Back to School Night ~ September 4

Evening Activities Include:
6:00 PM: Academic Block Awards (Wilcox Theater)
6:30 PM: PTSA Bake Sale (Main Building; Donations requested – see p. 15)
7:00 PM: Principal’s Welcome (Wilcox Theater)
7:05 PM: PTSA Meeting (Wilcox Theater)
7:30 PM: Classroom Visitations

Please have your student complete the following and bring it with you to Back to School Night (See Wilcox Campus Map below):

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Back to School Night Notes

Wilcox Chargers Magnetic Bumper Sticker

$5

Available from Wilcox PTSA
Pick a few up at our Bake Sale during Back To School Night!

bummer magnet
size 5.5 x 3.25
yellow 123 and black ink
Welcome back to the 2013-2014 school year. We will have our annual Back-to-School Night on September 4th. It starts at 6:00 pm in the theater with the Academic Block Awards. An Academic Block is awarded to students who have achieved a grade point average, GPA, of 3.75 or greater for both the Fall and Spring semesters during the 2012-13 school year. If your student is receiving this award a postcard will be sent home notifying you. I will give an opening and provide an overview of the logistics of Open House immediately following the Block Awards, which could be as early as 6:45 pm. A general PTSA meeting follows the Principal’s Opening. Then parents and community members will be invited to visit teacher’s classrooms. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. This is a great time to get acquainted and share the Wilcox spirit and meet your student’s teachers.

If you have not yet signed up for School Loop or Navigator we will assist you in the main office at any time the office is open. We have an easy to follow step-by-step instruction sheet. School Loop is an on-line source for you to check your student’s attendance, school work, and to communicate with the teachers. Navigator is an on-line tool that helps students and parents prepare for college.

Student pick-up and drop-off is restricted to the theatre parking lot. We ask that you please make arrangements with your student to be picked up there or on the Calabazas side street. We do not have a designated staff member to monitor this rule, so we are asking for your cooperation. It becomes a dangerous situation to have cars piled up before or after school in the front parking lot. This is an emergency lane and bus lane only. If it is blocked with cars a fire or ambulance cannot get through. The other complication that occurs is our staff cannot get to their assigned parking area in the front parking lot. All stalls, unless marked visitor or handicap are assigned parking spots for our staff. Please help us and follow this rule.

Our teaching staff has some changes. Ketty Arcella, counselor at Wilcox for over 40 years, retired. She is replaced by another well-known counselor, Kelly Villarreal. Jason Lopez, science teacher, moved to Sacramento. Noel McCGar, English teacher, moved to Colorado. Tanya Susoev, English teacher, took a job in Oakland. Francisco Lazalde, math teacher, has also moved. Pauline Facciano, SPED English, has moved to another district. Dani Salzer is changing careers. Our SPED and Math department have grown.

Please welcome our new teachers.

- **William Barnes**  SPED
We look forward to seeing you during Back-to-School night. Our teachers enjoy meeting you and presenting their classroom to you.

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**Campus Construction Update**

Our **construction** is still on-going for the 2013-14 school year. We have new carports in the front parking area. During the month of August and September the construction team will be installing solar panels on the top of the carports and on top of our three story classroom building, referred to as the R building. The main cafeteria/multi-purpose wing is under construction as well. We plan to open a brand new student and staff cafeteria after the spring break in February. The new wing will also house a student fitness center with a health classroom. The summer of 2014 the ASB wing will be torn down and the construction on the quad area will begin.
School Loop is a web site designed to help you keep track of your child’s classes and assignments, communicate with your child’s teachers, and participate in your school community. You can only access your child’s class information and receive daily emails about assignments if you are registered.

To register, go to [http://wilcox.schoolloop.com](http://wilcox.schoolloop.com)

Click the **Register Now** button (upper left)

Select **Parent Registration**

Complete all information requested. **You will need to know your child’s 6-digit Student ID Number.** Parent registrations must be verified by the webmaster, teacher or administrator. Any of your child's teachers may approve your registration.

