

DHS Band Boosters



Newsletter



**May
2013**

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz, & Pep Bands

<http://dhsbandboosters.com>

Band Booster Presidents' Message

APRIL HAS FLOWN BY AND WE ARE NOW COUNTING DOWN to the end of the year. The students had a great time in Southern California with clinics at UCLA and Disneyland and performances on the Big Thunder Ranch Jamboree stage in Disneyland. It was great to see so many families, extended families, and friends of families come to see the performances and join in the fun.

The Jazz Band had an early morning performance at the Reno Jazz Festival on April 27. They played great and placed fourth in their division based on school size. This is a huge festival that draws participants primarily from throughout the western United States. We had the opportunity to hear some great professional, high school, and college bands during the event.

And so we wind up the year with three concerts in May. First up is the final Symphonic Band concert on May 7. Seniors in all the bands will be recognized at this concert and we hope to see everyone there.

Next, the Jazz Band is featured in the *Jazz on a Summer's Eve* concert on May 23 at 7:30pm in the Veteran's Memorial Theater.

And finally, our outreach concert for the community, *Picnic and Pops*, on May 29, in Central Park. This year we will be joined by the combined DaVinci, Emerson, Holmes (DEH) bands in a multi-school Festival of Music and Arts. DEH will play at 5:15pm

followed by the DHS Combined Band at 6:00pm. The Cal Aggie Band-uh will join the year-end celebration at 7:00pm.

Now is also the time to begin thinking about how you can contribute and help with the Boosters and band activities next year. There are many ways to volunteer and a list of the open positions is provided separately in this newsletter on page 7. If you are interested in volunteering, please let one of the officers know. If you have questions about any of the volunteer positions, we're happy to answer. We'll be voting on officers at the final Booster Meeting of the school year on June 5, so please plan to attend this important meeting.

Finally, we thank everyone for helping to make this a great year. It takes many people to ensure the success of our music program; please know that the contribution of every family throughout the year has been appreciated by the students, by Mr. Slabaugh, and by us. Our son will graduate in June, so this has been our last year to actively participate in Band Boosters and the Band program. The music program and the people involved have enriched all our lives and we thank everyone for providing us with wonderful memories and friendships over the past years.

John and Sue Ebeler, Co-Presidents
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Director's Message

Wow! APRIL WAS A VERY BUSY TIME FOR DHS BANDS! We enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Los Angeles area, participating in a clinic at UCLA with the Director of Bands, Gordon Henderson. Then we had a great time in the park, followed by performances in Disneyland and a great recording session with Disneyland clinicians. The resultant videos produced by Disney are strikingly remarkable and the experience was very educational.

We also recently returned from the Reno Jazz Festival, where the Jazz Band had a good performance and a 4th place finish (out of 17 bands, one of which was a Festival Showcase Performer at the evening awards). We were all surprised to see Mr. Lange in the performance site and were quite pleased to see his kind comments and encouraging score (he gave us the highest score of all three judges)! Overall, this was a very educational opportunity and we look forward to many more next year!

Upcoming events in May are as exciting! On May 7th, we will have our *Senior Concert*, where we recognize graduating seniors and play a concert with the Symphonic Band of music selected by this group. Next up is our final Jazz Ensemble Concert, *Jazz on a Summer's Eve*, held at the Veteran's Memorial Center. We conclude our formal concerts with both the Concert and Symphonic Bands playing their repertoire from Spring Tour at the *Picnic and Pops Concert* in Central Park on May 29th.

We are currently completing our scale-playing tests (melodic minor) in Concert Band. Many students are doing a great job and we should be finished by the end of May. Remember, students who don't satisfactorily complete these tests lose 20 points per test. Also, those who do complete these tests earn 20 points for each scale test successfully completed. **Parents:** Please encourage your students to work hard and learn these scales through regular daily practice.

Some important reminders about grades...

♪ Please submit all points to Mr. Slabaugh by Friday, May 24th in order to receive full credit (unless the points were accrued during the last week of the

quarter.) Any points submitted after the due date will receive only half-credit.

