 4**

A fundraiser book sale supporting Wilson's grad night party will be held at St. Luke's Church (there are entrances on Vermont and on 45th). Look for our signs along Vermont and 46th. The sale will be on February 4th and 5th from 9:00 to 5:00. Bargain books, videos and DVDs of all types will be available. In the meantime, donations can still be dropped off in the main office at Wilson.

## **“I'M ON CAMPUS, NOW WHAT?” FEBRUARY 16 IT'S FREE**

A successful college experience happens when a student is well placed academically and socially. But how do you know what college will be right for you? This session offered by the Hillsdale Library covers how to visit a college campus. Join Devon O'Brien in designing a campus visit that maximizes information while minimizing expenses. Devon is the founder of Destination College & Beyond and provides inspiring college planning, financial aid and career planning services that empower clients to successfully navigate the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Designed for teens 9-12. Wednesday, February 16 from 4-5pm @ the Hillsdale Library. FREE.

## **WAAC INSTRUMENT DRIVE CONTINUES**

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, ongoing 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 503-274-7051. Click here to read the latest article about the instrument drive in The Southwest Portland Post written by Polina Olsen:

[http://www.wilsonarts.org/WAAC\\_instruments\\_drive\\_01\\_11.pdf](http://www.wilsonarts.org/WAAC_instruments_drive_01_11.pdf).

## **DELIGHTFUL AND REFRESHING MUSICAL HITS WILSON STAGE**

*Urinetown*, the Musical (winner of three 2002 Tony Awards) By: Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis

Directed by: Natalie Heikkinen '04

Music Direction by: Andrew Bray

Choreography by: Clara-Liis Hillier '04

Performs: Feb. 18, 19, 24-26 @ 7:00pm; Feb. 20 @ 2:00pm

Cost: \$10 Educators and Students; \$15 General Admission; All Tickets at the Door

Natalie Heikkinen '04 is excited to have been invited back for a second year as the director of the winter musical at Wilson. "The students are incredibly passionate and talented," adds Natalie. "They are a constant source of inspirations and they all bring their own special brand of humor to everything we do. Together, I think this production team and cast will bring an entertaining, unique, and hilarious musical to life on the Wilson stage. This Tony-winning musical is sure to be appeal to a wide range of ages and tastes. I hope you all can join us in *Urinetown*!"

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## **RIEKE ELEMENTARY INVITES YOU TO KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP, JANUARY 26**

Rieke Elementary invites you to Kindergarten Round Up, Wednesday, January 26, 2011 --7:00-8:30pm. *Meet the Principal and the teachers, tour the school and learn all about the wonderful world of Kindergarten at Rieke Elementary!* We welcome you in the gymnasium for an orientation session, then move to an open house in the classrooms. Mary Rieke Elementary School is proud of its strong tradition of excellence - a tradition that creates high expectations for student achievement within a warm and nurturing community of learners. You will learn about a special "**Welcome to Rieke Kindergarten**" event in the spring, where you and your child can participate in Kindergarten readiness activities. \*Child care will be provided on the Rieke premises compliments of Fulton Park Community Staff. **Rieke Elementary - the heart of Hillsdale**, 1405 SW Vermont Portland, Oregon 97219, 503.916.5768 ~ [www.rieko.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.rieko.pps.k12.or.us). Also, your family is invited to the annual **Rieke Carnival on Friday, June 3.**

## **ODYSSEY K-8 PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT**

Join Odyssey K-8 Program, a focus option program of PPS for an Information Night for the 2011-2012 enrollment.

When: January 19, February 2, February 17, March 16      6:00 – 7:30 pm

Where: Hayhurst Elementary School, 5037 SW Iowa Street, Portland, OR 97221

<http://www.mapquest.com/#a45a8ffdbb7b66ac464eefe9>

Who: Parents interested in looking into all the best available transfer options for their PPS student.

Why: The Odyssey Program is a K-8 "living history" focus option school housed within Hayhurst Elementary. Odyssey's unique mix of rigorous academics, theme-based learning, award-winning teachers, and lively performing arts engage and inspire students of all kinds. Parents can rest assured that the program garners some of the highest test scores in the district. The Odyssey program is open to all Portland public school students via lottery. Parents must attend an information night and fill out a School Choice Transfer application to be eligible.

