



## Wilson Spotlight

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### **WILSON STUDENTS MEET TOM BROKAW AT LITERARY ARTS**

According to Mel Wells from Literary Arts, Wilson students met with Tom Brokaw before his lecture with Portland Arts & Lectures just before winter break at the Literary Arts Center. Photo:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/TomBrokawWilsonStudents2011.jpg>.

Mr. Brokaw told the student journalists they are coming of age at a critical time. While the future of print journalism is uncertain, Brokaw said he remains optimistic that "the culture of journalism, that of informing US citizens of what is being said around the world in their name, will not change." Then he opened the floor for student questions. "Or answers," he said with a smile.

Students arrived at the meeting with questions already prepared. They had read in class copies of Brokaw's book, *The Greatest Generation*, supplied by Literary Arts' Writers in the School (WITS) program. They were on their way to his appearance at the Schnitzer that night. After a lively discussion, Brokaw offered his signature advice to those aspiring to a career in journalism, "Have you thought about medicine?"

WITS is a program of Literary Arts that cultivates young writers and employs local, professional writers to teach semester-long creative writing workshops in all PPS high schools and several alternative programs. WITS also facilitates author visits to schools, coordinates community readings for students, mentors students on their college essays, and provides tickets and transportation for students to attend Literary Arts' events at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. WITS serves 2,600 students each year. To learn more, visit: [www.literary-arts.org/wits](http://www.literary-arts.org/wits).

Wilson Principal Sue Brent says that there are two writers in residence current at Wilson. One is in Michele Potestio's US History class and one in Marie Pearson's 3-D Design. The Wilson PTA helps pay for one third of the program; and Literary Arts pays the other two thirds of the writer's salary when they are at Wilson for their 12-week residency. "This is just one of the ways we are working to improve student's writing skills this year," states Ms. Brent.

## **ANOTHER WILSON STUDENT JOINS SITE COUNCIL**

The Wilson High School Site Council welcomes **Alan Bishop** as its newest student representative, joining his fellow student member, **Gus Coats**. These student representatives are directly involved in achieving the mission of the Wilson High School Site Council. That mission is to provide leadership, direction and support towards the improvement of the school's instruction program and student achievement. Thank you to Gus and Alan!

## **PARENT APPRECIATES THE MUSIC ... THE DEDICATION**

**Melanie Fried-Oken** has been a parent at Wilson since 2006, and just before winter break she watched and heard the best music performance at Wilson, including the Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Orchestra. "Kudos to Paul Jolstead, the one teacher who engaged more than 100 students in performing together," states Melanie. "I am impressed with what one music teacher has put together for the instrumental music program at WHS. Portland Public Schools should know what an excellent job Mr. Jolstead does with reduced resources. He continually challenges students to achieve and do their best; he offers opportunities for high school students that create pride and self confidence in addition to skills. I thank him for his commitment and hard work. What an enjoyable and exciting program he offered WHS families at their last concert. Thank you!"

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO FAMILIES IN NEED**

Because of your generosity, before winter break Wilson...

- delivered wonderful holiday gifts to seven Wilson families in need;
- paid for (thanks to an anonymous donor) one family's energy bill before it was shut off; and
- donated food to the Oregon Food Bank.

In addition, Wilson Leadership raised \$800 (all from Wilson students during lunch + the Senior Auction) to purchase gifts for children whose families are incarcerated at Inverness Jail. Our Leadership students delivered the donations to Inverness before winter break. After the field trip one Wilson student remarked, "that was one of the best experiences of my life." "Again, thank you, Wilson staff, parents, community, and students for your kindness," adds Erica Meyers, Wilson Business Manager and Career Coordinator.

## **INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT ... SPECTACULAR EVENING OF MUSIC**

On December 13, Wilson music director Paul Jolstead treated an enthusiastic audience to the first instrumental concert of the school year. And what a concert! Click here to read a review of the Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band concert by Carolyn Grill: [http://www.wilsonarts.org/Dec2011\\_ConcertReview.htm](http://www.wilsonarts.org/Dec2011_ConcertReview.htm).

