DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

October 2012

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz, & Pep Bands http://dhsbandboosters.com

Band Booster Presidents' Message

Welcome to our New Band Director, Tom Slabaugh, and to all new and returning band families. It's already been a fun and busy first month of school with the Welcome Back BBQ, two car washes, several Pep Band activities, and a rally for Measure E.

The DHS Band Boosters exists to support and enrich the music education opportunities for students in the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands. We all know about the budget cutbacks that have occurred over the last decade; as a result of those reductions, the District is only able to provide very limited funding each year to support the band program (last year it was less than \$3 per student). The fundraising and support that the Boosters group provides makes it possible to replace and repair instruments, buy music, pay for clinicians and festival fees, and take a band field trip.

In the coming month we will start our Direct Donations Campaign, participate in the Jazz and Beat Festival in Downtown Davis on October 20, and have a final car wash. You'll be hearing more about these activities soon. The students will also have several more opportunities to participate in Pep Band, including playing in the Homecoming Parade on October 19. We look forward to having 9th grade students from the Junior High Bands play with the Pep Band at the football game that evening; this will be a great way to show how much fun it is to play in the High School Bands!

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to help with activities this year. We still need Volunteer Coordinators for the following activities—many of these won't happen if we don't get some additional help:

Direct Donation Campaign Rent-a-Band Pizza/Yogurt Fundraisers

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Play-a-Thon

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us or sign up at http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4FA8AD2AA57-committee

If you don't want to be a coordinator but would like to offer assistance, check our Band Booster web site (http://dhsbandboosters.com) for a list of Committees/Coordinators who will be looking for help in the coming months. Many of these committees are already starting to plan for the year, so there are a lot of opportunities to help with activities such as Coconut Grove, the Spring Trip, etc. There's a place for everyone to help, and volunteering is a great way to meet people and support the band program.

We are looking forward to a great year. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions about the Band Boosters.

John and Sue Ebeler, Co-Presidents dhsbbpresident@gmail.com

DHS Bands 2012-2013 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time	
	October			
3 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p-	
			9:30p	
10 -W	Pep Band Rehearsal	PA3	7:30p-	
			9:00p	
13-Sa	BB Car Wash #3	Nugget-	9:00a-	
		Covell	1:00p	
15 -M	<u> </u>	On campus	TBA	
17 -W	Pep Band Rehearsal	PA3	7:30p-	
			9:00p	
19-F	DHS Homecoming	TBA	12:30p	
10 5	Parade	R&M Brown	C.00:	
19 -F	DHS v Laguna Creek HS: Pep Band	Stadium	6:00p- 9:30p	
20 -Sa	<u> </u>	Dorum	TBA	
20 -Sa	Festival: Jazz Band	Down- town	afternoon	
	November		untermoon	
2 -F	DHS v Elk Grove	R&M Brown	6:00p-	
2 -1	HS: Pep Band	Stadium	9:30p	
6 -Tu	Rent-a-Band	PA3	3:30p-	
	Rehearsal		5:30p	
7 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p-	
			9:30p	
8 -Th	Rent-a-Band	PA3	2:30p-	
	Rehearsal		4:30p	
8 -Th	Symphonic Band	Theater,	7:30p-	
	Rehearsal	PA3	9:00p	
13 -Tu	/ I	Theater,	7:30p	
	Concert*; Guests:	PA3		
	UC Wind Ensemble			
14 -W	Jazz Band Rehearsal	Theater,	7:30p-	
15 77		PA3	9:00p	
15 -Th	Rent-a-Band Rehearsal	PA3	2:30p-	
16 -F		Theater	5:30p	
10-6	Jazz Extravaganza Concert*	Theater, PA3	7:30p- 10:00p	
26 -M		DHS	6p-girls	
20 -101	ball - Girls & Boys:	North	8p-boys	
	Pep Band	Gym	-10:00p	
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Date	Event	Location	Time
December			
1 -Sa	Delta Jazz Festival: Jazz Band	Delta Coll. Stockton	TBA afternoon
5 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p- 9:30p
19 -W	Combined Band Rehearsal	Theater, PA3	2:30p- 4:00p
20-Th	Winter Rhapsody Concert*	Theater, PA3	7:30p
	January	•	'
9 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p- 9:30p
18 -F	Play-a-Thon	DHS/ Emerson	7:00p
26 -Sa	Folsom Jazz Festival	Folsom CA	TBA
	February	,	
6 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p- 9:30p
13 -W	Festivity of Bands Concert	Theater, PA3	7:30p
	March		•
6 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p- 9:30p
9 -Sa	Coconut Grove	DHS/ Emerson	6:00p
20 -W	Bands Adjudication	Theater, PA3	TBA daytime
21-Th- 23 -Sa	Bands Adjudication Concert-Details TBA	Theater, PA3	7:30p
24 -M	Jazz Concert	Theater, PA3	7:30p
25 -M 26 -Tu	Band Auditions-TBA	PA3	3:30p- 9:00p
27 -W	Band Auditions-TBA	PA3	3:30p- 5:30p
28 -Th	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p- 9:30p
29 -Sa	Band Auditions-TBA	PA3	3:30p- 9:00p

