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PHYSICAL CHALLENGES CAN'T STOP PORTLAND SCOUT

Article by Cathy Marshall, KGW.com on July 13, 2012

A young Portland man is about to achieve what few people do—become an Eagle Scout—despite some tremendous physical challenges. **Will Ramis '12** is the kind of guy who makes you think about slowing down in life and being patient when you're trying to reach a goal. "He has always been a tough, tenacious guy and I think that's why he originally survived," says Will's dad, **Tim Ramis**. His twin sister was born healthy, but a loss of blood at birth left Will with cerebral palsy. In second grade a love of camping drew him to scouting. "He's spent a night without shelter in the wilderness," Tim says. "He's really done it all." And he has 32 merit badges to show for it. But before his scouting days come to an end, Will wants to reach the highest rank of Eagle Scout. It's an accomplishment less than five percent of scouts achieve. "He has to do a service project and run it," his dad says. Wilson High, where Will was once a student, is the site for his project. He's replacing an old overgrown planter. "It was not wheelchair accessible, and will heard about it from his teacher," Tim says. "And he came home and said, 'I think I've got a plan for an eagle project.'" A planter in Will's yard was the inspiration for his design. He recruited family and friends to help install the planter he built at home, after raising \$900 to pay for it. **Charlie McCaslin** will be on the volunteer crew. He spent several years in the same troop as Will. "We're all glad to see him in the final stages to make it to the eagle rank," McCaslin says. "He brought a great, positive attitude and sense of humor to things." "I would say in 90 percent of the situations he was doing what we were doing," McCaslin adds. And when he couldn't, scouts pushed Will's chair and even carried him on trails. "The main thing the boys did in the troop was just to treat him like a regular member of the group," Tim says. At the age of 20, Will reaches eagle rank two years later than many of his friends. The Boy Scouts of America gave him an extension, recognizing that his dedication is deserving of reward. "Each time Will masters a skill in the scouts, he's rewarded for it and celebrated," his dad says. "And that's taught me a lot."

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT WILSON

Registration Day Help (Reg. Packets, Schedules, ID Cards, Book Room, and Fees)

Juniors: August 21, Morning Shift 8:15-11:45am

Seniors: August 21, 12:15-3:30PM shift

Sophomores: August 22, morning shift or afternoon shift

Freshman: August 23, morning and afternoon shift

Community service hours available for students!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

Community Care Day-- campus clean up day: August 25 from 9:00-Noon
Powerwashing, pulling weeds, trimming, edging and general clean up. Students can get logged community service hours for this work.

Office Volunteer: We have an opening for Thursday afternoons in the Front Office from 11:30 to 3:30pm.

Community Patrol: Parents and community members will help with security around our building
Need help at lunch time and after school.

Career Counseling Support: Parents are needed to support students and their graduation requirement to have Career Related Learning Experiences. These volunteers will help participate in field trips, career days and some data entry support to check off that students have completed this grad. Requirement. Flexible hours and days.

Computer Lab Support: Students labs are open during the lunch break. 1 shift per day per week.

Great Fields Project: Need support with the turf field project-- Web Design, Branding and Promotion of this project.

Interested in any of the above volunteer opportunities, contact Erica Meyers at:
emeyers@pps.net.

TRIMET YOUTH PASS

The TriMet Youth Pass – which provides TriMet bus transportation to over 13,000 PPS high school students – has been extended for the 2012-13 school year.

WILSON CROSS COUNTRY SUMMER CLINIC, AUGUST 8-12

Register for the Wilson Cross Country Summer Clinic, August 8 -12, from 10am-12pm. Register by coming to Wilson to get the registration form and meet our on the track with \$20 check made out to Wilson HS.

CONSTITUTION TEAM IS STARTING AT WILSON THIS YEAR

If you are interested in learning about this academically rigorous-- career related--- competitive program, please come to our **meeting this Thursday, August 9th at 5:30PM** in the auditorium foyer at WHS. Everyone is welcome to attend to learn more!!

