



Emerson/DaVinci Band Boosters

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

October 28, 2013

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. Purchasing instruments for students who might otherwise not have access or have difficulty transporting home for practice. Mr. Quick has identified three major instrument purchase goals for this year: a bassoon, a French horn, and an electronic keyboard (for jazz band). Approximate cost: \$9,000.
2. Providing for school/band booster instrument repair and maintenance (almost \$3,000 in 2012/2013, which was higher than average due to a backlog).
3. Purchasing sheet music and equipment (*e.g.* music stands).
4. Organizing, subsidizing, and chaperoning the 9th grade trip in May. Last year the Band Boosters contributed \$1,000 to the 9th grade trip.
5. 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.
6. Having professional musicians visit the classroom and provide small group instruction.

Unfortunately, the public school funding situation (even with Proposition 30 and Measure E) means the Band Boosters play a vital support role. Through our efforts, we help the bands thrive. And thriving they are, with almost 120 students in all the bands this year.

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. Enjoy a cup of tea at home while listening to music (preferably played by your Band student) and please 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. If each student's family gave \$50, we'd raise almost \$6,000. At an average of \$75, we'd raise the estimated cost of the three big-instruments that Mr. Quick feels are top priority. We recognize that every family situation is different and strongly believe that every donation, of any size, is greatly appreciated.

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.

If you have a business and are interested in supporting the Band Boosters, please contact me. I would hope we could find some way to make that happen.

Thank you for your support!

Matt Richter (richthand@gmail.com) - Band Booster President

PS. If you haven't already signed up for the listserv where we disseminate pertinent band parent related information, please send me an email at the address above.

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 _____