Events in **boldface** are performances; * indicates concerts to be recorded; the basketball game schedule is not complete; for more details see Calendar available for download from Band Boosters website: http://dhsbandboosters.com

DHS Bands 2012-2013 Calendar (Continued)

Date	Event	Location	Time
April			
1 -M-	Spring Break		
5 -F			
5 -F-	Monterey Next Gen-	Monterey	TBA
7 -Su	eration Jazz Festival	CA	
	(Tentative)		
10 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p-
			9:30p
11 -Th-	Spring Trip Disney-	Anaheim	4p-11 th -
15 -M	land (Tentative)	CA	9p-15 th
27 -Sa	Reno Jazz Festival	Reno NV	TBA
-28 -Su	(Tentative)		

Date	Event	Location	Time
May			
7 -Tu	Senior Concert*	Theater, PA3	7:30p
8 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p- 9:30p
23 -Th	Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert*	Vet. Mem. Theater	7:30p
29 -W	Picnic & Pops	Central Park	6:00p
June			
6 -Th	Last day of school		
July			
4 -Th	Davis 4 th of July Parade: Pep Band	ТВА	ТВА

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Boosters Support Measure E!

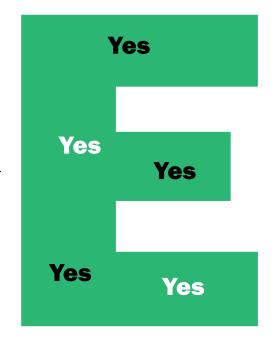
At the August 25, 2012 meeting, the Band Boosters voted to support Measure E, a parcel tax on the November 6 ballot that will raise over \$3.2 million dollars for our schools. Funds from Measure E will support:

- a) Reduced class sizes for K-6, English, and Math;
- b) Availability of classes in core subjects such as Science and History;
- c) Availability of multiple foreign language programs;
- d) Availability of elective course offerings such as Art and Career Technical Education:
- e) Retaining counseling staffing;
- f) Continued targeted achievement support in Reading and Math; and
- g) Continued availability of school site safety and support staff.

Information about Measure E can be found at: http://www.yesforourstudents.org/

http://www.djusd.net/district/parctaxdocs/mease

There are also links at these sites to information about volunteer opportunities.



Please learn about Measure E and show your support for maintaining strong educational programs for children in our community.

THE PEP BAND DRAWS FROM MEMBERS of all the bands, rehearses weekly, and performs at DHS sports events (Home Football and Boys and Girls Basketball events) and at other venues in the City and at

UC Davis (4th of July



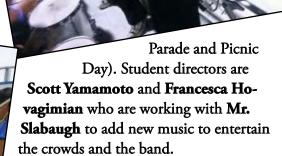
great to watch also. The Blue Devils are now 3-2.

Our next home game is Homecoming on October 19th against Laguna Creek High School.

> Go Blue Devils! Go DHS Pep Band!!

— Band Booster Pep Band Coordinators **Janice & Paul Yamamoto.**

Pep Band in Action Fall 2012



Pep Band is off to a great start this year!
We have had three home games so far
and the attendance has been over 80 band
members at each game. If you haven't been
to a home football game yet, you may want
to consider going to enjoy a rejuvenated team
and a more-than-energetic Pep Band. The



Coming Events

Next Band Booster Meeting — October 3, 2012

Agenda —

Meeting begins at 7:30pm — PA3

I. Approval of Minutes, June and August 2012

II. Band Director Report

III. Student Leader Report—Pep Band

IV. Nomination and Voting on Offi-

cers—Treasurer: Deepali Bhargava has agreed to be nominated for Treasurer.

V. Treasurer Report

VI. Committee Reports

a. Car Wash

b. Davis Jazz and Beat Festival

c. Scholarship

d. Newsletter

e. Coconut Grove

f. Disneyland Spring Trip

g. Publicity

b. Scrip

i. Open Positions

j. Others?