♪ If you have not completed your Band Concert Attendance (watching another concert band or wind ensemble each semester), you need to get this completed by May 24th. Here are a couple options:

Sac State Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Concert Band

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30pm
Capistrano Hall – Music Recital Hall

UC Davis Concert Bands*

June 5, 7pm – 9pm
Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center

Special Note:* If you choose this concert, you **MUST turn in proof of concert attendance (e.g. ticket stub) by the following day, June 6th, as this is the last day of school.

Concert Write-ups are a great way to earn points towards your grade. Refer to the course syllabus for more information. If you attend concerts, take the time to do the write up and earn points towards your final grade!

Finally, below is a copy of the grading scale. Please remember that semester grades are determined by adding 3rd and 4th quarter grades together, dividing by 2, and using the scale listed below.

Concert & Symphonic Bands

200 and above = A	0 – 49 = C
175 – 199 = A-	-1 – -49 = C-
145 – 174 = B+	-50 – -99 = D+
100 – 144 = B	-100 – -149 = D
75 – 99 = B-	-150 – -199 = D-
50 – 74 = C+	-200 and below = F

Jazz Band

300 and above = A	100 – 149 = C
275 – 299 = A-	99 – 50 = C-
245 – 274 = B+	49 – 0 = D+
200 – 244 = B	-1 – -49 = D
175 – 199 = B-	-50 – -99 = D-
150 – 174 = C+	-100 and below = F

Musically yours!

Mr. Slabaugh

DHS Bands 2012-2013 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
May			
7 -Tu	Senior Concert* (Symphonic Band)	Theater, PA3	7:30p
8 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p- 9:30p
23 -Th	Jazz on a Summer's Eve* (Jazz Band)	Vet. Mem. Theater	7:30p
29 -W	Picnic & Pops (Symph. & Concert)	Central Park	6:00p

Date	Event	Location	Time
June			
5 -W	Band Boosters' Mtg.	PA3	7:30p- 9:30p
6 -Th	Last day of school		
July			
4 -Th	Davis 4th of July Pa- rade (Pep Band)	TBA	TBA

Events in **boldface** are performances; * indicates concerts to be recorded; for more details see Calendar available for download from Band Boosters website: [http://dhsbandboosters.com/download-forms-information/DHS Band Calendar.pdf/view](http://dhsbandboosters.com/download-forms-information/DHS%20Band%20Calendar.pdf/view)

Band Booster Minutes ~ March 28, 2013

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

Minutes – A motion for the approval of the minutes of the March 6 Booster meeting was made and seconded, and it passed by voice vote. The minutes from tonight's meeting will be posted in the upcoming newsletter for consideration on May 8th.

Band Director's Report – Mr. Tom Slabaugh gave the Director's Report. The bands have prepared music for their events at UCLA and Disneyland. The junior high and senior high school instrumental music teachers, Tom Slabaugh, Angelo Moreno, Clyde Quick, and Nancy Sanchez, held auditions together for next year's symphonic band and orchestra. Slabaugh, Quick, and Sanchez held the auditions for next year's jazz band. Mr. Slabaugh is projecting a shortage of French horns and tubas in the bands, so he is likely to target next year's Lange scholarships to those instruments. Slabaugh and Moreno anticipate an unusually large number of double reed players will enter the high school music program over the next couple of years.

Treasurer's Report – Deepali Bhargava provided the Treasurer's Report for review at the meeting.

- Savings..... \$15,772 (no change*)
- Checking \$31,383 *
 - General Fund..... \$38,818
 - Music Fund..... \$2,607
 - Scholarship Fund \$1,835
 - IPAB Fund..... \$3,130
 - Fundraising/Trip Accounts.....\$9,954
 - Uncleared balance \$162



*The savings fund is maintained at this balance to have funds

available in the case of emergencies. The checking account starts each school year with a balance of about \$15,000, then increases as we deposit all the funds raised during the year. The checking account balance typically gets quite large just before we start writing checks related to trip expenses, then it drops rapidly. Our goal is to again have a year-end checking account balance of at least \$15,000.

Disneyland Trip.....\$9,954
 – Income so far\$48,530
 – Expenses so far\$58,484 *
 *Expected additional expenses \$5,000-7,000

Coconut Grove..... \$9,109
 – Income so far \$10,407
 – Expenses so far \$1,306 *
 *Final balance may differ, not yet reconciled.