After the registration has been approved, **parents will receive a daily email that includes the student’s assignments, progress reports, and school news published for parents.**

Once logged in, parents can add additional children to their account by clicking on the **Add Student** link from the **TOOLBOX** at the top right of their Portal Page.

If after registering you have log-in issues, please contact Janet Armstrong at [jarmstrong@scusd.net](mailto:jarmstrong@scusd.net).

**Please sign up for School Loop today!**

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**ASB President’s message ~ Marisa Kwiatkowski**

To start off the school year, ASB is planning a spirit day called “Charger Pride Day” on Friday, August 23rd. This day is to celebrate our great Wilcox spirit. Simply wear Wilcox attire or our school colors, black and yellow. We will also be holding an activity in the quad at lunch, so come out and have some fun.

In addition, Senior Council is hosting Senior Sunrise. This is a tradition here at Wilcox where the incoming senior class gathers to watch the sun rise. This year it will be held on the first day of school, Monday, August 19th at 6am on the football field. Breakfast food and drinks will be provided and all members of the Class of 2014 are invited.

ASB is very excited for school to start and to begin a great year of new activities. Look out for our light blue polos and Link Crew with their blue t-shirts, so make sure to ask if you need any information or directions around the school.

Don’t forget to stop by the ASB office, just to say hello, or to purchase your ASB card. These cards are only $20 and will give you a discount on many events such as Winter Ball, Prom, sporting events, and when you purchase your yearbook. These are a great investment! Also make sure to buy a parking pass for $10 in the ASB office if you plan on driving to school and parking in the parking lots.

ASB looks forward to a great upcoming school year and we really encourage everyone to get involved in school activities. Being involved can make high school some of the best four years of your life. Joining clubs can teach you new things and spark new interests and you will meet so many great people when you participate in homecoming. We hope to see all students participating in clubs, sports, and activities throughout the year!
EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**
  - Wednesday, September 4: **Back to School Night** (see page 1 for details & schedule)
  - Wednesday, September 25: **Junior/Senior Parent Night**, 7:00pm, Theater (details, page 10)
  - Friday, September 27: **Blood Drive**, 7:30am – 2:30pm
  - October 21 – 25: **Homecoming Week**
    - Wednesday, October 24: Skit Night, 7:00pm, Main Gym
    - Thursday, October 25: Float Building Night, 3:00pm – Midnight (*students must have permission slip to remain on campus after 10pm*)
    - Friday, October 25: Homecoming Parade & Game
      ✓ NOTE: Period 1 BEGINS at 9:00am; Period 7 ENDS at 1:15pm

- **Senior Portrait:** The phone number is 408-354-8660 and the name of the studio is:
  **Now and Forever**
  100 #C Cooper Court
  Los Gatos, CA 95032

  The last day to take your Senior Portrait is **Friday, October 11**th. Please call right away and make your appointment.

- **ASB Sticker:** This year an ASB Sticker is $20.00 and will help defray the cost for sports games, yearbook cost and dance prices. Take this opportunity and invest in a sticker and save through the year.

- **Club Faire:** This year we will have a Club Faire in the quad at lunch time on **Friday, August 30**th. Remember to get involved with some clubs and sign-up and support your club throughout the year. The old clubs that are still active must make sure they have teachers who are willing to be their advisor for this year. Also, if the club changes the constitution you must submit a new constitution to the ASB Office.

- **Homecoming:** Homecoming is right around the corner! Please join us the **week of Oct 21st - 25th** for all of the wonderful events that go along with Homecoming. This year’s theme is “The Charger Games”. The Freshmen Class is going with **Chutes and Ladders**, The Sophomore Class is going with **Life**, The Junior Class is going with **Clue** and The Senior Class is going with **Monopoly**. On Wednesday night in the main gym at 7:00p.m. the introduction of the Homecoming Court and the presentation of the King and Queen will take place during skit night.

  On Thursday night in the quad or close to the quad we will have float building night from 4:00p.m. – 12:00a.m. All the classes will build their floats for the parade on Friday, October 25th. The parade will feature the Band, Color Guard, Spirit Squads and the Homecoming Court! We hope that you will get involved and join Wilcox High School in a display of Charger Pride that will unify our school to take on Mt. View High School in the homecoming game: JV start at 5:00p.m. and Varsity start at 7:30p.m.

