

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



February
2011

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz & Pep Bands
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🎵 Band Director's Message 🎵

High gear isn't even fast enough to keep up with the DHS band happenings in February!

First, in retrospect, another great evening of music was held on January 22 at Emerson Junior High. Yes, I'm talking about our annual **Play-a-Thon**. This began with "works in progress" by the Concert and Symphonic Bands, then a wonderful set by our Jazz Band. The late hours reading session and final concert on January 23 were led by some great young directors from the University of the Pacific – among them John Cargile and Chris Weisker. A great time was had by all (along with a few sore lips!). Special kudos to all the parents who helped out, and especially to Sandra Weisker who pulled off another great evening for our kids. (An aside: This is Sandra's last year with our band since her son, Matt, is graduating. Jeanette Vance has agreed to take on this important task for next year.)

This month we have a wonderful evening of music featuring our own Symphonic Band, the Concert Band from UC Davis, and the Wind Ensemble from CSU Sacramento. This annual program entitled "**Festivity of Bands**" has been an important concert, for it has shown that our high school students can keep up with the work being done by the best college-age students. This year the performance will be at our own IPAB on **February 16, at 7:30 p.m.**

Next (Oh Boy, Oh Boy) we have our super band event – **THE COCONUT GROVE**. On **Saturday, March 12**, parents and students will turn the Emerson Junior High Commons into a ritzy night club and host young jazz per-

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formers from the Davis Junior High Schools and Celia Cottle's great groups. The performances are capped off by a performance by our own Jazz Band. This will be an evening of super music, appetizers and deserts.

However, **THIS IS NOT JUST AN EVENT FOR THE JAZZ BAND.** This fundraiser requires the participation of students in ALL of the bands. Although the Jazz Band is the only group performing from our DHS bands, the Concert and Symphonic Band students play key roles (decorating, food preparation, serving, clean-up, etc.) and **EVERYONE who works receives an equal portion of the profits.** (Yes, if your student spends 2 hours decorating, he/she receives the same amount as the individual members of the Jazz Band who play music for 2 hours.)

You see, there is a lot for everyone to do this month and plenty of opportunities for parents to enjoy the remarkable work of their students.



Mr. Fred Lange, Director of Bands

Band Boosters Meeting AGENDA
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 2, 2011, 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

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| I. Approval of Minutes A. January 2011 | C. Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers |
| II. Music Director's Report | D. Play-a-Thon Feedback |
| III. Student Report | E. Coconut Grove |
| A. General Information | F. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales |
| B. Pep Band | G. Jazz Band Update |
| IV. Treasurer's Report | H. Victoria Spring Trip |
| V. Committee Reports | I. Scrip |
| A. Direct Donations | J. Others |
| B. Rent-a-Band Close-Out | VI. Old / New Business |
| | A. Anything(?) |

All are welcome!

♪ Band Booster President's Message ♪

Greetings Everyone,

2011 is off to a quick and fun start. The first semester is over, finals completed, and many students (already exhausted) enjoyed playing late in the evening during last week's Play-A-Thon. A big THANKS to Sandra Weisker and the team for making this happen!

Now with the 2nd semester underway, we have more great musical opportunities coming down the line. The Pep Band is off enjoying both boys and girls basketball games, adding a lot of excitement and support for the team. We have Coconut Grove, multiple concerts, and of course, the Spring Trip to Victoria all happening soon. It will be great!! Don't forget to have all your paperwork (passports, etc.) in order so you can enjoy the trip.

Enjoy all your musical opportunities this semester, as they are the perfect "balance" in our hectic lives.
Cheers, ~JAH

John Horn, Band Booster President

MUSIC NOTES

Honor Groups

Honor groups results have been announced and DHS Bands have earned an unprecedented number of participants!

Accepted into the **Honor Band sponsored by the Northern California Band Directors** were: Jen Karolewski, Christine Chu, Jeehyun Kim, Mackenzie Busch (flute), Ali Holder, Cassie Vance, Andrew Block (clarinet), Jenny Horn (alto saxophone), Ross Kelly, Kristen Ronning (horn) and Will Ebeler (trumpet).