Calendar Updates

- Apr. 11-15, Disneyland Trip
 - Apr. 27-28, Reno Jazz Festival
 - May 7, Senior Concert
 - May 8, Band Boosters Meeting 7:30pm
- Check on-line for updates, dhsbandboosters.com



Committee Reports and Volunteer Opportunities

Disneyland Spring Trip, April 11–15 – John Kraft, Otto Raabe, and Katie Horn are coordinating a wonderful trip. The trip includes clinics at UCLA. Performances and soundtrack sessions will be held at Disneyland. Final installments of trip contributions are due now, as well as permission forms and medical forms. Most bills have been paid.

Coconut Grove (March 9) — Chair: Gurbinder Nijjar. Coconut Grove was a wonderful evening of jazz music

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Band Booster Minutes ~ March 28, 2013 (cont.)

and dinner conversation. The estimated net revenue is \$6,000-\$6,500, with a few bills outstanding.

Adjudication Festival (March 23) – Co-chairs: Amy Levin and Anula Danilowicz-Drown. The festival was held on Saturday, March 23 in the IPAB from 9am-4pm. The adjudicators were Richie Hodge and Meryl Wamhoff. Jamba Juice and Hot Dogger sold food throughout the day.

Other activities were briefly discussed:

Newsletter – Pat McGuire requested articles and photos for upcoming newsletters. He pointed out that he has received a good selection of jazz band photos for previous newsletters, but he requests that parents remember to take photos of the concert and symphonic bands to complement the jazz band photos.

Scrip – Scrip program continues with local stores. Rick Tan told us about efforts to start fundraising with the new Whole Foods store in Davis. Rick and Jennifer are still in early stages of the process and will update us at future meetings.

Senior Concert – In previous years senior band students have been recognized at the end of the school year. Tom would like to continue that tradition. At the Senior Concert in May, seniors will wear red carnations and will be individually acknowledged. At the DHS graduation ceremony in June band students will wear maroon honor cords.

Old Business – Discussion continued on the poster, shelving, and IPAB ticket options to address fire safety concerns.

New Business – The consideration of high school reconfiguration to include ninth grade was discussed.

Among the anticipated challenges are too few high school music instructors and too small facilities to accommodate the larger number of students. The classroom, PA-3, and the Brunelle Theater would be too small for an expanded music program. At the most recent concert, band parents and other members of the community were turned away to comply with the Fire Marshall's maximum capacity for the theater. Adding a 9th grade class to the bands would only exacerbate that problem. In the current system, we have a total of 133 students in concert and symphonic bands (63 + 70). Mr. Slabaugh estimates that the capacity of PA-3 when students

are using instruments and music stands is approximately 80 students per class. The band program has been growing at the elementary and junior high levels; Mr. Slabaugh anticipates a large class of 100 incoming sophomore band musicians in two years. The student:teacher ratio is already a very high 65:1, and the capacity of the classroom does not allow those students to be simply added to existing classes. Further, since the classroom is used for six periods each day, it is not feasible to add new classes/ensembles to accommodate those additional students that would join the band and strings programs. Would we be forced to somehow ration access to the music program, or will the district be willing and able to invest in additional facilities and instructors so that we can continue to welcome all students interested in taking band and orchestra classes?

Another concern related to the reorganization is continued access to music for the DaVinci students, especially the junior high students. Currently, DaVinci Jr. High shares a campus with Emerson Jr. High, and students from both schools are in music classes together. One of the reorganization rumors mentioned at the meeting suggests that one of the current junior high schools might be closed, and the DaVinci Jr. High and DaVinci Sr. High would both be relocated to the closed school's campus. Parents are concerned that if there are no band classes on the DaVinci campus junior high students might be unable to travel to a different junior high school campus during the school day to participate in music classes. If that model were to become reality, would DaVinci Jr. High students be unable to take music classes, or would the district be willing and able to either hire additional music teachers or provide transportation for students to travel to music classes on a different campus?

A motion was made and approved unanimously that the band boosters group should notify the school board and administration of our concerns. We specifically agreed that a letter should be written that expresses our "concerns" but that does not provide or withhold "support" at this time for any proposed reorganization models.

This meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Renée Lawver De Angelis**
– Band Boosters Secretary



Next Band Booster Meeting — May 8, 2013: Agenda

Meeting begins at 7:30pm — PA3

I. Approval of Minutes, Mar. 28, 2013

II. Band Director Report T. Slabaugh

III. Student Report—Pep Band

IV. Treasurer Report D. Bhargava

V. Calendar Update

VI. Committee Reports

a. Disneyland Trip Follow-up

b. Coconut Grove Follow-up

c. Direct Donations Fund Drive

d. Newsletter

e. Publicity

f. Scrip

g. Others?

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

a. 2013-14 calendar

b. 2013-14 trip plans

c. 2013-14 officer and volunteer positions

High School Reconfiguration Update

AT THE APRIL 18 DJUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES meeting the Board decided not to immediately consider reconfiguration of Davis Senior High School to a 9–12 campus. After public comment, a presentation by district staff, and extensive Board discussion, the trustees decided instead to conduct a district-wide strategic planning effort. The Board will further discuss the strategic planning efforts at their May 2 meeting and develop a plan for community involvement in the process.

On the Agenda for the May 2 meeting:

“On April 18 the BoE directed staff to bring back the name or names of a consultant(s) to facilitate a strategic

plan and a description of the process, including first steps and how the community would be involved. No PowerPoint will accompany this brief presentation. The superintendent is still interviewing consultants and expects to have up to date information by May 2.”

Information on past and future meetings is available on-line at: <http://www.djUSD.net/district/boe/agendas>

An April 19 article in the Davis Enterprise covering the April 18 Board meeting is available here:

<http://www.davisenterprise.com/local-news/schools-news/school-board-pulls-back-on-reconfiguration-looks-at-bigger-picture/>

Vote for Davis High School Band

THE DAVIS WHOLE FOODS MARKET has selected the DHS Band Boosters as a potential recipient of their 5% Community Support Day fundraising event. If enough people vote for the ‘Davis High School Band’, the Boosters will receive a donation of 5% of the sales at the Davis Whole Foods Store on June 5th. Please note that Whole Foods has been very supportive of our program already this year through donations of refreshments for concerts and a gift certificate for the Coconut Grove Silent Auction. This is another great opportunity to raise some funds for our band program!

Visit the store or go to the Whole Foods Market Davis Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WFMDavis>) and vote soon and often. Voting closes May 24, 2013.



THE DHS JAZZ BAND PERFORMED at the Reno Jazz Festival, at the University of Nevada, Reno campus on April 27, 2013. (Photo by Wes Young.)



Volunteer Opportunities for 2013-2014

THE DHS BAND BOOSTERS NEED YOU.

It's time to start filling volunteer coordinator/committee positions for the next school year. The chart on the next page lists the positions and indicates which need filling. Please consider volunteering to help coordinate one or more of these activities—it is a great way to help the band program and meet other parents and students. The rewards are paid in seeing happy kids, listening to great music, and knowing that you are contributing

to a rich and engaging learning environment for our children.

We'd like to have all of these positions filled by the end of the school year. If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of these activities or if you have questions about time commitments and/or coordinator responsibilities, please let us know.

John and Sue Ebeler, Co-Presidents
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2013-2014 Leadership & Openings