VII. Old Business

a. Fundraising

b. Other

VIII. New Business

Car Wash — October 13, 2012



Our THIRD CAR WASH fundraiser will be held **Saturday**, **October 13th** at the Nugget Market parking lot at East Covell Blvd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please make special note of this location.

Band members and parents are encouraged to participate by providing the much needed manpower as well as getting the word out to family and friends to bring their dirty cars. Car wash fundraisers have been an important fundraising activity that doesn't require a great deal of planning up front but we need to ensure we have enough students to do the actual washing and drying and a few parents to help supervise. It is a great way to help defray the costs of the band trip and much-needed class supplies. Even if you can't commit to working that day, hopefully you will find the time to bring your car!

Special thanks go to Julie Rogers who donated an especially large supply of bottled water, soft drinks, and snacks at the first car wash.

Thanks to all the students and parents who volunteered for the previous two car washes. Each has raised about \$800! I was impressed with how everyone worked together and cooperated snd how we got extra volunteers helping without signing up in advance. We appreciated the extra hands and bodies and the snacks that were brought. It gets hectic at times but we all got it done! Thanks!!

— Calvin Marr, Car Wash Coordinator

— Photos from August 25 Car Wash —



Davis Jazz & Beat Festival — October 20, 2012

6th annual



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Scholarship anyone? — Applications due Dec. 20, 2012

THE SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA MAGAZINE has announced this year's annual essay contest: http://www.sbomagazine.com/essay-contest/

Deadline is **December 31, 2012** and entries are to be posted online. Scholarship prizes (\$1,000 check) are awarded to essay finalist students and the school gets a contribution of musical equipment from music merchants.

Last year, a 7th grade Harper orchestra student was one of the finalists and the essay was really quite good. You can read it here: http://www.sbomagazine.com/163333/essay/2012-essay-contest-winners/

Any music student would probably have some background to address the prompt. Note that there are two entry categories — grades 9–12 and grades 4–8.

— From Mr. Slabaugh

Band Booster Minutes ~ August 28, 2012

THE MEETING WAS CALLED to order at 7:30pm.

Welcome – The new co-presidents of the Band Boosters, John and Sue Ebeler, welcomed all to the first DHS Band Booster meeting of the 2012-13 school year. John Horn, the outgoing President, offered continued assistance and participation. The purpose of the Band Boosters organization at DHS is to raise funds to support the costs of enriching the band program, to organize and chaperone band trips and other band events, to offer administrative/logistical support for all band performances and activities, and to provide a means of communication between the Director and the parents of students in the band.

2012-2013 Officers – The slate of officers for the 2012-2013 school year are John and Sue Ebeler, Co-Presidents; Julie Hochman and Wes Young, Co-Vice Presidents; Renée Lawver De Angelis, Secretary. Thank you to Deepali Bhargava, for volunteering to serve as Treasurer.

Band Boosters Website and List Serves – Please go to our website to find information about our band trips, audition information, and the calendar and meeting minutes at www. DHSBandBoosters.com. Sue explained that we are working to get 10th grade families in the list serve system. Please be sure you are signed up at http://groups.dcn.org/dhsband-boosters/dhs-band-boosters-e-mail-listservers.

Band Director's Report – Mr. Tom Slabaugh, our new director, shared some of his background and plans for the year, noting that the band will start playing right away, the first week of school, with Pep Band playing at the home football game on Friday. Mr. Slabaugh encouraged parents to use Zangle to review student grades. Mr. Slabaugh encourages students to talk with him individually about concerns and suggestions. The district has cut three bands from the junior high schools in response to revenue shortfalls. The junior highs now have 8th and 9th grade bands combined. The music teachers are doing their best to accommodate scheduling challenges that have arisen from teaching at multiple campuses with class times that overlap and do not allow for prep time or drive time.

Mr. Slabaugh plans to include soloing and small combo practice in jazz band rehearsals once a week to differentiate teaching for accomplished, emerging, and new soloists. Goal is to have students ready to play when they get requests such as farmer's market. Mr. Slabaugh mentioned that the attire for jazz band is under discussion with band members. He will let parents know.

Pep Band Student Director's Report – Frenchy Hovagimian and Scott Yamamoto are the student directors. Every

rehearsal will have 2 to 3 new pieces. Rehearsal is only on Thursday night this week. Scott gave an update.

Minutes – Minutes from the June 2012 meeting are pending. They will be posted in the next newsletter for approval at the next meeting.