Accepted into the **Honor Band sponsored by the California Band Directors (All-State)** were: Margaux Filet (flute), Ross Kelly and Kristen Ronning (horn).

Accepted into the **Honor Orchestra** was Spencer Park (trumpet).

Congratulations to all!

LampPost Pizza

Not enough time for cooking?

Order a pizza instead and support our Bands! Just be sure to mention the DHS Band Program when you place your order, and a portion of each sale will benefit our Bands.



February 15th, Tuesday
4:00—9:00 p.m.

1260 Lake Blvd. in West Davis
(530) 758-1111

Katie Horn,

Pizza & Yogurt Fundraiser Coordinator

Call For Auction Items

**Think outside the 'coconut'
and contribute an item or two to Coconut Grove 2011**

Help the students get to Victoria, British Columbia by contributing to the Silent Auction, an important and fun way to help defray the cost of the annual band trip. Your donation will be auctioned alongside numerous donations from our local business community. Here are a few ideas from past Coconut Grove Silent Auctions:

DECORATIVE ITEMS: Photographs, ceramics, quilts, planters, paintings, multimedia pieces

FOODS: Pastries, cookies, wine, gift certificates to your favorite restaurant

INFORMATION: Books, instructional material on DVDs, music CDs

SERVICES: house or pet-sitting, musical performances, music lessons

PRIZED POSSESSIONS: instruments, antiques and other heirlooms

Use your imagination - express yourself - perhaps find a new home for an interesting item from your personal collection. Receipts acknowledging your donation for tax purposes are available upon request. **To donate, please contact Helen Kado-Fong at 757-2253 or samstro@pacbell.net by March 5, 2011.**

Joyce Hamaguchi, Coconut Grove Volunteer

Scrip

Many thanks to those of you who are using Scrip! Please contact me at 753-4301 or lynnerumery@gmail.com if you would like a card and enrollment instructions for Nugget, Safeway or SaveMart Scrip. I can also answer any questions you may have about the programs. Thank you!

Lynne Rumery,
Scrip Coordinator

Canada Trip

Our Canada trip is just 4 months away!

The students have now signed up for flight groups, and the t-shirt design contest is underway. There is a Facebook page for students to join for info about the trip, and trip news is also updated on our website. We are still waiting on the event organizers in Victoria to give us our performance schedule, so that the rest of our itinerary can be determined, and a final itinerary made.

Remember to get your identification documents to Kathryn Shickman at kshickman@sbcglobal.net if you have not already done so. That would be a copy of your student's passport, or a certified copy of their birth certificate. If your student has a passport from a country other than the USA, please check our website for more detailed information as to possible additional documents needed for travel. If you are still planning to apply for a passport, this must be done soon to ensure that it arrives in time for the trip.

Katie Horn,
Band Trip Coordinator

PEP BAND at BASKETBALL!

See the
calendar on page 7
for game
dates and times.



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Play-a-Thon Wrap-up

The 24th Annual Play-a-Thon is in the books and it was a rousing success! The students earned over \$3,000 in donations toward their band trip to Victoria in May. Our kids were amazing. For those of you who didn't make it to the 7:00 a.m. concert, it was unbelievable how well they performed. Despite bleary eyes and sore chops, they did justice to music that they had sight read only hours before. They brought energy and enthusiasm to the entire evening and they were a pleasure to work with.

Thank you to the conductors from University of the Pacific. Former teaching assistant to Mr. Lange, **John Cargile**, and band alumni, **Chris Weisker**, planned the musical program and recruited fellow student conductors, **Susanna** and **Veronica**. The four of them, as well as band parent and UC Davis Director, **Tom Slabaugh**, were there to direct, teach, and entertain the students throughout the night. They were inspiring mentors.

One highlight of the evening was band parent, **Sheila Allen**, wearing her University of Wisconsin Band Jacket and sporting a cheese-head hat, as guest conductor. She led the band with gusto and offered words of encouragement to our students to keep music a part of their lives regardless of their chosen field of study.

Parents, thank you all for your help. It takes many hands to put on an event like this and I appreciate each and every one of you for your willingness to participate. It is no wonder we have such involved kids—just look at the parents!