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## **WILSON BOWLING CLUB EVERY THURSDAY!**

We meet at Tigard Bowl from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Bring your friends and anyone you think might be interested! It's a great way to interact with your peers and make new friends. Hope to see you Thursday!

## **IS YOUR BOTTOM SORE WHILE WATCHING GAMES ON THOSE HARD BLEACHERS??**

The Booster Club has a great solution for you...we will be selling new TROJAN bleacher seat cushions! Available in the Bookkeepers office and at all home basketball games. Price is \$15 each.

## **ROSE FESTIVAL COURT APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 6**

All candidates must: Be Female; Attend a 4A, 5A or 6A high school in Multnomah, Washington or Clackamas counties; Be a senior graduating in June 2012 or a junior on track to graduate in June 2013; Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (applicants with GPA between 2.75 and 3.0 with exigent circumstances may still be eligible; complete the variance form included with this application); Have a verifiable minimum of 20 hours community service performed during high school; Submit a **complete application due January 6, 2012**; Attend one mandatory orientation session: January 18, January 21 or January 24, 2012; and Participate in the Court Judging process: February 11.

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILY NIGHT, JANUARY 12**

Thursday, January 12 at 6:15PM in the Auditorium. Come learn about your neighborhood school!

## **PTA PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT, JANUARY 23**

New Skills for a New Time: Providing Your Teen with the Self-Sufficiency, Confidence, and Creativity They Need to Succeed

Monday, January 23rd, 6-8:00 pm, Wilson Cafeteria

Our students are heading into a world where they will need a whole new set of skills if they are to have the lives we wish for them. In today's world, college is only the first step to entering into the economy. To succeed through college and beyond as they create their own lives, today's teens will need vision, adaptability, self-discipline and the ability to build healthy relationships. Learn what you can do to help them develop these important skills.

Join us for a discussion with Dr. Jay Klusky, PhD, author, speaker, and academic adviser whose work focuses on teaching parents and students how to build their self-esteem, strengthen their powers of self-direction, and develop their capacity for self-discipline.

We will begin at 6:00 pm with an opportunity for parents to network (light refreshments provided); the presentation will start promptly at 6:30 pm. At the conclusion of the one-hour presentation there will be a thirty-minute question and answer session. We hope to see you there! To learn more about Dr. Klusky's workshops, go to [www.jayklusky.com](http://www.jayklusky.com). For more information on this event, contact Valeurie Friedman at [wilsonhighschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonhighschoolpta@gmail.com).

## **WILSON DANCE TEAM UPCOMING COMPETITIONS**

- Canby Jan 28
- Tigard Feb 11
- City PIL Feb 25
- State Championships March 16, 17

## **NEW! JOIN WILSON PTA ONLINE**

Join Wilson PTA today online with a credit card at:

<https://wilsonhighschoolpta.tofinoauctions.com/joinpta/give>. When you join, you send the message to all of our students that you care about their school. When you join, you join hundreds of other parents and community members. When you join, you support the work that PTA does at Wilson: the all-school Auction, Grad Night Party, the Student Directory, Parent Education Nights, and more. When you join, you become a voting member of the PTA and help decide our direction, budget, and policies. Please see the PTA section of the Wilson website for more information about Wilson PTA. Contact Valeurie Friedman at: [wilsonhighschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonhighschoolpta@gmail.com) with questions.

## **2012 GRAD NIGHT**

Heads up seniors and senior parents! Grad Night 2012 is a drug, alcohol, tobacco and weapon free, all night celebration for the graduates of Wilson High School. Grad Night begins right after the Commencement Ceremony. It's never too early to sign up and get all the facts. Check here for all the important news and forms: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/927.htm>.

