

## Invitation to an At-Home Tea Party for the Emerson and DaVinci Band Program!

November 17, 2012

Dear DaVinci and Emerson Band Families,

Those of you who have been a part of a band personally or with your children know that the rewards from this experience are more than just learning to play an instrument and appreciate music. Being in band builds confidence, maturity, and the ability to work as a team. Band also enables long-lasting relationships that greatly ease the transition into high school. As fellow parents of children who benefit from our wonderful band program, we are asking for your support. Your tax deductible donation to Emerson/DaVinci Jr. High Band Boosters will make sure this program has the resources necessary to offer these valuable benefits for our children.

The Emerson Jr. High School and DaVinci Jr. High School Band Boosters Club is a non-profit organization of parents committed to supporting the Emerson and DaVinci Band program through advocacy and fundraising. We are currently in our tenth year working to enhance and support our students' musical experiences.

Each year through volunteer and fundraising efforts, we support our students' band experience by:

1. Helping with the Spring Band Festival where our students perform for judges, receive valuable feedback on their musicianship, hear other groups play, and make connections with fellow musicians.
2. Having professional musicians visit the classroom and provide small group instruction.
3. Purchasing instruments for students who might otherwise not have access or have difficulty transporting home for practice. Last year, we purchased a baritone sax for \$5,000 and Mr. Quick has identified \$1,250 worth of percussion equipment he would like for this year.
4. Providing for school/band booster instrument repair and maintenance (\$2,500 so far this year)
5. Purchasing sheet music and equipment (*e.g.* music stands).

Unfortunately, the current public school funding situation (even with Proposition 30 and Measure E) means the Band Boosters play an even more vital role in maintenance of instruments and purchase of new equipment and sheet music. Through our efforts, we help the bands thrive. Over the years, our members have let us know that they prefer to give direct donations rather than participate in sales events through which our students earn only a percentage of what they've sold.

Therefore, this letter is a direct donation appeal to the families of our Band students. It doesn't involve finding the time to come out to an event or buying something you don't really need. Instead, we want you to enjoy a cup of tea at home while listening to music (preferably played by your Band student) and consider making a donation to support the

Emerson and DaVinci Jr. High Band Education Program. This is our major fundraiser and it makes our activities possible.

Your entire donation is tax-deductible. There is no overhead involved in this fundraiser – 100% of your donation will be used to support the DaVinci and Emerson Band program. Every donation, of any size, is greatly appreciated. (Last year, donations ranged from \$20 to \$200. )

Checks should be made to:

**Emerson/DaVinci Jr. High Band Boosters**

and either returned to class (see below) or mailed to:

**Emerson/DaVinci Junior High School Band Boosters**

**PO Box 74282**

**Davis, CA 95617**

**Our tax ID# is 52-2404097.**

Thank you for your support!

Matt Richter ([richthand@gmail.com](mailto:richthand@gmail.com)) - Band Booster President

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Please sign below, and return this sheet to class with your child. She/he will receive credit for proving that this made it home.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_