WILSON WOMEN'S SOCCER CONDITIONING CAMP, AUGUST 13-17

Participate in the Women's Soccer Conditioning Camp, August 13-17 @ Wilson Track from 5-6:30pm. Cost is \$60-- registration forms available in the main office at Wilson or by email-- Coach Potestio--
goducks2xaa@gmail.com.

WILSON VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2012, AUGUST 13-16

What: Four day volleyball camp for incoming freshmen through seniors.

When: August 13 through August 16 from 9am to Noon

Where: Wilson HS Gymnasium

Why: This camp is an opportunity to hone in your volleyball skills and get some good playing and training time in before season starts. We will be dividing girls up based on both skill level and position; girls will get a chance to develop in their individual positions as well. Competitive play will also be a part of the daily program.

Cost: \$50 per camper for the week – please checks payable to Wilson High School.

Contact: Head Coach Jenna Meligan 503-381-5599, Jenn.meligan@gmail.com

2012 FALL SPORTS BEGIN AUGUST 20

Athletes must be cleared prior to practice-- clearance days are August 15, 16, 17th from 9:00-1:00 in room 121 at WHS. Clearance packets are available in the Main Office or at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/athletics/3894.htm> (however, the blue card is only available at the school-- not online).

Sports offered in the Fall include the following:

Football, Head Coach Ken Duilio Ken.Duilio@portlandoregon.gov

Volleyball, Head Coach Jenna Meligan Jenna.Meligan@gmail.com

Men's Soccer, Head Coach John Madding John.Madding@gmail.com

Women's Soccer, Head Coach Michelle Potestio goducks2xaa@gmail.com mpotest2@pps.netv

Dance, Head Coach Michaelyn Perdue mperdue@pps.net

Cross-Country, Head Coach Thor Esbensen tesbense@pps.net

Cheer, Club Sport-- managed through Coach Fazzolari sfazz220@comcast.net

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/wilson/246.htm>

Athletic Director, Scott Aker, saker@pps.net

Note: Wednesday, **August 29**, 7:00PM is our 2012-2013 **Athletic meeting** at Wilson High School.

FRESHMEN YEAR: 101, AUGUST 20

Monday, August 20, 6:30pm to 8pm, Wilson HS Auditorium.

- Strategies to having a successful 9th grade year
- Graduation requirements
- Counseling Department services
- Activities and athletics participation requirements
- Overview of the registration process
- Meet Wilson's new principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AUGUST 25

The next Community Care Day campus cleanup at Wilson is Saturday, August 25 from 9am until Noon w/ BBQ following. All Wilson Cluster Schools are welcome to join us on our entrance patio for a BBQ after campus clean up. Rieke, Robert Gray, and Wilson administrators will be at Wilson at noon to help celebrate our volunteers who have come to support our campus clean up day! See you then!

FOOD CARTS ARE COMING THIS FALL TO HILLSDALE

The food carts will be at the Capitol HWY/Sunset entrance to the school. We are interested in starting a new partnership between the food carts and Wilson HS-- GO BOX www.goboxpdx.com to reduce the amount of garbage in our neighborhood. Students who buy in to the go box program will get a discount at the food carts with their student body card. IF you are interested in helping Wilson get started on this GREEN program, please email Erica Meyers emeyers@pps.net

DO YOU PLAY A BAND INSTRUMENT?

Do you play a band instrument? Here is an opportunity to share your music with the community! The Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC) is putting together a marching band for the Multnomah Days Parade on Saturday, August 18. We are asking anyone who plays an instrument, or would just like to march with us, to join us, kids and adults alike. We are trying to raise awareness for WAAC so the more marchers the better. We will be playing a couple of simple tunes, to be determined later, which just about anyone can learn. The parade is not long, only a couple of blocks, but it is a lot of fun. If you are interested, contact Carolyn Grill '75 at: acgrill@msn.com. Help us get the word out to as many people as possible. Thanks!

PURSE/BAG DONATIONS WANTED, DONATE TODAY!

The 3rd annual **IN THE BAG: benefit for the arts at Wilson** is just around the corner. We are NOW collecting new, gently-used purses, bags, clutches, briefcases, messenger bags. Buy a new one . Ask a friend to donate . Clean out your closet.