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## **WILSON CAREER CENTER NEWS**

Students and Parents: For Career Related Learning Opportunities, please visit:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/1259.htm>. Wilson Career Center located in room 149 near the office, this room will provide students with the opportunity to learn about career options and job related experiences such as job shadowing and internships. If you are available to help students in the Career Center, please contact PTA Volunteer Coordinator Leslie Starker at [LNStarker@comcast.net](mailto:LNStarker@comcast.net). For more information about any of the following announcements, please contact Erica Meyers, Business Manager and Career Coordinator at 503-916-6142 or email: [emeyers@pps.net](mailto:emeyers@pps.net).

## **STUDENTS INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT PERSONAL FINANCE**

For Students: If you are interested in learning about **personal finance**, **EverFi**, a **free online personal finance program is available to Wilson High School students**. It's a fun, interactive way for students to learn about personal finance. Go to: [www.EverFi.net](http://www.EverFi.net) Username: portland Password: portland. Once you log in, click over to the curriculum tab and you can begin the course. There's also a video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQDEcD4FASE>.

## **OREGON NATIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER**

### **-Opportunities for Students and Teachers**

#### **© Tours of the Center (scheduled for groups as large as 60 students)**

Tours are free of charge and feature a presentation about the history, mission, and current research projects being conducted at the Center. The presentation is tailored to meet the individual needs of each group (minimum age 10 years; 4<sup>th</sup> grade through university-level). Following the presentation, students tour the outdoor monkey enclosures. Tours of individual labs may be possible for older students, depending on group size. Please schedule your tour with me at least 3 weeks in advance, by phone, e-mail, or on-line at:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/onprc/public-outreach/tourreqform.cfm>.

*Dress for the weather!*

### © **Speakers Bureau**

A number of Center personnel (scientists and others) can be scheduled to make on-site classroom visits to schools located within a 30-minute drive of the Center. For schools outside of that radius, videoconferencing may be arranged, depending on your access to such technology. A list of topics and speakers is attached. Please contact Erica Meyers by phone or e-mail at least 3 weeks in advance to schedule a classroom speaker.

### © **High School Apprenticeships**

Administered through the Saturday Academy's "Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering" program (ASE), each summer 3-8 high school students spend 8 weeks conducting a research project under the direction of a Primate Center scientist. One of the apprenticeships is awarded to a student from a historically underrepresented ethnic group. Application materials can be found at: [www.saturdayacademy.org/ase](http://www.saturdayacademy.org/ase). *Application deadline: January 2012.*

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### **YOU'RE INVITED, JANUARY 10**

Residents of SW Portland, King City and Tigard are invited to join Senator Richard Devlin (D-Tualatin) and Senator Ginny Burdick (D- Portland/Tigard) to a town hall and open forum on January 10th. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10th, starting at 7 p.m. at The Watershed at Hillsdale, 6388 SW Capital Highway, Portland, OR 97239.

### **WILSON YOUTH LACROSSE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN, GRADES 1-8**

Interested in playing the fastest growing sport in the USA? Wilson Youth Lacrosse is for boys & girls, 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades. For more info or to register now, go to --> [www.wylax.net](http://www.wylax.net). Eligibility: Public and private school students residing within Wilson High School attendance boundaries. Join them for an information meeting, **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm, in the Jackson Middle School Library.** Parents and players welcome! Questions? Boys: Brian Burby, [bburby@ch2m.com](mailto:bburby@ch2m.com). Girls: Elizabeth Donohue, [wylaxgirls@comcast.net](mailto:wylaxgirls@comcast.net).

### **CAMPAIGN FOR TOBACCO-FREE KIDS LOOKING FOR YOUTH ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR**

Each year the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids honors the accomplishments of outstanding young people who are among today's most effective leaders in tobacco control. The Youth Advocates of the Year Awards honor young advocates from across the United States who have fought hard to promote tobacco prevention legislation in their home states, reduce tobacco marketing to kids in their communities, and stop their peers from using tobacco. Youth Advocate awardees have excelled at promoting tobacco prevention at the local, state, national, and international levels. The program will honor four regional (East, West, Central, and South) award winners (grades 9-12); one national award winner (grades 9-12); one group winner (middle school and/or high school grades); and one military youth winner (grades 9-12). Each regional winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and a \$500 grant; the national winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a \$500 grant; the group winner will receive a \$2,500 grant; and the military winner will receive a \$2,000 grant. The awards will be presented on May 17, 2012, in Washington, D.C., at the campaign's awards gala. Complete program information and the nomination form are available at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Web site. **Deadline:** January 27, 2012. Contact: [http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/what\\_we\\_do/youth\\_initiatives/gala/](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/what_we_do/youth_initiatives/gala/).

## **MINI-GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT 2012 KICK BUTTS DAY EVENTS**

United Health Foundation is partnering with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to offer mini-grants for 2012 Kick Butts Day ( March 21, 2012) events. A program of the campaign's For Youth By Youth program, Kick Butts Day is an annual celebration of youth leadership and activism in the fight against tobacco use. On Kick Butts Day, youth organize and participate in events across the United States encouraging their peers to stay tobacco-free and educating their communities about the dangers of tobacco. This year, for the first time, mini-grants of \$500 or \$1,000 will be awarded to support Kick Butts day events. Anyone who is planning a 2012 event is encouraged to apply. The program will favor applications that include a combination of creativity, youth involvement in planning and implementing the event, a detailed description of the planned event, a strong communications/media plan, and demonstrated financial need. Grants can be used for local transportation for youth participating in the event; administrative expenses such as communication (phone, fax, email, postage), copying, and print services that are directly related to the event; materials needed for the event (trash bags, paper, art supplies, etc.); educational items (brochures, palm cards, flyers, etc. that can be handed out at the event); and refreshments and recognition items (t-shirts, certificates, plaques, etc.) that are integral to the event. To access the grant application, applicants must first register their event at the Kick Butts Day Web site. Deadline: January 27, 2012. Click here: [http://www.kickbuttsday.org/getting\\_started/minigrants.php](http://www.kickbuttsday.org/getting_started/minigrants.php).

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

Monday, January 2, 2012

No contests

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Men's Basketball @ Benson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30 *Frosh early release-3:00*

Women's Basketball Benson @ Wilson 5:45 / 7:30

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Swimming vs. Madison @ Columbia Pool 6:00 *Bus-5:15*

Thursday, January 5, 2012

No contests

Friday, January 6, 2012

Women's Basketball Franklin @ Wilson 4:15 / 5:45 / 7:30

Wrestling @ Aloha 4:00 *Bus-2:00*

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Men's Basketball @ Marshall vs. Franklin 2:00

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**WHS Daily Bulletin** Send to: [wilsonbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:wilsonbulletin@yahoo.com)

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## **SCRIP**

Thinking of buying holiday or thank you gifts for your employees or clients? Then think scrip. Scrip is an easy way to support Wilson PTA that doesn't cost you anything extra--simply purchase gift cards for Fred Meyer, Kaady Car Wash, or many other local vendors. Orders are collected every Monday. Go to: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/931.htm> for order forms.

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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>

## **WILSON GRADUATES WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN MILITARY**

To add your name and information to the archive of Wilson Military Graduates, click on this link: <http://www.wilsonalumni.com/Military.html>.

**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**

4 Auction Committee 7pm

5 College Panel 6:30pm

9 Statement Article Deadline

10 Site Council 3:30pm

11 Boosters 6:45pm in Cafeteria

12 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Night at Wilson, 6:15pm Auditorium, come learn about your neighborhood school.

