



Wilson Spotlight

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WILSON ART TEACHER WINS MILLER AWARD

Marie Pearson, Art Teacher at Wilson High School, was **awarded \$5,000** for the **2012-2013 school year** from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation. This teaching award will pay for professional development, art supplies, and equipment. According to the Miller Foundation, a major problem facing public high schools is the large number of teachers who drop out of the profession during their first five years of teaching. In Oregon this attrition was 37 percent, according to a 2008 report by the Chalkboard Project. To encourage more teachers to stay in the profession and improve their skills, the Miller Foundation offers professional development awards annually to provide public high school teachers with opportunities for growth and development, with the goal of strengthening their commitment to, interest in, and effectiveness in a long-term classroom teaching career. The ultimate goal is helping teachers pursue activities that will stimulate and nurture student achievement. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, depending upon the nature of the individual projects. Congratulations, Marie! Exciting news for the visual arts students at Wilson!

THE TEMPEST: ANOTHER ARTISTIC WOW-SER FOR WILSON DRAMA

*review by **Bill Boly**, Wilson Language Arts teacher*

Wilson Drama recently completed an entertaining, lightning-quick eight performances in ten days (May 9-18) run of William Shakespeare's The Tempest. Mounted in barely a month's time from casting to first performance, this rollicking version -- presented to audiences in the intimate Auditorium Stage setting -- was notable for its fast-pace (two hours, including intermission) and crowd-pleasing innovations. For example, Director Jamie M. Miller introduced a full-throttle pantomime by the Spirits to accompany Prospera's opening monologue that establishes the dramatic situation at the beginning of the play. He also cast Ariel as twin alter-egos (played by **Scout Smythe** and **Grame Montgomery**) who finished each other's lines and mirrored each others moves with eerie precision. **Jesse Turner** proved a suitably magisterial (and occasionally vexed) Prospera; **Andy Thoennes** a pure and dewey-eyed Miranda. **Alex Diaz-Hui** was as churlish, a fish-scaled Caliban as his brother, **Nick Diaz-Hui**, was a suave and appealing Ferdinand. Among many memorable turns in supporting roles, **Sally Loughney** delighted as the housemaid Stephana, playing the part somewhere between Falstaff and Raggedy Ann Doll; **Colin Scannell** was an embittered, scheming Antonio and **Lucy Schwimmer** was a tart-tongued, wickedly funny Sebastiane. The play was visually compelling; all performers wore individually-stylized masks giving the production a sophisticated, Greek-fusion feel. Original music by **Ethan Conroy** set the mood. As has become a hallmark of recent productions, alumni with theater expertise came back to Wilson to lend their expertise -- **Claire-Liis Hillier '04** in choreography and **Natalie Heikkinen '04** in costume design. Word-of-mouth raves steadily built audiences for this production over the course of its run.

To see the program listing with cast and crew, click here:

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/Tempest_Program.pdf.

WILSON SOPHOMORE COMPETES IN PORTLAND TEEN IDOL

Sophomore, **Lindsay Spear**, has made it to the finals of the Season 6 Portland Teen Idol talent contest. Hundreds auditioned and now they are down to the final 15 contestants. As a finalist she will be performing in the 2012 Portland Teen Idol summer tour at several events and venues, and a web series based on the show will soon be out. This local singing competition, based on the popular Fox show American Idol, offers several rounds of competition with cash prizes for contestants and a summer performance tour. It is for students in grades 7 through 12 that live within 35 miles of the Portland/Vancouver metro area. Portland Teen Idol is an education-driven career enhancement program to help develop teens' talents, assist them in reaching their goals, and teach them to see their own potential through industry-like opportunities, performances, and mentoring. The Finals will be held on Sunday, June 10th. Details and tickets available at: <http://www.portlandteenidol.com/>. Congratulations to Lindsay and her parents, **Steve & Robin Spear!**

WILSON BASEBALL CONTINUES HITTING IT OUT OF THE PARK

Wilson baseball won again last week, 6-0 over Parkrose. They play their **next round at Dallas on Wednesday at 5pm**. Check out the nice article by Kerry Eggers from The Portland Tribune about the our team and coach:
http://www.portlandtribune.com/sports/print_story.php?story_id=133720826325254800.

WILSON BASEBALL PLAYERS CHOSEN FOR ALL LEAGUE TEAMS

The following student-athletes were selected for the PIL All League teams. **Gerhett Moser** (Pitcher) was chosen as the PIL **Pitcher of the Year**, and **Austin Andrews** (Infield) as the PIL **Player of the Year**. **Mike Clopton** was chosen at the Co-Coach of the Year. Congratulations to all and good luck with the play-offs!

First Team: **Philip Blatt**, Pitcher
Gerhett Moser, Pitcher. PIL Pitcher of the Year
Austin Andrews, Infield. PIL Player of the Year
Josh Hagge, Infield

Second Team: **Chris Beard**, Designated Hitter
Gerhett Moser, Outfield

Honorable Mention: **Samuel Swanson**, Pitcher

Co-Coach of the Year: **Mike Clopton** (along with Adam Cohen, Benson)

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NOTE

The Wilson Choirs **TrojanAntics** program was moved to Monday, May 21st and Tuesday, May 22nd.