Today, drop off at:

Paloma Clothing → donate here, receive coupon for 20% off any one item,
one coupon per customer, good for two weeks after purse drop off

KeyBank Hillsdale

Switch Shoes & Clothing → drop your purses off and receive coupon for 20% off one item

Sip D'Vine Wineshop

UPS Hillsdale

Wilson, Erica Meyer's office

Questions: Linda Doyle (Lsdoyle@earthlink.net) 503-539-7240
Jaci Evans (JLE184@comcast.net) 503-502-7612

2012-13 STATEMENTS E-NEWLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Monday, October 15, 2012 → for November/December news

Monday, December 3, 2012 → for January/February news

Monday, January 28, 2013 → for February/March news

Monday, March 11, 2013 → for April/May news

Monday, May 6, 2013 → for June/July news

Monday, June 24, 2013 → for August/September news

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TRYON CREEK VIDEO CONTEST

VIDEOGRAPHY CONTEST: WHY I LOVE TRYON CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA

The contest theme is, "Why I Love Tryon Creek State Natural Area", in which amateur and professional videographers age 14 and up are invited to submit a 30 – 45 second video of their own creation expressing why they love Tryon Creek, Oregon's only urban state park (and which, for Wilson High students, is right in their backyard). There will be one grand prize winner who will receive a prize package valued at \$370 and includes fantastic items from contest sponsors Columbia Sportswear, REI, Rock Bottom Restaurant, and Voodoo Doughnut. Runners-up will receive free Friends of Tryon Creek t-shirts. Here is a link to the video contest webpage that has all the details:

<http://contest.tryonfriends.org/>. Here is a link to a sample video that was created to promote the contest: <http://www.youtube.com/user/tryonfriends>. It includes beautiful footage of the forest and serves as a great reminder of the great times there are to be had connecting to the natural world. Questions, contact Jessica Sweeney, PR/Media Relations Coordinator, Friends of Tryon Creek, 503-636-4398 Ext.106.

MULTNOMAH DAYS - SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 ... WITH "TIMBER JOEY"

SW Portland's biggest community celebration is coming to Multnomah Village again this summer on Saturday, August 18th. The Grand Marshal this year is "Timber Joey", the Portland Timbers' mascot. Multnomah Days begins with the Kiwanis pancake breakfast at 8 am at KeyBank. The crowd-pleasing parade - begins at 10 am. All-day street fair follows with food, entertainment, arts, jewelry and other crafts. An extended kid play area sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation featured at the Multnomah Arts Center. Inquiries about "parade participation" can be directed to:

MultnomahParade@gmail.com. Multnomah Village is located near SW Capitol Hwy and 35th Avenue.

HILLSDALE "MOVIE-IN-THE-PARK, AUGUST 23... FREE

"MegaMind", Thursday, August 23 at DeWitt Park across from Hillsdale Library, 6:30PM – Live Entertainment, Dusk – Movie Starts

CHALK ART FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 9 ... FREE

Come to the 5th Annual Wilson Area Arts Council's Chalk Art Festival, Rieke ES sidewalk. FREE

HILLSDALE PAELLA DINNER, SEPTEMBER 15

Hillsdale Main Street will once again be hosting their annual Hillsdale Paella Dinner on Saturday, September 15th from 6:00 – 9:30pm. Chef Greg Higgins, of Higgins Bar and Restaurant, along with the paella feast in a giant 5-foot pan, the largest in Oregon! They will also be preparing gourmet tapas and salads. Hillsdale's very own Baker & Spice will be providing heavenly breads and delicious desserts. We are anticipating approximately 320 participants this year to enjoy great food, wine, and music. Benefits Hillsdale Main Street and Neighborhood House. Tickets are on sale now at: <http://www.hillsdalemainstreet.org>, and on sale soon at KeyBank, The UPS Store, Haircolor Salon Dirk, and various Hillsdale Farmer's Markets. Tickets go fast, so don't delay!