- **Car Tags** for students driving: You must purchase a car tag in the ASB Office for $10.00 to have the privilege to park in the student parking lot. This year the students may only park in the theatre section due to all the construction going on at Wilcox High School. Students parking at Wilcox can’t park in any of the numbered spots. These spots belong to the teachers and staff members only. Students who violate these rules will be warned and may also have their privileges taken away.

- **Toy Drive for George Mayne Elementary School:** Every year we have a toy drive at Wilcox High School. We will start accepting toys, books and donations as of **Monday, November 4**th and we wrap and organize all the gifts according to their classes to deliver them on **Friday, December 13**th. Also, students who would need community service hours may sign up and help wrap gifts.
From the Wilcox Bookkeeping Office

Wilcox Bookkeeping Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 7:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Thursday – 7:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Office will be closed after 1:00 pm for bookkeeping duties

The bookkeeping office processes all deposits and reimbursements for the Associated Students of Wilcox High School. If you are a club officer or club advisor (including sports), please be sure to stop by and pick up an information packet (regarding fundraisers, deposits, reimbursements, etc.)

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please remember when you write a check, **include your student’s name and student number on the check.**

Checks for transcripts, AP Tests, Donations for school, class supplies or lab supplies should be made payable to SCUSD (Santa Clara Unified School District).

Checks for donations to ASB Clubs including a designated sport, ASB Cards, or a Performance Group (Cheer, Chargerettes, Dance) please make the check payable to Wilcox High School.

A returned check from the bank may restrict your student’s activities at Wilcox, including dances, events and/or receiving a diploma.

If you have any bookkeeping questions, please feel free to call (408) 423-2408.

Thank you,
Bunny DeMera, Bookkeeper

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**HOMEWORK HELP**

*Free Online Homework Help Available in Spanish and English to Santa Clara students:*

**Brainfuse** is a provider of one-to-one tutoring to students (grades 3-12), offering online tutoring in math, science, social studies, and English/language arts. Tutoring is available from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day in both English and Spanish. With Brainfuse, students receive individual attention from certified tutors through a kid-friendly online classroom.

Features include:
- **Conventional Homework Help** – students receive live, one-on-one assistance from our tutors;
- **Skills Building Exercises** – students and tutors use Brainfuse’s library of CA-aligned online materials in interactive skills-building exercises;
- **24 Hour Writing Lab** – students submit their work and receive constructive comments from expert writing tutors within 24 hours.

This service is available both at the library and remotely. A library card is necessary to receive remote access. For detailed information, go to: [http://library.santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1226](http://library.santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1226)
College Entrance Exam Information

Most four-year colleges require, as a part of the application process, college entrance exams. There are two tests primarily used for this purpose: the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) Reasoning Test and the ACT (American College Test). The California State University system uses the SAT or ACT scores. The University of California system requires the SAT or ACT with the writing option and two SAT subject tests.

Any students considering applying to a 4-year college are encouraged to take the college entrance tests during the second semester of their junior year and have until December of their senior year to complete their tests.

Note that selective colleges use November as their last date for students to test.

Check out [http://sat.collegeboard.org/register](http://sat.collegeboard.org/register) (SAT) and [http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html) (ACT) for test and registration information.

2013-2014 Test Dates:

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* Reasoning (SAT I) only. Subject tests (SAT II) will not be offered.

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**PSAT**

The PSAT is offered only once a year, during the third week of October. This year Wilcox will host it on Saturday, Oct. 19. It is important for all college-bound juniors (or juniors considering college) to take the PSAT, not only for practice for the SAT but to qualify to be a National Merit Scholar. Freshmen and sophomores are also encouraged to take the PSAT. It is a good way to practice test taking and get an idea of what is included on the PSAT and SAT. Some companies who offer scholarships to children of their employees use PSAT scores. Counselors will visit classes in late September to explain the registration process. Sign up with Ms. Pam in the counselor’s office starting October 1st. The fee will be announced in September. Students will need to bring their student ID, a pencil and calculator on the test day.