SUPPORT WILSON STUDENTS IN ANY NUMBER OF WAYS

Due to generous donations benefitting Wilson's Foundation, approximately \$75,000 has been raised during the 2011-12 school year. A hearty **thank you to Wilson's community** of families, staff, and local businesses! These funds will help decrease class sizes and increase course offerings during the 2012-2013 school year.

We're still about \$25K from our goal of \$100,000. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation in any number of ways:

- **Bring/send a check to Wilson** (1511 SW Vermont St., Portland, OR, 97219). The check should be made to the Wilson Foundation;
- **Bring/send a check to All Hands Raised** (Portland Schools Foundation's umbrella organization) 2069 NE Hoyt St., Portland, OR, 97232. **Write Wilson's name** in subject line.
- **Donate online:** <https://allhandsraised.schoolauction.net/give/give> - be sure to designate Wilson as the recipient;
- **Make a monthly donation** from your checking account...it hurts a little less and adds up for the Foundation! Call Jennifer at All Hands Raised: 503-234-5404.

Thank you!!! Linda Venti, Wilson Foundation Chair

NEXT PTA GENERAL MEETING, MAY 21

Don't forget our final general membership meeting of the year is Monday, May 21st. We will meet at 7 pm in the cafeteria. Agenda items include board elections for next year, approval of an interim budget, and a report from Principal Sue Brent. We are still looking for board officers. Please email Maureen Berrie-Lawson (reeniebl@comcast.net) if you're interested.

NOMINATE A WILSON STUDENT ATHLETE!

Cricket Wireless and OregonLive.com team-up for the Good Sport Award and the opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship plus an Android smartphone. For more info and to place a nomination visit: [Http://www.oregonlive.com/goodsport](http://www.oregonlive.com/goodsport) and tell them why your nominee is a Good Sport. Starts 5/7/12 and ends 6/4/12.

WALK/RUN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR WILSON SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Wilson's Goal: Wilson High School Health & Physical Education Classes, Life Skills Department and the school's Administration are teaming up this year to raise funds in order to offer scholarship opportunities for Wilson special needs students to participate in the Camp Kiwanis Summer Program and other year-round student enrichment activities.

Here's how you can help: Sign up for the Laps-4-Life Skills Run / Walk: Parents and community members are invited to join in the Laps-4-Life Skills **Run / Walk – Monday & Tuesday May 21st - 22nd** at the Wilson High School Track. Please contact Aaron Olsen (aolsen@pps.net) for more information including a community pledge forms.

DANCE TRY OUTS, MAY 21 & MAY 22

Wilson's Dance Try Outs are May 21st from 7- 9pm in Wilson Gym and May 22nd - 24th from 4- 6pm in the Wilson Gym. All dancers must come prepared with appropriate dance attire and must attend each audition day.

SASQUATCH BREWERY, MAY 22

Sasquatch Brewery, Wilson family-owned and new-kid-on-the-block; treat your taste buds and support the Wilson Foundation. Sasquatch will donate 15% of all sales that day from 5:00 till closing.

IS IT TIME TO UPGRADE OUR SCHOOL BUILDING? MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

PPS is considering the recommendation of a citizens' advisory group that the Portland community engage in a series of construction bonds over many years to upgrade our school buildings. Families, teachers, students, neighbors ... PPS wants your opinion about these questions: Should the district seek a school construction bond? What would be the right time to take a bond to voters? Which schools should be upgraded? What kinds of building improvements do you want to see in schools? Learn more and share your views at a community meeting. Each meeting will feature an open house from 5pm to 6pm with presentation and discussion from 6pm to 8pm. Free child care provided. For more information go to: www.bit.ly/PPSBuildLearn or call the PPS Office of School Modernization at 503-916-3817.

Tuesday, May 22 - Roosevelt HS Cafeteria, 6941 N Central St.

Wednesday, May 23, Madison HS Cafeteria, 2735 NE 82nd Ave.

Thursday, May 24, Lincoln HS Cafeteria, 1600 SW Salmon St.

CALLING ALL PORTLAND AREA STUDENT ARTISTS! DEADLINE MAY 26

Project Believe in Me and Oregon Safe Schools & Communities Coalition is seeking submissions for an Anti-bullying poster contest! Would you like your poster design to be displayed in schools and community spaces throughout Portland? **Submit any design (maximum size 11" x 17") related to creating an end to bullying**, by email or snail mail. **Due date: May 26.** Contest entrants must be middle or high school aged residents of Portland, Oregon. For more information contact:

AlexHorse@ProjectBelieveInMe.org. This contest is a collaboration between Project Believe in Me and Oregon Safe Schools & Communities Coalition. Project Believe In Me is a completely youth-lead response to the increase in young people committing bully-related suicide:

<http://projectbelieveinme.org>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SENIOR BBQ, MAY 31