Calendar – A draft calendar was shared and a revised one will be out soon. Booster meetings are typically the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Treasurer's Report – Submitted August 2012 by Joyce Hamaguchi, 2011-2012 Treasurer.

Savings \$15,757 Checking \$24,740

Committees and Volunteer Opportunities – Reports and introductions from Committee chairs. Committees and chairs are listed on the website.

Calvin Marr reported the car wash was a success, raising \$814. Additional car washes are scheduled in September at the District Office parking lot and again in October at SaveMart (*note:* we subsequently learned that SaveMart no longer allows groups to use their property, so the October 13 car wash will be at Nugget parking lot at the corner of Covell and Pole Line).

Katherine Miller is coordinating the Davis Jazz & Beat Festival Oct. 20th downtown, a possible fund-raising opportunity. They raised about \$3,000 last year, primarily through raffle ticket sales. Artists perform during jazz music performances. Ensemble and jazz band combo will play. She needs volunteers to help with planning and with the raffle. We will also provide donated food. There is a sign to hang for the jazz band. There is a pep band performance the night before. We will work through the athletic director to consider selling raffle tickets at the football game.

Pat McGuire will include photos in the newsletter. All newsletters are on the website and are emailed in pdf format on the list serve.

Let Wes Young know if you need something made available through the website. You will find the calendar, syllabus, and forms there.

Stanley Young is the publicity director. The car wash was announced in Davis Patch and the Enterprise. He is asking for more candid photographs from parents in preference to posed photos taken by the Enterprise staff photographer.

Jennifer and Rick Tan reminded everyone to please renew your Scrip cards. The band boosters receive over \$100/month in income. This totaled about \$3,000 last year.

Beth Stein is the SignUp Genius coordinator and is available

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to set up the volunteer requests for other committee coordinators or help them learn to use the tool themselves.

Sheila Allen coordinates the Boosters Facebook page. Ask to be a part, and she'll add you. Mr. Slabaugh also moderates a class page and approves entry. The students have an additional page as well.

Mike Busch will coordinate donations at the door of concerts.

Katherine Miller is the concert program developer. Mr. Slabaugh will involve the students in concert production, including program notes. There will be a screen in back with a slide show or movie consistent with the theme of the music.

Julie Hochman will email concert refreshment requests. The practice now is to ask for donations for snacks, instead of pricing, as it has been a better fundraiser.

Janice and Paul Yamamoto are the parent liaisons to pep band. They will recruit parent helpers through SignUp Genius.

Julie Hochman is the coordinator of the new scholarship fund, established in Fred Lange's honor. Fred Lange would like two scholarships per year at \$500/each, based on attitude and merit, to be chosen by an independent panel. The funds are to further the students' musical education. The students will audition on a primary instrument with the idea that the student would get lessons on an instrument that is new to them. The application will require an essay. A local instructor may be willing to contribute additional lessons to extend the assistance. Auditions are planned for the week after Thanksgiving and recipients will be announced at the winter concert.

Note: We have several coordinator positions still open. To volunteer: http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4FA8AD2AA57-committee.

Direct Donations – *Coordinators needed* – Big fundraiser in fall. Copies of past letters are available as examples. Duties include counting money and writing thank you notes.

Rent-a-Band - Coordinators needed

Rent-a-band is a way for students to raise funds toward the trip account. In the past, the band has been booked for 8 to 10 gigs. We need a parent coordinator. The students play from a library of holiday music. Typically there is a student leader of each ensemble. An announcement will go out in November asking for hosts and suggestions.

Play-a-Thon - Coordinators needed

Spring Trip - Coordinators needed

Pizza/Yogurt Fundraisers - Coordinators needed

Old Business - none

New Business

- a. Spring Trip Planning Disneyland, Anaheim CA, Jazz Band and Combined Band will play and get experience in a recording studio during Magic Music Days.
- **b.** Fundraising Plan on approximately \$500-600 per musician.
- c. Other Moved and seconded for Boosters to support the Measure E parcel tax that will be on the ballot this November as part of the general election. Passed unanimously. Measure E kick-off is Saturday Sept. 8 after Farmer's Market ends at 1pm.

Discussion – Every year Boy Scouts have Merit Badge Saturday and John Horn is finding more information to see if funds can flow to DHS bands and what the requirements are to use school facility. Per Sheila Allen, Boy Scouts have rented school facilities for various events. Parents wanted additional discussion about what groups to work with for fundraising. Discussed other fundraising ideas. Parents suggested an idea to sell tickets in advance for car washes to sell to extended family, etc. and to consider a clothing exchange. Respectfully submitted,

Renée Lawver De Angelis, Band Boosters Secretary



Raise Money for the Bands by Shopping!