13 Winter One Acts 7pm

23 PTA Parent Education 6-8pm (refreshments 6-6:30, presentation begins 6:30)

26 Trojan Talents

28 SAT Testing

30-31 Semester Finals

## FEBRUARY

- 1-2 Semester Finals
- 3 NO SCHOOL TEACHER PLANNING DAY
- 3 PTA Hospitality Pancake Breakfast
- 3 Basketball
  - Men vs Jefferson @ Wilson
  - Women @ Jefferson
- 3 Queen of Hearts Dance
- 4 Wrestling @ Oregon City
- 6 Wrestling @ Wilson
- 7 Site Council 3:30pm
- 7 Basketball
  - Men vs Cleveland @ Wilson
  - Women @ Cleveland
- 8 Boosters 6:45pm in Cafeteria
- 8 Wrestling @ Wilson
- 8 Basketball, Women vs Grant @ Wilson
- 9 Winter Play – The Tempest 7pm
- 10 Basketball
  - Men @ Benson
  - Women vs Benson @ Wilson
- 10 Winter Play – The Tempest 7pm
- 10 March SAT registration deadline
- 11 Winter Play – The Tempest 7pm
- 12 Winter Play – The Tempest 2pm
- 13 Wilson PTA meeting 7pm Wilson Library
- 14 Basketball
  - Men vs Franklin @ Wilson
  - Women @ Franklin
- 15 Basketball – Men's vs Roosevelt @ Wilson
- 15-16 Winter Play – The Tempest 7pm
- 17 Basketball
  - Men @ Madison
  - Women vs Madison @ Wilson
- 18 Winter Play – The Tempest 7pm
- 20 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day
- 21 Basketball
  - Men @ Jefferson
  - Women vs Jefferson @ Wilson
- 25 Band and Orchestra Solo & Ensemble @ Grant HS All Day
- 25 WHS Foundation Fundraiser @ Harvey's Comedy Club, dinner 5:30, show 7:30
- 28-29 Spring Play auditions

## MARCH

- 1 Spring Play auditions
- 7 Boosters 6:45pm meeting
- 7 Auction Committee 7pm
- 10 SAT testing
- 12 Baseball @ Lake Oswego
- 13 Softball @ Rieke vs David Douglas
- 13 Band and Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert 7pm
- 14 Baseball @ Corvallis CANCELLED



## MARCH CONTINUED

14 Softball @ Rieke vs Parkrose  
14 Boosters 6:45pm in Cafeteria  
14 Winter Sports Awards 7pm Auditorium  
15 Baseball @ Wilson vs Tigard  
15 Trojan Talents 7pm  
16 Baseball @ Wilson vs Sherwood  
19 Baseball @ Grant  
19 Softball @ Rieke vs Grant  
20 PIL Band and Orchestra Festival @ Wilson TBA  
21 Baseball @ Wilson vs North Salem  
21 Softball @ Delta vs Benson  
21 Track @ Marshall vs Madison  
22 Baseball @ Wilson vs Lincoln  
22 Softball @ Rieke vs Lincoln  
23 Improv Marathon  
24 Baseball @ Tigard  
26 (Monday)- Spring Break begins  
31 Baseball @ Scappoose

## APRIL

2 Back to School after Spring Break  
11 Boosters 6:45pm in Cafeteria  
19 PTA Parent Education 6-8pm (refreshments 6-6:30, presentation begins 6:30)  
21 Wilson Auction @ MJCC

## MAY

9 Boosters 6:45pm in Cafeteria  
10 OSAA 5A State Band Championship TBA  
11 OSAA 5A State Orchestra Championship TBA  
23 Spring Band Concert 7pm Auditorium

## JUNE

2 Starlight Parade Evening  
5 Spring Sports Award Night, 7pm Auditorium  
6 Band plays at Wilson Graduation @ Memorial Coliseum 8pm  
6 Graduation Rehearsal Memorial Coliseum 9:30am  
6 Graduation @ Memorial coliseum 8pm  
6 Grad Night Party  
13 Last Day of School  
25 PPS Summer School begins @ Benson

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