**Additional Information:**

1. **SENIORS:** Community Service hours are required for graduation. Students will need to turn in their 20 HOURS to their counselors as soon as possible. Seniors should make a copy of the Confirmation of Hours and write up for the senior portfolio. Community service needs to be done at a non-profit organization to be able to fulfill the 20 hours required to graduate.
2. **SENIORS**: Take college entrance exams by December for most colleges.
3. It is a good idea to take a preparation class to prepare for the SAT. The WHS College and Career Center and each of the counselors have information about the variety of programs offered. Prices vary from $50 to $800.
4. Students may start exploring scholarships on Wilcox High School’s School Loop web site. Go to the College and Career Resource Center page under the Guidance tab, and find the link for scholarships listed on the left hand side.

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**California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)**

Students in grades ten, eleven, and twelve, as well as adult students, are eligible to take the CAHSEE unless they have previously passed the exam. No student who has previously passed the CAHSEE is eligible to retake the exam. Students only retake the part(s) of the exam not passed.

**Guidelines for Grade Ten Students**
- All students must take the CAHSEE in grade ten and may only take it once in grade ten. All grade ten students must take the CAHSEE during the March administration only.
- Grade ten students who were absent during the March administration must take the make-up test in May.
- No grade ten students are eligible to take the CAHSEE in November, February or July.

**Guidelines for Grade Eleven Students**
Grade eleven students may be administered the CAHSEE up to two times per school year (November and March) for the part(s) of the exam not previously passed.

**Guidelines for Scheduling Grade Twelve Students**
Grade twelve students may take the test in November, February, March, May and July for the part(s) of the exam not previously passed.

*Please note that student results from the May 2013 administration of the CAHSEE will arrive in school districts mid to late June, after graduation.*

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**California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Student Options to Participate in 2013-14 Test Administrations**

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Individual student results are returned to school districts approximately six to eight weeks after the exam materials are received by the contractor for scoring.

Juniors and seniors who have not passed one or both sections of the CAHSEE as of the May 2013 test date will be offered the opportunity to take a CAHSEE prep course during their regular day at Wilcox. Please talk to a counsellor for more information.
Greetings from the College and Career Center

All work permits need to be renewed.

Welcome back to school. For all our students it is never too late to start planning for the future. In this issue I will break events and to-do list down by the class. Remember at all times your student should feel free to come in and visit with me. I am located in the library and open at all times, before school, SSR (need a pass to come them), during lunch and after school.

Seniors
Big events are coming. Colleges will be visiting. Check SchoolLoop regularly to see which schools are coming. So far I have scheduled the following:

- September 12 Washington University of St. Louis
- September 19 University of Las Vegas, Colorado Springs College
- September 20 University of Chicago University of Reno Nevada.

Other Events of interest:

- September 25 UC Application workshop
- October 9, 7:30am-9:05am (Meet before school starts.) Common Application Workshop
- CSU Application workshop to be announced shortly; watch SchoolLoop for date/time/place info.

Please sign up for any of these events in the College and Career Center.

Sign up for SAT or ACT. Most colleges would like to have this done before December. Make sure you check with the colleges you are applying to.

Applications for the UC's and the CSU's are due November 30th. Do not wait till the last minute!

For scholarships, fill out a senior profile and give it to the College and Career Center. All scholarships that I receive are posted on School Loop. However, when I know that you fit a certain scholarship then I am able to send you specific information directly. In addition, do searches on your own. College is expensive. You can help yourself out by applying for scholarships. A good web site is Fastweb.com.

Seniors AND Juniors: Plan to attend a Junior/Senior Information Night. Topics include: expectations for the senior year, methods of communication between students and staff, common pitfalls students fall into, the college application process and the four phases of the senior year. Juniors, this night is a preview of what will be coming your way your senior year. Juniors will also have their own night on February 26th, 2014. Reminder postcards will be mailed to the homes of Senior & Juniors.