JEWISH HELPING HANDS ANNOUNCES TIKKUN OLAM GRANT PROGRAM

Jewish Helping Hands has launched its Tikkun Olam grant program to advance the goal of inspiring and supporting tzedakah, justice, and righteousness around the world. The program supports initiatives and projects that work toward achieving social justice at the local, national, or international level. The fund will support projects that focus on reaching needy and vulnerable populations in the United States and abroad, particularly those that have been overlooked or marginalized. Through cooperation with local communities, JHH hopes to support programs and projects that are sustainable and scalable through financial and hands-on support. The goal is to promote projects with the potential to make a tangible and lasting difference in the lives of the populations served. JHH will consider making grants to individuals and organizations working to address basic causes of injustice and foster systemic change, promote self-help and empowerment within communities, and/or respond to unmet needs of those who are poor and/or marginalized. A typical grant award may be up to \$5,000. Deadline: October 1, 2012 (Letter of Application). Visit the JHH Web site for complete program guidelines and application procedures: <http://jewishhelpinghands.org/grants/>.

KIDS IN NEED FOUNDATION OFFERS K-12 TEACHER GRANTS

A program of the Kids In Need Foundation, Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. Teacher Grant awards range from \$100 to \$500 and are intended to be used to finance creative classroom projects. The number of grants awarded varies from year to year, depending on the total amount of funds requested. Typically, three hundred to six hundred grants are awarded annually. Applications are judged according to a rubric that emphasizes innovativeness and merit, clarity of objectives, replication feasibility, suitability of evaluation methods, and cost effectiveness. All certified K-12 teachers in the United States are eligible. Deadline: September 30, 2012. Visit the Kids In Need Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines, application procedures, and examples of winning project: <http://www.kinf.org/grants/>.

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

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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

Note: PPS Athletic hotline is no longer in service. The Wilson Main Office will have the information when games are changed.

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.

AUGUST

13-16 Wilson Volleyball Camp, 9am to Noon, Gymnasium

15,16,17 Wilson Athletics clearance 9am to 1pm Room 121

20 Freshmen Year: 101, 6:30-8pm, Auditorium

21 Juniors Registration (A-M @ 8:30 to 10:00am) (N-Z @ 10:00 to 11:30am)

21 Seniors Registration (A-M @ 12:30-2:00pm) (N-Z @ 2:00 to 3:30pm)

22 Sophomore Registration (A-F 8:30-10:00) (G-L 10:00-11:30)

(M-R 12:30-2:00) (S-Z 2:00-3:30)

23 Freshman Registration (A-F 8:30-10:00) (G-L 10:00-11:30)

(M-R 12:30-2:00) (S-Z 2:00-3:30)

23 Movie-in-the-Park, "MegaMind", DeWitt Park by Hillsdale Library

6:30PM – Live Entertainment, Dusk – Movie Starts

25 next Wilson Community Care Day campus cleanup at Wilson 9am until Noon w/ BBQ following

29 Parents Athletic Meeting 7pm

31 Football vs Gresham 7pm

SEPTEMBER 2012

5 Make-up registration 8:00-10:00am
5 First Day of NEW School Year 2012-2013
5 Freshmen Orientation 8:15-10:00am in Auditorium
5 All grades 10:15
6 Fall Day for all students
7 Football @ Sandy 7pm
9 Chalk Art Festival, Rieke ES sidewalk FREE
10-11-12-13-14 Fall musical auditions 3:30
11 Site Council 3:30
12 Boosters 6:45
13 Make-up pictures
14 Football vs Franklin 7pm
19 Improv team auditions 2:30
20 Booster Pizza Dinner Sale 6pm
20 Back-to-School Night 6:30pm
21 Football @ Roosevelt 7pm
24 PTA Meeting 7-8:30pm
28-29 Wilsinger/WAVE Retreat
28 Football @ Jefferson 7pm

OCTOBER

15 deadline to submit article for Statements → for November/December news

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

3 deadline to submit article for Statements → for January/February news

JANUARY

28 deadline to submit article for Statements → February/March 2013 news

MARCH

11 deadline to submit article for Statements → April/May 2013 news

MAY

6 deadline to submit article for Statements → June/July 2013 news

JUNE

12 Graduation 8pm Memorial Coliseum. Rehearsal 9am.
24 deadline to submit article for Statements → August/September 2013 news

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