Sign up for eScrip online and every time you shop at an approved retailer, a percentage goes automatically to the band! Sign up here: http://www.escrip.com. Our ID# is 137316731, and we are called Davis Senior High School Band Boosters. Register your

credit cards and Safeway card at eScrip to support our students! Scrip questions? Email coordinators **Jennifer & Rick Tan**: thetanfamily@msn.com.

Band Booster Minutes ~ June 4, 2012

I. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the May meeting, as projected on the screen at the meeting were unanimously approved. We will send out the minutes to all on the listserv.

II. Music Director's Report – Mr. Lange has been experiencing, somewhat, the mushroom syndrome (something about being kept in the dark and fed stuff). The Jazz on a Summer's Eve was maybe the best spring concert we have ever given. The students took it very seriously, and did a really great job. Dr. Richards was a wonderful person to have work with the students. He was very complimentary of the band. The party following at Lamppost was very fun and worked very well. Pep Band and Road Crew co-leaders for 2012-13 will be Frenchy Hovagimian and Scott Yamamoto. Avi Steele will also be a part of the Road Crew leadership. Junior or sophomore students must play at graduation ceremonies. Mr. Lange informed the students of the schedule beginning with rehearsal at 6:15pm in the band room. Students will be excused at 7:45pm. Students wear casual blacks, with no shorts or sandals. Mr. Quick will be directing the band that evening. We are not allowing any students to keep their school instruments over the summer. All must be checked in prior to the end of school. Mr. Lange has someone coming to give a quote on instrument repairs. Thank you to Mike at Lamppost and to Mark Stephens for hauling instruments in his truck to Farmers' Market concert.

III. Student Report – The pep band will probably participate in the July 4th parade. There is a banner in one of the above cabinets in back of the band room for students to carry at the front of any parade.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Financial reports are available upon request. Our reserve account remains at nearly \$16K. The Checking \$27K: Including general fund \$12K, IPAB \$3K, Music Fund \$4K, music scholarship fund nearly \$2K, and the accounting for the band trips is not reconciled yet.

Mr. Lange thanked Joyce Hamaguchi for being such an excellent treasurer.

V. Committee Reports

CD/DVD Sales – We nearly broke even on sales this year. Tom Estes would like to see a lot more sold. Perhaps people can order a package of DVDs at beginning of year. Michael George says that we had 26 DVD's and 9 CDs ordered for Jazz on a Summer's Eve. We were more efficient in collecting payment this year. We had more sales this year, as well. In the past, Tom Estes charged more for special compilations

on audition tapes. We did not have that expense this year.

Website – dhsbandboosters.com – Wes Young has been doing an excellent job posting information on the website. The domain name needs to be renewed in August.

Jazz Band Party – It was very easy to have the jazz party directly following the last concert. Mike, the employee at Lamppost, was a previous tuba player in the DHS band and therefore was willing to stay open a bit longer for us. New and continuing members and their families had a chance to socialize together.

Student Accounting – This summer John Horn and Band Boosters officers will be reviewing and revising how we do our student accounting for fundraising for band trips: how we raise funds and how fundraising efforts are reported to Booster members.

Election of Officers – Co-Presidents: John & Sue Ebeler; Co-Vice-Presidents: Wes Young and Julie Hochman; Secretary: Renee Lawver de Angelis; Treasurer: Jeff de Ropp. The slate was unanimously approved.

VI. Summer activities – The band calendar will need review, minutes from June meeting to be published in first newsletter in the fall, the new officers need to update signature card at bank, the mailbox key will be passed along to the new secretary. John Horn will talk with Fred about fall class rosters. Wes will need to update alias Gmail accounts and new committee chair contacts. John Horn will need to arrange for someone to have access to the band room over the summer.

VII. Committee Positions — Coordinators still needed for Publicity, Scrip, Photographer, Concert refreshments, Direct Donations, Rent-a-Band, Play-a-Thon, Spring Trip, Pizza & Yogurt fundraisers, Davis Jazz Festival. One fundraising idea presented was to hold a golf tournament or fun run involving the Davis community, not just band families, with different bands stationed along the course. We could sell food, and beverages and t-shirts.

VIII. Hiring of new Band Director – Candidates will be interviewed on Thursday. Candidates will also briefly work with Symphonic band students as part of the interview process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Kathryn Shickman* – Band Boosters 2010-2011 Secretary

Leadership — 2012-2013

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