Contact: Odyssey parent Susanne Frank: 503-449-5448. To find out more:

<http://www.odysseyprogram.org/>.

## WAYS TO HELP WITH HILLSDALE MAIN STREET

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available including: committed internships, committee work, or the donation of a few volunteer hours to help implement various projects. Students and citizens interested in volunteering should contact Suzan Poisner at: [suzan@HillsdaleMainStreet.org](mailto:suzan@HillsdaleMainStreet.org) or at 503.896.9211. If you are interested in learning more about the Hillsdale Main Street program, please attend the community launch party on Thursday, February 10, 2011 from 6-8PM. Key Bank on Capitol Highway is hosting the party, with participation by many of the other local businesses.

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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](mailto:wilsonbulletin@yahoo.com)

**HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE?** Send the details to Linda Doyle at: [Lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:Lsdoyle@earthlink.net)

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

Monday, January 10, 2011  
No contests

Tuesday, January 11, 2011  
Men's Basketball Madison @ Wilson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30  
Women's Basketball JV/V @ Madison 5:45 / 7:30 Vans-TBA  
Wrestling Frosh/Novice @ Grant 4:30 *Early release-2:55 Bus-3:15*

Wednesday, January 12, 2011  
Wrestling Jefferson @ Wilson 6:30 / 7:30

Thursday, January 13, 2011  
Women's Basketball @ Cleveland 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30 *Frosh Early release-2:40 Vans-2:55*

Friday, January 14, 2011  
Men's Basketball Cleveland @ Wilson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30  
Swimming vs. Madison @ Dishman 6:00 *Bus-5:00*

Saturday, January 15, 2011  
Wrestling @ Dallas Tournament 9:00 Bus-TBA



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

**LOOKING FOR WILSON GRADUATES WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN MILITARY**

A new WWHS Alumni webpage to honor Wilson's Military Graduates has been created on the school's alumni website at: [http://www.wilsonalumni.com/Military\\_Service/Military\\_Service.htm](http://www.wilsonalumni.com/Military_Service/Military_Service.htm). To add your name and information to the archive of Military Graduates, send your information below to Linda Doyle at [LSDOYLE@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:LSDOYLE@EARTHLINK.NET).

Name:

Year graduated from Wilson:

Military branch:

Years of service:

Service description:

Photo (optional):

Do you give permission to post this information on the alumni website (required):

**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 #** Wilson 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/>

**JANUARY**

11 Site Council 3:30-5

12 Boosters 6:30-8

13 Grad Night Planning 7-9pm Note new date

13-14 Wilson One Acts

17 MLK Jr Day Schools/Offices closed

25 Wilson PTA General Meeting 7pm Faculty Room

26-27-28 semester finals

31 No school Teacher Planning Day

**FEBRUARY**

2 WHS Auction meeting, 7pm

7 Counselors forecast @ Gray

8 Counselors forecast @ Jackson

8 Site Council 3:30-5

## FEBRUARY

9 Booster Club 6:30  
11 Principal's Coffee 8:15-9:30am  
18-19, 24-26 Urinetown: The musical, 7pm  
20 Urinetown: The musical, 2pm  
21 Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL  
26 PIL Choir Solo Ensemble

## MARCH

2-31 Wilson Student Art on Display @ Baker & Spice  
5 PIL Band Instrumental @ Grant  
8-9-10 Spring Play auditions 3:30  
8 Site Council 3:30-5  
11 Spring Dance  
14 Grad Night Planning 7pm  
15 Winter Sports Awards 7pm  
17-27 Baseball Spring Trip  
17 Spring Choir Concert/Art Exhibit 7pm  
21-25 SPRING BREAK  
27 Spring College Fair U of P Noon-3pm

## APRIL

TBA next Community Care Day, campus cleanup  
16 Wilson HS Benefit Auction at Mittleman Jewish Community Center

## MAY

25 General PTA meeting 7pm Faculty Lounge

## JUNE

8 Grad Night Party following graduation ceremony

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