Band Booster Officer	Name	Description
President	OPEN	
Vice President	Wesley Young	
Secretary	Renée Lawver de Angelis	
Co-Treasurer	Deepali Bhargava	
Co-Treasurer	OPEN	
Booster Committee/Chair Position	Name	Description
Car Wash Coordinator	OPEN	Coordinate car wash fundraisers
Coconut Grove Co-Coordinator	Gurbinder Nijjar	Lead planning for Coconut Grove Fundraising event
Coconut Grove Co-Coordinator	OPEN	
Concert CD/DVD Coordinator	OPEN	Collect CD orders and coordinate orders with recording studio
Concert Coordinator	OPEN	Collect donations at door for all concerts (Jazz, Symphonic, Concert)
Concert Program Developer	OPEN	Assist director in preparing printed concert programs
Concert Refreshment Coordinator	OPEN	Coordinate refreshment donations for concerts
Davis Jazz & Beat Festival Coordinator	Katherine Miller	
Direct Donation Drive Co-Coordinator	Renée Lawver de Angelis	Prepare direct donation letter and mailings
Direct Donation Drive Co-Coordinator	OPEN	
Donation Acquisition Coordinator	Poornima Balasubramanyam	Lead acquisitions of donations for fundraising events, silent auctions, raffles
Facebook Coordinator	OPEN	Administer Facebook page
Jazz Band Travel/Trip Coordinator	OPEN	Assist director in planning Jazz Band trips, coordinating carpools, hotels, etc.
Jazz Combo/Choir Liaison	OPEN	Coordinate combo activities with Jazz Choir
Newsletter Editor	OPEN	Prepare monthly newsletter
Pep Band Coordinator	OPEN	Help director coordinate pep band events; attend pep band performances
Photographer	Wesley Young	Take pictures at concerts for newsletter and website
Photographer	OPEN	
Picnic Day Parking Coordinator	OPEN	
Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers	OPEN	Set up fundraisers with local businesses
Play-a-Thon Co-Coordinator	Mei Yan Lin	Coordinate Play-A-Thon in January 2014
Play-a-Thon Co-Coordinator	OPEN	
Publicity Coordinator	Stanley Young	
Rent-A-Band Coordinator	Renée Lawver de Angelis	Coordinate/schedule Rent-A-Band gigs
Scrip Coordinators	Jennifer and Rick Tan	
SignUpGenius Administrator	Beth Stein	
Spring Trip Co-Coordinator	OPEN	In conjunction with Band Director, lead planning for spring trip
Spring Trip Co-Coordinator	OPEN	
Website and Listserv Coordinator	Wesley Young	

Leadership — 2012-2013

Band Booster Officer	Name	Email address
President	Sue & John Ebeler	dhsbbpresident@gmail.com
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Vice President	Wesley Young	dhsbbwebsite@gmail.com
Treasurer	Deepali Bhargava	dhsbbtreasurer@gmail.com
Secretary	Renée Lawver de Angelis	dhsbbsecretary@gmail.com
Booster Committee/Chair Position	Name	Email address
Adjudication Festival Coordinators	Amy Levin	
	Anula Danilowicz-Drown	
Car Wash Coordinator	Calvin Marr	calvinmarr@sbcglobal.net
CD/DVD Coordinator	Michael George	dhsbbcdvd@gmail.com
Coconut Grove Coordinators	Gurbinder Nijjar	dhsbbcoconut@gmail.com
	John & Sue Ebeler	dhsbbpresident@gmail.com
Concert Coordinator	Mike Busch and Laura Hoffman	
Concert Program Developer	Katherine Miller	jndkmlr@packbell.net
Concert Refreshment Coordinator	Julie Hochman	dhsbbvicepres@gmail.com
Davis Jazz & Beat Festival Coordinator	Katherine Miller	jndkmlr@packbell.net
Direct Donation Coordinator	Available position	
Direct Donation Assistant Coordinator	Available position	
Donation Acquisition Coordinator	Available position	
Facebook Coordinator	Sheila Allen	sheilaallen530@yahoo.com
Jazz Band Trip Coordinator	Tracy Skinner	
Jazz Combo/Choir Liaison	Julie Hochman	dhsbbvicepres@gmail.com
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Pep Band Coordinators	Janice & Paul Yamamoto	dhsbbpepband@gmail.com
Picnic Day Parking Coordinator	Available position	
Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers	Available position	
Play-a-Thon Coordinator	Available position	
Publicity Coordinator	Stan Young	dhsbbpublicity@gmail.com
Scrip Coordinators	Jennifer and Rick Tan	thetanfamily@msn.com
Signup Genius Administrator	Beth Stein	dhsbbsignup@gmail.com
Spring Trip Coordinators	John Kraft/Otto Raabe	dhsbbballbandtrips@gmail.com
Website and Listserv Coordinator	Wesley Young	dhsbbwebsite@gmail.com
Student Positions	Name	
Pep Band Student Directors	Scott Yamamoto	
	Frenchy Hovagimian	
Road Crew Leaders	Scott Yamamoto	
	Frenchy Hovagimian	
	Avi Steele	
Director of Bands	Name	Email address
	Tom Slabaugh	tslabaugh@djusd.net