I would like to especially thank my wonderful co-coordinators. **Luci Schmidl**, with her team of check-in volunteers, handled the daunting task of keeping track of permission slips and the times that students were allowed to leave. She also recorded the incoming donations and made sure each student was credited with the correct amount. **Lynne Rumery** solicited donations from local businesses and organized the food that kept our students going throughout the evening. **Jeanette Vance** handled the publicity, as well as helping with much of the organization in preparation to take over the leadership of the Play-a-Thon next year.

Thank you **Mr. Lange** for allowing this event to take place, for giving up your weekend to make it happen, and for giving the students the skills required to perform as well as they do.

And last, but in no way least, please show your appreciation for the many **local businesses** who graciously donated food and who have always supported the DHS Band Program in so many wonderful ways.

Pizza: Woodstocks, Steve's, Café Italia, Round Table, Pizza Guys, LampPost
Breakfast Items: Noah's Bagels, Nugget Markets
Coffee: Peet's



Sandra Weisker, Play-a-Thon Coordinator

PLAY-A-THON

Jan. 22-23, 2011



Photos by
Sandra Weisker



DHS Bands 2011 Calendar

February '11

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| 2/2 Weds | Band Boosters Meeting | 7:30pm | DHS PA-3 |
| 2/2 Weds | Pep Band @ Girls Basketball | 6:30pm | Old Gym |
| 2/4 Fri | Pep Band @ Boys Basketball | 6:30pm | New Gym |
| 2/9 Weds | Elementary Concert ~ DHS Band students needed | 7:30pm | IPAB |
| 2/11 Fri | Pep Band @ Girls Basketball | 6:30pm | Old Gym |
| 2/15 Tues | <i>LampPost Pizza Fundraiser</i> | 4-9pm | LampPost |
| 2/15 Tues | Pep Band @ Girls Basketball | 6:30pm | Old Gym |
| 2/16 Weds | Festivity of Bands (Symphonic Band, UCD, CSUS) | 7:30pm | IPAB |

April '11

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| 4/1 - 4/3 | Monterey Jazz Festival <i>(tentative)</i> | TBA | Monterey |
| 4/13 Weds | Band Boosters Meeting | 7:30pm | DHS PA-3 |
| 4/16 Sat | UCD Picnic Day ~ Pep Band Parade & Parking | TBA | UC Davis |
| 4/17 Sun | Jazz Band / Jazz Combo Concert | 7:30pm | IPAB |
| 4/19 Tues | Secondary Concert ~ Symphonic Band | 7:30pm | IPAB |
| 4/27 Weds | Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band | 7:30pm | IPAB |

March '11

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| 3/9 Weds | Band Boosters Meeting | 7:30pm | DHS PA-3 |
| 3/12 Sat | Coconut Grove | TBA | Emerson MPR |
| 3/17 Thurs | Adjudication Concert ~ Symph & Concert Bands | 7:30pm | IPAB |
| 3/28 - 3/31 | Symphonic & Jazz Band Auditions | TBA | DHS PA-3 |

May '11

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| 5/3 Tues | Senior Concert ~ Symph & Concert Bands | 7:30pm | IPAB |
| 5/5 Thurs | Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band | 7:30pm | DHS PA-3 |
| 5/9 Mon | Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band | 7:30pm | DHS PA-3 |
| 5/11 Weds | Band Boosters Meeting | 7:30pm | DHS PA-3 |
| 5/15 Sun | Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band | 7:30pm | DHS PA-3 |
| 5/19 - 5/24 | All Bands ~ Trip to Canada | TBA | Victoria, Canada |
| 5/28 Sat | Jazz Combo Concert <i>(tentative)</i> | 7:30pm | IPAB |

Look for information about the
Capitol Jazz Project Concert
with the DHS Jazz Band
in next month's newsletter
(the date is still being finalized)

June '11

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| 6/1 Weds | Picnic & Pops in the Park Concert | 6:00pm | Central Park |
| 6/3 Fri | Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert | 7:30pm | IPAB |

The full calendar is also conveniently
located at www.DHSBandBoosters.com



🎵 Band Booster Minutes ~ January 5, 2011 🎵

I. Approval of Minutes -

The December 1st meeting minutes as printed in the January newsletter were unanimously approved.