Juniors
Start planning now by searching for scholarships and colleges to help you ease the stress for next year. You may also sign up for the college visits, in fact I recommend it. Only seniors can attend the application workshops. Scholarships are always posted on school loop; check for them. In addition, create an account with fastweb.com for other searches.

Sophomores
Last year we worked on four year plans. Hopefully this gave you an idea of what you may do after high school. Continue on with that plan. It is a good idea to attend one or two college visits. Look on school loop to see what is posted and pick one that sounds interesting to you. You may also start your scholarship search by starting an account with fastweb.com.

Freshmen
Right now just get acquainted with the campus. You will be called in during your PE class to hear a brief discussion about the differences between middle school and high school. This year we will also continue on with your four year plan. More information will follow. You may also come and see me anytime that you may have a question regarding what to do after high school.

Ms. Yee (jyee@sucsd.net or 408-423-2445)
“One third of the hours of your waking time is spent at work, why not find an occupation you enjoy.”
~ From Take Hold of Your Future, by Dr. JoAnn Harris-Bowlsbey

Every parent wants their child to find a career they will love and that will allow them the emotional and financial fulfillment that helps create happy adults. Planning coursework in high school that prepares students for the post-secondary option that fits that career goal is a critical step. In 2011-2012, SCUSD implemented a revitalized, streamlined planning process based on a student’s post-high school goals. All 8th, 9th, and 10th graders throughout SCUSD took online interest and skill assessments and then researched career areas highlighted by the assessment results as possible matches to consider.

In 2013-2014, administrators, teachers and counselors will continue to help students identify possible career options and the educational steps necessary to achieve them. Work will continue at the 8th, 9th, and 10th grade level while adding 11th graders as well. **Parents are a critical piece to this important puzzle** and you are welcome to utilize the online tool, Kuder Navigator, to see your student’s careers and colleges of choice and find resources for financial aid, job exploration, and many other topics by going to [www.santaclarausd.org](http://www.santaclarausd.org) and following the directions under the tab “Parents” and then choosing “4 Year Planning”. If you have any other questions, please call your child’s counselor or Mrs. Jan Yee, the Career and College Resource Technician. You will also find more information about the 4 Year Planning process on the website listed above.

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**Hey Wilcox Community, did you know that Wilcox has a few active eScrip accounts?**

In these difficult financial times with bad news coming daily out of Washington and Sacramento, we need to help our schools in any way possible. If you shop at all, you can help our school **without it costing you anything more** than what you’re already spending on groceries, clothes, gadgets, online or at restaurants.

Log on to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and register your Safeway rewards, debit, credit and Macy’s cards; eScrip rebates a percentage of your purchases back to the Wilcox in cash monthly. It's a safe, easy and an effective way for our school to make some extra money. Wilcox has three groups with an escript account:

- **5334381** – Adrian Wilcox High School – Athletics
- **500040368** – Wilcox High
- **500006396** – Wilcox Instrumental Music Boosters

Do you shop online? Make your online shopping count – eScrip has over 700 online merchant partners willing to contribute to schools. Earn up to 10%, or more, when you shop at the eScrip Online Mall or download the AutoTrack Software from the eScrip website to automatically ensure your shopping helps Wilcox.

If you’ve participated in eScrip before, you may need to update your information and/or add Wilcox to you list of groups. Your may split your contributions to up to three groups, so if you have kids at multiple schools you can feel good that you’re helping all of your kid’s schools. If you have forgotten your Safeway card number, you can call customer support at (877) 723-3929 and they will retrieve it.

How else can you financially support Wilcox?
- If you have a [Target REDcard](https://www.target.com), designate Wilcox ([school id#35740](https://www.target.com)) as your school of choice.
- Each time you shop at [Office Depot](https://www.officedepot.com), give them the Wilcox school id [70014867](https://www.officedepot.com). They will donate 5% of your purchase back to Wilcox.

**Thank you for supporting Wilcox through eScrip, Target REDcard, Office Depot giving programs!**
Wilcox Dads, Grads & Moms Booster Club

Is your student involved in sports?
Is your student interested in social clubs?
Is your student academically inclined?

Do you want your child to enjoy going to Wilcox?

If the answer to any of these is yes, then you should seriously consider joining Wilcox Dads, Grads, & Moms Booster Club, because we provide financial support to Wilcox H.S., which allows it to maintain its’ diverse opportunities.

DGM provides an average of $20,000-$25,000 a year in numerous ways to help make the academic year an enjoyable one. Sports teams benefit through uniforms, equipment and tournament fees. Groups designated on the back of the membership form receive $5 of dues paid as a donation. DGM offers scholarships to eligible seniors and has provided funds in the past for such things as field trips, Grad Night, and classroom equipment.

In order to accomplish this, we need parents to step up and volunteer a few hours of their time at one or more of the fundraisers we do throughout the year. Membership forms were included in your student’s registration packet, at football games, back to school night and it is also available on the school website.

Help us make 2013-2014 a successful year for Wilcox and your student. If you have any questions, I am usually working in the snack bar at football games. I will also be working the soda booth at the Art & Wine Festival, or see contact info below.

Marc Lund, DGM President
(408) 739-6560 or Wilcox.dgm.boosters@gmail.com

Santa Clara Unified is very grateful to have a partnership with the community based Sports Basement. The Sports Basement Marketing Department has opened their doors by allowing Santa Clara Unified School District’s many schools/sports groups/interest groups to host meetings in their store (with free refreshments) and helping with fundraising efforts (shopping nights) during these tough budgetary times. On any given day when you go in and make a purchase just mention Santa Clara Unified School District at the register to receive 10% off your purchase and 5% goes back to help fund the Santa Clara Unified’s AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Project. An AED is the only device that will reset your heart if you are experiencing a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. There are AEDs (69) at every school site in the district as well as AEDs that travel with athletic teams to away competitions. The AED Project is strictly funded on donations and grants. Thank you for your support!

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A.E.D. PROJECT
WILCOX CHEERLEADING NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS
The 13-14 Cheer Teams have been chosen. We have 28 members for Junior Varsity (Freshman & Sophomores) and 19 members for Varsity (Juniors & Seniors). These 47 members have been working and preparing over the summer very hard to learn the material to support the football and basketball teams. They look forward to bringing spirit to all the sports at Wilcox. In addition, they have been learning some routines to perform at games and rallies.

All members will be supporting the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival on Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, Sept. 15th. Please come join them and enjoy the festival in Central Park.

FUNDRAISERS
We will be selling DeBrito Apples beginning September 2nd until September 12th. They are BIG and YUMMY SCRUMPTIOUS! In October we will be selling “Yankee Candles”. Beginning of November will be our SEE’S Holiday Candy Sales and then finally we will be selling “BUTTER BRAIDS” early December. If you haven’t had one of these before they are the BEST!

NO COST TO YOU – MONEY TO CHEER!
Shop at Lucky’s? Save Mart? FoodMaxx? Smart Foods?
We have a program for you, your friends and family! We have S.H.A.R.E.S card which is absolutely FREE to give you. All you have to do is swipe the card when you are done shopping and before you pay. If you do this one little task, then the Wilcox Cheerleading Program will receive up to 3% of sales as a donation! These cards never expire and they are good all over the United States wherever there is a Lucky’s, Save Mart, FoodMaxx or Smart Foods. Please help us out. Contact Coach Bunny at Wilcox in the Bookkeeper’s Office (408) 423-2408 to receive your FREE card!

DONATIONS NEEDED
The Wilcox Cheer Program is looking for monetary donations to help costs. We are a self-funded group and receive NO budget from the school or district. We must provide items free of charge per the “Free Education” policy in the California Constitution, but as economics are tough, there are no budgets in the school or district to fund any the costs. Therefore, we need to raise about $1,000 per person to cover uniform, team bonding, warm-up outfits, and coaching fees. If you would like to help support the cheerleading program with a monetary donation of any amount, please contact the Wilcox Bookkeeper (408) 423-2408.

Megan Turner, Head Coach Cheer (Mturner_cheergrl@yahoo.com)

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS WHO WORK FOR SILICON VALLEY TECH CORPORATIONS
Do you work for HEWLETT PACKARD, APPLE, GOOGLE, YAHOO, DELL or any other tech company in the valley who has a US employee giving/match program, where K-14 schools can receive computer equipment?
Wilcox is in desperate need to update their computer labs.

If you are willing to help/support this effort please contact Monica Dupree at 408-396-5913 or monica.dupree@hp.com
PTSA President’s message ~ Linda Pfeifer

Happy New School Year!

Studies show that parent involvement is a key indicator of student success. As we begin a new school year, let’s recommit to participating in the success of our kids. Join PTSA and DGM; attend parent meetings, parent education opportunities, Back to School Night, Wilcox sporting events; volunteer; sign up for SchoolLoop; meet your kid’s teachers and establish contact; make a donation to PTSA, the school, or athletics; talk to your kids and make sure they have study space at home. I’m sure you’re able to think of many more things that support your student.

Our PTSA was busy last year, and we look forward to a great 2013/14. Our 2012/13 achievements include publishing and funding five editions of *Wilcox Chargers News*, two parent/student education nights, granting $2,000 in scholarships to Wilcox graduating seniors, donating $100 to the SCUSD AED Project, reporting over 8,200 hours volunteer time, hosting a safe and sober Grad Night Party for the Class of 2013, hosting three staff luncheons, supporting the school with volunteers as needed, providing a Snack Bar at basketball games, and more!

For 2013/14, Wilcox PTSA is proposing to use $6,000 of reserve money as a donation to Wilcox so the school may begin work on a new computer lab. Please join us at our General Association meeting at Back to School Night to hear more about our proposed 2013/14 program, fund raising and budget proposals.

See you at school!

~ Linda Pfeifer
2013/14 Wilcox PTSA President

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### Wilcox PTSA General Association Meeting Agenda
**September 4, 2013**

**Call to Order**

**Review/approve minutes** from April 3, 2013 GA meeting

**Financial Reports**

- Auditor Report – Michele Miyasaki
- Treasurer Report – Karin Fidler

**Officer Reports**

- 1st VP/Volunteers – Kimber Gollaher
- 2nd VP/Grad Night – Lillian Kwiatkowski

**New Business**

- 2013/14 Program Approval
- 2013/14 Fundraiser Approval
- 2013/14 Budget Approval
- Funds Release

**Adjournment**
Please Join the Wilcox High PTSA

If you haven’t done so already, please take a moment and join the Wilcox PTSA. Our PTSA provides parent education nights, staff appreciation lunches, the Wilcox Charger newsletter, scholarships, a safe and sober grad night, the Reflections art expression program, and donations and volunteers for school events throughout the year. Dues are $6 per member.

If you missed the membership letter and envelope that went home in the back-to-school packet, you’ll find a membership form on the school website at [http://www.wilcox.schoolloop.com/PTSA](http://www.wilcox.schoolloop.com/PTSA). Completed membership forms can be dropped off in the school office.

Thank you for your support,
Cathy Dow, PTSA Membership Chair
1.408.666.2383

Attention Charger Bakers:

The next bake sale for the PTSA will be at back to school night on **Wednesday September 4, 2013**. Please donate baked goods to help support us. We request that donations be individually wrapped, with a list of ingredients for allergy purposes. Please drop of donations in the office by the end of school on September 4. Any questions please call me at (408) 247-6701, or email me at shortstop129@comcast.net.

Thank you for all your support we greatly appreciate it.
Kevin Case, PTSA bake-sale chair

Volunteering is a great way to become familiar with your child’s school environment, stay engaged in their education process and be "in the know" of up to the moment happenings. If you would like to receive the notices of volunteer opportunities available which you can sign up for based on your availability, please email kgollaher@yahoo.com and you will be added to the list. If there are specific types of activities you prefer to help with such as: Bake Sales, Library help, Football snack bar, making food for Staff Appreciation luncheons, etc. please indicate this in your email. If you want to receive emails for any opportunity that arises, indicate that as well.

You are not obligated to help but will have the opportunity to sign up to help or not based on your availability.

Best regards,
Kimber Gollaher, PTSA 1st VP of Volunteers
kgollaher@yahoo.com

**NOTE:** EVERY TIME you are volunteering on or visiting campus during the school day, you must sign in and get a Visitor pass from Principal’s Secretary, Anna Thompson.
**Back to School Luncheon**

Wilcox PTSA hosted its Back to School Luncheon for Teachers and Staff, on August 14th, 2013. The luncheon was another success, THANKS to our pool of parents who contributed food, desserts, drinks, monetary donations and time.

We would like to thank Ashini Fernando, Cynthia Kurtz, Maribeth Bataclan, Betsy Sandford, Jill Lipari, Kimber Gollaher, Stacy Marshall, Renate Harrison, Teresa Law, Beth Ball, Tammy Tea, Gina Ventresca, Joy Wiser, Jolene Soares, Elaine Regan, Deirdre Demorest, Janine Barraclough, Diane LaPresto, Deepa Pai, Diane Case, Virginia Lundy, Lisa Kassem, Ellen Fowles, Pat Vandermolen, Sally Garrison, Yuk Fan Cheung, Valerie Kenaley, Lillian Kwiatkowski, Karin Fidler, Christine Miller, Amy Kent and Linda Pfeifer.

We host three luncheons per school year in honor of our teachers and staff at Wilcox. The success of our luncheons is only possible because of the continual contribution, help and support from our parent volunteers. Thank you!

Our next luncheon will be in December and we will be serving a variety of soups. If you would like to contribute to this Holiday Luncheon, please email Jessica Yee at gogetsum@gmail.com.

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**Attention Seniors and Parents : CLASS of 2014 GRAD NIGHT**

Once again the PTSA will be sponsoring Grad Night following graduation on June 6th. We are still working out all the details so stay tuned for more information.

Thank you to all the people that helped with last year’s Grad Night; everyone had a great time. We will need your help again this year so I encourage you to get involved. We will be holding a meeting soon and I hope to see many of you there.

Lillian Kwiatkowski, 2nd VP/Grad Night Chairperson

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**Join "Drive 4 Pledges Day" Sept. 19 to End Texting While Driving**

National PTA is proud to partner with AT&T's *It Can Wait* campaign. Drivers who read or send texts while behind the wheel are more likely to cause crashes—often leading to life changing injuries and even deaths.

We're excited to help take the *It Can Wait* movement one step further with "Drive 4 Pledges Day" on September 19. On this day, It Can Wait advocates will ask every driver to make a personal commitment not to text and drive—and recruit others to do the same. To succeed in making texting and driving a thing of the past, we're going to need every parent's help.

**4 ways you can join the movement**
1. Take the [pledge online](#) and share it via Facebook and Twitter with family and friends.
2. Watch and discuss the "From One Second to the Next" documentary with your family.
3. Set a good example; use apps like DriveMode or Safely Go to curb the urge to text and drive.
4. Sign a [family pledge](#) at the dinner table tonight.
EXPLORE the Arts!
PARTICIPATE in PTA Reflections

Theme: “Believe, Dream, Inspire”
Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

ART CATEGORIES:

- Dance Choreography
- Music Composition
- Film Production
- Photography
- Literature
- Visual Arts

Deadline for entries: September 30, 2013
For details, contact: Reflections Chair Mehmaz Mehr
Email: mmamirian@gmail.com
Cell: (408)318-4933

Entry forms and rules are available on the school website:
www.wilcox.schoolloop.com/ptsareflect

No experience is required to participate in Reflections!

Cardraising
Holiday Card Fundraising

Need personalized or photo greeting cards? Support Wilcox PTSA when you order your Holiday, Graduation or Birth Announcements from Cardraising at www.cardraising.com/SCA04633 (this is the link to Wilcox’s Cardraising website). Wilcox PTSA earns 30% of the proceeds from your sale. Orders ship within 5 business days.

Thank you for your support of Wilcox PTSA!