



Branching Out News from Maplewood



Addition to November 2008

I have recently taken a **new job as our school liaison** for the Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC). WAAC is a volunteer based, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to encourage and enhance arts education for our students in the Wilson Cluster. **My job will be to report to WAAC on the news and activities in our school for the arts.** This may include art auctions, music performances open to the larger community, interesting programs and generally good news. I also will be part of a team of liaisons where **we will share our ideas, our school needs and see how we may connect into a larger network to find resources and information that would be helpful to our school.**



Please email me or phone me anytime with the latest news about our school. Specific activities that would be helpful would be anything surrounding theater, drama, dance, poetry, visual arts, music, choir and anything else you would consider that is creative or artistic. Also, if you have ideas on what our school needs, or what you would like to see happen at our school, please keep me informed as I may be able to find some new connections through the WAAC network. I can be reached at 503.246.6730 or at dltrkr@pacifier.com

-Katy Relaford

THE GLASS SLIPPER at Robert Gray Middle School, November 13 and 14

Come see Maplewood alumni Chris Gettel-Gilmartin, Keali Polk, Ally Botek, and Nikki Lenzen! The first annual (hopefully) Fall Play at Robert Gray is coming soon! The Glass Slipper is an interactive comedic adaptation of Cinderella and it's designed to be fun for all ages. Performances are November 13 & 14 at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome and tickets are only \$2.00 each. A discounted 'family pack' of five for \$9.00 is offered to encourage our neighbors to attend. Tickets will be on sale by October 31st by contacting Dover Norris-York doaverny@hotmail.com 503.452.1478 or Renee Erickson-Davolt phoenixrising7@comcast.net 503.756.8062 or Maureen Berrie-Lawson reenb@q.com 503.246.1474

WAAC GRANTS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Since its beginning 4 years ago, WAAC has been collecting donations and making those funds available to our cluster schools' arts programs. This year, for the first time, we are formalizing the process for school-related programs to seek funding from WAAC. We hope to award a number of small (up to \$500) grants to programs that offer arts-related opportunities to Wilson-

cluster students. Principals, teachers and parent groups are encouraged to apply. To make it easy, we've made very few rules and created a simple grant application that is only two pages long. Please check out the web link and start thinking about how you can use some WAAC dollars to bring arts to students.

<http://www.wilsonarts.org/events.htm>

Want to stay up-to-date on WAAC events and opportunities? Go to www.wilsonarts.org, to sign up for the email newsletter.