"Volunteers needed for the Senior BBQ! BBQ is Thursday, May 31. Please email: wilsonboosterspdx@gmail.com for more information or to sign up! Sign-ups on our website coming soon. <http://www.wilsonboosterclub.com>"

GRAD PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Grad Party is the all-night event that takes place right after the graduation ceremony on June 6th. We are in need of more chaperones to be at the event from 11:00pm June 6th, until 5:00am on June 7th. We can also use more volunteers to work "Casino Tables" from 11:00pm until 3:30am. There will be training for the casino table volunteers. Coffee, food, and other beverages will be available to all volunteers. Please help make this a fun and successful event for our seniors! Non-senior parent volunteers are also welcome. Contact Mary Kiriakedis: kiriakedis@comcast.net or 503-246-9248.

LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL CAMP, JUNE 18-22

Lady Trojans Basketball Camp June 18-22. **Grades 3rd-6th** from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Cost is \$90.00. **Grades 7th-9th** from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Cost is \$95.00. Coach staff: Head Coach Mike Nolan. Assistant Coaches - John Dunn, Aaron Olsen & Wilson Varsity Basketball Players. What You'll Learn: All the Fundamentals of the game while focusing on offensive and defensive team play; Individual instruction in ball-handling, passing, shooting techniques and offensive and defensive footwork. All Campers will receive a Wilson basketball T-Shirt. Click here for the Basketball Camp Registration Form: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/files/school-wilson/WilsonYouthBasketballCamp.pdf>. Questions, email Mike Nolan at: mnolan@pps.k12.or.us.

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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. 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.

FBI MULTI-CULTURAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR 8TH-11TH GRADERS

The Portland Division is now accepting applications for the third annual FBI Multi-Cultural Youth Leadership Academy, which will be held August 22-24, 2012. The academy is geared toward developing youth leaders by engaging them in team-building experiences, exposing them to careers in law enforcement, and teaching them to communicate across cultures. Participants will have direct interaction with law enforcement officials, including FBI special agents. Youth applicants are required to attend all three days of the academy. Application **deadline is May 31**. For more information visit: <http://www.fbi.gov/portland/news-and-outreach/outreach>.

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 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>.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS BUSINESS WEEK, JULY 15-21

Young Entrepreneurs Business Week (YEBW)—This Summer, July 15-21. YEBW is a fun, intense and rewarding business-focused program, where high school students experience life on a college campus while networking with peers and business leaders. Students come away with experience to include on college applications, new skills, inspiration and confidence to set, meet and exceed goals for school, business and life. Participants can take the role of CEO and lead their “company” to success, crunch numbers as the CFO, become the CMO and develop a plan to skyrocket sales. Students work together during business competitions, explore various career tracks, attend an etiquette dinner and dance, are inspired by speakers, engage in hands-on activities and more! YEBW will take place July 15-21, 2012 at Oregon State University. Students reside in Weatherford Hall, home of the Austin Entrepreneurship Program. Financial assistance is available on a need-basis, and registration is limited. For additional information, visit YEBW online at www.yebw.org.

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

Wilson baseball plays their **next round at Dallas on Wednesday at 5pm.**

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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/>

Please note: schedules can change at the last minute. Always check with your student, or teacher/coach, or call the school to confirm.

MAY

21 PTA General Meeting

21-22 The Wilson Choirs present TrojanAntics 7pm **NOTE NEW DATES**

21-22 Run for Ranney

22 Sasquatch Brewery (Hillsdale) fundraiser, 15% of sales goes to Wilson

23 Spring Band and Orchestra Concert 7pm Auditorium

25 May Madness Basketball Assembly

28 NO SCHOOL

29-30 Senior Finals

30 Last Day of School for Seniors

30 Senior Class Meeting (mandatory), 2:20pm, Auditorium

31 Senior Awards Assembly – all school attends, Time TBD, Auditorium, seniors wear cap/gown to assembly

31 Senior Class BBQ, Time TBD, WHS Track

JUNE

2 SAT testing

2 Wilson Bands march in Rose Festival Starlight Parade

4 Wilson Drama/ Portland Center Stage: Visions and Voices @ the Armory

5 Spring Sports Award Night, 7pm Auditorium

6 Band plays at Wilson Graduation @ Memorial Coliseum 8pm

6 Graduation Rehearsal Memorial Coliseum 9:30am (Mandatory)

6 Graduation @ Memorial coliseum 8pm

6 Grad Night Party, 10pm leave from Coliseum

7 Wilson Drama presents Dr. Horrible's Singalong Blog

8 Wilson Drama Troscar Awards

8 Semester Finals

11-12-13 Semester Finals

13 Last Day of School

14-15 Teacher Planning Day

25 PPS Summer School begins @ Benson

25 Statement Article Deadline

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER 2012

5 First Day of NEW School Year 2012-2013

9 Chalk Art Festival, Rieke ES sidewalk FREE

NOVEMBER

11 3rd annual IN THE BAG: BENEFIT FOR THE ARTS purse sale --- donate today!

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