II. Music Director's Report -

Mr. Lange complimented Joyce B. on the excellent job with the December newsletter. The Jazz Band came in first in their division in the Delta Jazz Festival. The kids have sent in their recording for the Monterey Jazz Festival. We had a wonderful Winter Concert. The Concert Band was superb, and the Symphonic Band played well. Christine Chu gave an excellent solo performance. Upcoming events include the Play-a-Thon, Festivity of Bands, Coconut Grove, and adjudicated performances. We will not attend the Folsom Jazz Festival. The Jazz Band will not be performing with the Jazz Choir Cabaret, but a combo will.

III. Student Report -

There are 6 basketball games scheduled for Pep Band, dates to be announced soon. Check the calendar.

IV. Treasurer's Report -

Joyce H. thanked all who have submitted their initial installments for the band trip. We are in good financial position for our trip. We have almost \$16,000 in reserves. We would like to maintain that cushion for years when fundraising may not be so successful.

V. Committee Reports -

A. Direct Donations - Another \$4,500 came in, making the total collected well over \$16,000.

B. Rent-a-Band - Maki submitted a report to John, as she was unable to attend the meeting. Rent-a-Band performed 15 gigs with 6 student leaders and 27 additional members of the band participating. Additionally, Rent-a-Band performed on "Good Morning Sacramento" on Dec. 7th. Rent-a-Band total income was \$1,520.00, and expected profits after copying expenses and purchase of breakfast items are \$1,456.08.

C. Pizza and Yogurt - Nothing new to report. Check the calendar for upcoming pizza dates.

D. Play-a-Thon - Sandra announced the event will be held at Emerson Jr. High. Students play at this fundraiser from 7 pm - 7 am and collect donations from sponsors in advance. Permission forms were sent out with students and are due in the box in the band room now. Chaperones are needed throughout the night. Parents are needed to help with different tasks like delivering coffee or bringing food. An announcement, along with the forms, will go out on the listserve in a week or so. We will add the date to the calendar and post forms on the website.

E. Coconut Grove - This is our largest fundraiser for the trip student accounting, a great program for students to participate in, and a community program where bands from throughout Davis perform. John said the planning meeting will be held Jan 6th at 7:30 in the band room. There are several people willing to coordinate teams on small segments of the event. Someone must step up to serve as chair. John does not have the time to chair this event. The location has been changed to Emerson Jr. High MPR. All new decorations will be purchased for the event this year as the old ones stored in the DHS MPR were ruined by mold. (Since the meeting, Karen Clementi has offered to chair the event).

F. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales - Mr. Lange received the CDs and DVDs from Winter Concert. There were 37 DVDs and 27 CDs ordered. Tom did a really nice job on the covers. Sue and Jo were great helpers with sales.

G. Jazz Band Update - Mr. Lange asked David to confirm a date with the Capital Jazz Project for a spring concert. The Jazz Band took first place in the Delta Jazz Festival even without a baritone saxophone player, who had an emergency appendectomy.

H. Victoria Spring Trip - Katie is in the process of arranging flights. The second installment of \$200 is due January 21st. Chaperones are requested to submit their \$250 initial installment at this time. John Horn will be sending out an individual accounting to each student before the second installment is due.

I. Scrip - Lynne has new Nugget Scrip cards available for distribution. Another \$137 check came in. Lynne is thinking of mailing cards to alumni. She wants to investigate Target's program connected to their Target credit card. She decided not to continue with the Costco Scrip program as it was too complicated.

VI. Old Business -

A. BB Positions that need filling -

1. Coconut Grove Chair (Karen Clementi has since taken on this position)
2. Clothing Swap Planner

VII. New Business -

A. Reno Jazz Festival is April 8-10, the last weekend of our spring break. This conflicts with the Jazz Choir trip to New York. Joyce B. and Wes Y. requested an updated calendar from Mr. Lange.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary

