

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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



Jazz Band in the Groove at the Monterey Jazz Festival

On September 16 and 17 the DHS Jazz Band participated in the 49th annual Monterey Jazz Festival – one of the premiere jazz venues anywhere. The Davis High School Jazz Band was one of only three high school big bands nationwide that earned this honor. In introducing the Jazz Band, one of the festival organizers said, “We know it’s September when Fred Lange and Davis High arrive!”

The Monterey Jazz Festival (MJF) is a hallmark event in the jazz world, having provided a top-flight yet publicly accessible program for almost 50 years that draws jazz fans world-wide. This year’s 500 professional musicians included McCoy Tyner, Dave Brubeck, Oscar Peterson, Kurt Elling and Chris Botti.

The Jazz Band gave its trademark “peel you from the wall” performance with great sound, strong ensemble playing and stellar solos by current band members Benny Amon, Tyler Chuck, Andy Voss, Michelle Rabowsky and returnees Morgan Jones, Sam Dickey, Sterling Carlton and Grace Pettygrove. Of particular note was “Orangeman” Andy’s perceptive take on citrus maraca.

Hard work over the summer and the early weeks of school brought the band back together to provide a great representation of the Davis music program. The current Jazz Band members were joined by a strong contingent of alumni, including Alex Hartnett, Steve Rose, Corey Mann, Laura Roach and Chris Stansell. The current band members thank these DHS graduates who took time from college (or moving to college) to play one more time with their colleagues.

The MJF promotes a strong educational mission, including the annual Next Generation Festival that features middle school, high school and college jazz groups. Participation in the Next Generation Festival is by invitation only, requiring a top placement at a regional jazz festival and an audition tape.

In turn, top placement at the Next Generation Festival in April is the pre-requisite for an invitation to the September MJF. The Davis Jazz Band was one of three high school groups selected from the April 2006 Next Generation Festival. The other two high schools were high schools located in Lexington, Massachusetts and Beaverton, Oregon.

DHS alums Morgan Jones and Sam Dickey also played in the MJF Next Generation Jazz Orchestra. This group of elite high school jazz students toured Eastern Europe last summer and reunited for an additional performance at the MJF.

Many thanks to Lesli Chuck, who organized all the arrangements of the trip and who ensured that everything proceeded smoothly and that everyone was where they needed to be (with instruments and music!) when they needed to be. Thanks also to the returning alums – who helped make this a very special concert for everyone.

Notes from the Director, Mr. Lange

Ahhh, fall is in the air.

And if we are talking football, we are talking PEP BAND!

The Pep Band, led by **Jack Brazil**, entertained the crowd at the recent football game against Woodland and for the first time (in a long time) **both the football team and band won!** Actually, our Pep Band ALWAYS wins! More than 130 students participated in this great event, including many of the sophomores from the **Concert Band**. Pep Band is almost entirely run by the students (all I do is a little supervision). Students are responsible for almost everything the public sees and hears. The nicest part of this whole experience is that many of the students found their participation to be one of the most enjoyable times they had ever had in a band. Keep up the great work, students!



All students are reminded that participation in Pep Band at football games gets 50 credit points toward the 200 needed to get an A in the class. Participation in the Homecoming Parade and Game on October 6, however, is **required**. If students do not attend, they will lose 100 points at each event. Naturally, students involved in another school-sponsored event (such as a Cross Country meet) would be excused from participating with no penalty.

In the classes, we have been preparing for chair auditions. By the time you read this, they will be done. There have been some surprises in the Concert and Symphonic Bands, although most of the results were expected. I have been especially pleased with the quality of the taped auditions from all band students. This shows a lot of great preparation and care in a "finished product." Unfortunately, some students did not submit audition recordings. Those students may find an unexpected Progress Report in the mailbox. :-)

Sophomore Parents please note: your band student is growing up. The close family times you experienced just a few years ago will be fewer and fewer as your student matures in his or her high school experience. The band program is one place where you can still do things together! The students need your help in the area of fundraising. When you help out, you become a member of the band. The result is a closer family and a great feeling for you. Don't miss out on this, which may be your last opportunity to experience some great times -- together!

Remember it's not too late to be active in the booster program.

--- Fred Lange, Director of DHS Bands

Two big performances for our bands

This year our band will be participating in a community outreach program for the elementary schools in Davis. Students from the Concert, Symphonic and Jazz Bands will play two concerts on October 18 and 24 at 7:30 pm in the IPAB Theater at DHS. The DHS Outreach Band will be chosen from the "first-chair" players from all three bands. I also hope to include students who have siblings in the sixth grade band program.

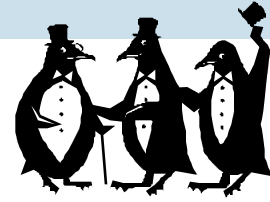
This will be a great opportunity to tell the "little ones" what we are doing at DHS and encourage them to "stick with it" to make our DHS program even more successful in future years.

Notes from the Director, Mr. Lange, continued

The Dress Blacks

The Concert and Symphonic Bands wear "Dress Blacks" as follows:

Men: Tux, or black suit, or black coat and black slacks, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks and nice black shoes, not sport shoes



Women: Black dress, or black top with a black skirt, or black top with black slacks. The dresses and tops must have sleeves! All slacks must be slacks - **not jeans nor tight-fitting pants**. If the skirt is short you must wear black tights or black hose with black shoes. Flip-Flops are not proper shoes. No exposed midriffs when arms are lifted!

Let the main theme be "modest elegance" – let our music be the focus, not the costume!

1. Parents, don't let your student talk you into an expensive purchase. Many times a black coat can be purchased at thrift stores for very little.
2. Women, all dresses must be totally black (no white ruffles or collars, etc.) If you intend purchase a new dress make it all black! Furthermore, last year I was concerned about the propriety of some of dress lengths. Be sensible this year -- no shorter than 2 inches above the knee, max.

Pep Band Prepares for Homecoming, October 6th

With a roar and a thunder unheard anywhere else on the Davis High School campus, the DHS Pep Band is back with a vengeance! Already we've cheered our football team on to victory over the dreaded Woodland at our first ever performance at Toomey Field. The four rehearsals have also gone splendidly, even allowing me to introduce two new songs: "Shake A Tail Feather" and "My Sharona."

Homecoming is just around the corner (October 6), so be ready for an excellent day. School is only a half day, which means we will once again be participating in the Homecoming Parade. After a brief trip home, we'll be back again that night for the football game against Vacaville. Don't forget, the theme is **Secret Agent Man/ Woman**. I hope to see everyone having a good time and I look forward to a great season. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

—Jack Brazil, Pep Band Director, jabrazil07@aol.com

Got Junk?

BAND RUMMAGE SALE OCTOBER 7th

It's this Saturday October 7th, 2006, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the District parking lot, along with the inaugural Car Wash of the season.

Clean out your garage, storage or closet and be prepared to contribute to help band members fundraise for the Spring Trip.

Donations can be dropped off the day of the sale, or to make arrangements, please call or write Luisa Nye 756-5175, lnye@earthlink.net



A Message from the Band Boosters' President

Thank you, Band parents! We had 94 families attend the September 14th Band Boosters' meeting. Fred Lange recognizes that some families could not attend due to conflicting obligations (such as back-to-school night at Harper JHS), so he is repeating his generous offer by awarding points to those students whose parents were unable to attend the September meeting and who attend the October 12th Band Boosters' meeting. Your band student will receive 25 points if one parent attends and 30 points if both parents attend.

Band Boosters leadership. An old adage says, "Two heads are better than one." When organizing for the 2006-07 school year, the Band Boosters decided that "Three heads are better than one!" Consequently the Band Boosters have two co-Presidents, Peter Matlock and me, and a Fundraising Chair, Laurel Fagan – all doing the job done so well last year by Doreen Conte.

Laurel has the lead responsibility for the various fundraising activities supporting the DHS Bands program and, also, overall responsibility for all the trips. Peter will be the lead for the Jazz Band and the parent volunteers, while I will be the lead for the Symphonic and Concert bands, the Band Council and the monthly Band Boosters' meetings. All of three of us are committed to work closely as a team.

Volunteers. None of us, however, could do our jobs without the support and active involvement of our thirty-one Band Booster officers, coordinators and trip leaders. In turn, each of these coordinators and trip leaders relies on you – the Band parents – to help plan, organize and conduct the many Band Boosters' activities being planned for this year.

Those parents who were not present at the September meeting should have received a Volunteer Sign-up packet sent home with your student. Please read it over and consider helping us with some of the many jobs listed. Volunteers provide the essential energy and effort behind the Band Boosters, and the Band Boosters' organization provides the strong foundation that sustains and supports our terrific DHS Bands program.

After the September 14th meeting, two parents volunteered to fill two critical officer positions. Thank you, Gina Harwood, for volunteering to be the Recording Secretary, and thank you, Susan Hulsizer, for volunteering to be the Band Boosters' newsletter editor!

Direct Donation Appeal. The Band Boosters will be doing something new this year – at least for us. Laurel and Sue McKinney are coordinating a Direct Donation Appeal to parents, the public and local businesses.

The DHS Bands program receives less than \$1,000 each year in support funds from the school. The Band Boosters help meet the unmet need for funds to buy new musical instruments, repair instruments, purchase sheet music and defray the cost of participation by our students at musical festivals. Our treasurer, Dennis Edgerley, reports that last year the Band Boosters contributed \$15,000 to support the DHS music program.

Fred Lange compiled a list of the most critical needs for the DHS Bands program. Our Direct Donation Appeal letter will request donations to fund these needs. We will recognize donors in various ways, such as including an insert in our concert programs and providing display plaques for significant donations by businesses.

We are still preparing the distribution list for this appeal and welcome your suggestions for businesses eager to support the DHS music program as a vibrant component of the Davis community.

Band Boosters' Support. Last month Fred notified me that his office copier, purchased seven years ago by the Band Boosters, no longer worked. He asked if the Band Boosters could pay to repair the copier. Turns out that it was cheaper to buy a new copier – with a three-year warranty – than to repair the old copier. Just one example of the many ways that the Band Boosters supports the DHS Bands program.

In closing, thank you, Lesli Chuck and the other Jazz Band parents who organized the September trip to the 49th Monterey Jazz Festival. An amazing and unique musical experience for our talented jazz band students! ...plus another example of how the Band Boosters supports the DHS Band program!

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Band Trips

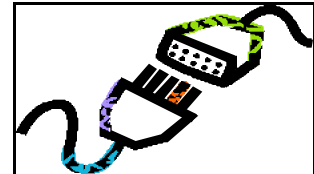
Jazz Band Festivals , Lesli Chuck, 758-6494, leslichuck@gmail.com

Spring Trip - Disneyland, Mary Kay Williams, 757-2223, MaryKWilliams@aol.com

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Are You Connected?

There are lots of ways to get information about the bands and the Band Boosters. You can read the monthly **newsletter**, as you are today. This can be delivered by e-mail (PDF file) or by U.S. mail. Want a great source for finding people, dates, and directions? Up-to-the minute information as well as archived information can be found on our **web site** at <http://www.dhsbandboosters.org>. The **listserv** is the way to get urgent e-mail messages specific to your student's band. You can sign up through the web page at <http://www.dhsbandboosters.org/spages/SD1125263972>. Of course the friendliest way to stay informed about the bands is to attend the band booster **meetings**, coming up Oct 12, Nov 9, and Dec 7. Being a booster allows the bands to go places, literally and figuratively, but you'll enjoy it most for the people you meet.



What's Happening

October

- 2-6... Homecoming Week
- 6... Homecoming Parade (1 pm @ Farmer's Market)
- 6... Homecoming Game vs. Vacaville (6:15 pm)
- 7... Car Wash (8 am – noon at 5th & B Streets parking lot)
- 7... Rummage Sale (8 am – noon at 5th & B Streets parking lot)
- 10... Outreach Band Rehearsal (7:30-9 pm)
- 12... [Band Boosters meeting @ 7:30 pm \(PA-3\)](#)
- 14... Car Wash (8 am – noon at 5th & B Streets parking lot)
- 16... Outreach Band Rehearsal (7:30-9 pm)
- 18... [Outreach Band Concert \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 20... Football game vs. Elk Grove (6:15 pm)
- 24... [Outreach Concert \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 28... Car Wash (8 am – noon at 5th & B Streets parking lot)

November

- 3... Football game vs. Nevada Union (6:15 pm)
- 8... Symphonic Band Rehearsal (7:30-9 pm)
- 9... [Band Boosters meeting @ 7:30 pm \(PA-3\)](#)
- 10... Veteran's Day -- NO SCHOOL
- 12... Symphonic Band Rehearsal (7-9 pm)
- 13... Symphonic Band Concert @ Junior Highs (1:30-2:30 pm)
- 13... [Symphonic Band Concert -- "I Got Gershwin" \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 14... Rent-a-Band rehearsal (3:30-4:30 pm)
- 15... Rent-a-Band rehearsal (2:30-3:30 pm)
- 16... Rent-a-Band rehearsal (2:30-3:30 pm)
- 17... [Jazz Extravaganza \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 20-24... Thanksgiving Vacation -- NO SCHOOL
- 28... Combined Bands rehearsal (7:30-9 pm)

December

- 2... [Jazz Band @ CSUS Winter Jazz Festival \(Note this new date.\)](#)
- 7... [Band Boosters meeting @ 7:30 pm \(PA-3\)](#)
- 11... Combined Bands Rehearsal (7:30-9 pm)
- 13... Combined Bands Rehearsal (2:30-5 pm)
- 14... [Winter Rhapsody Concert \(7:30 pm\)](#)

October Band Booster Car Washes

Everyone is a winner when it comes to the annual Band Booster car washes! You and your friends get your dirty cars cleaned, your kids earn money for their band trip accounts, and we all get to know our kids and their families better.

When: Saturdays, October 7, 14, and 28 from 8am-12noon
Where: DJUSD of-fices parking lot at 526 B Street (across from the Farmers Market)



What you can to do help:

1. **Do not wash your cars beginning now.** Bring them to all three car washes instead, then write a generous check to the Band Boosters for far more than the car wash is worth.
2. Encourage your child to participate. We will have sign up sheets in the band room the week prior to each of the three Saturdays.
3. Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors. Make the car wash part of a social event i.e. "Hey everybody, let's all head down to the car wash then pick up coffee and fresh fruit at the Farmers Market."
4. If you feel so led, volunteer to bring snacks and drinks for the students and parents to enjoy while working.

Please feel free to contribute to the success of our car washes with any suggestions, creative ideas, or just plain cash.

Your Car Wash Coordinators,

Michael O'Brien
John Chuck

ATTENTION SAFEWAY/eSCRIP SHOPPERS!



Safeway requires that eScrip participants renew their support every school year. The deadline this year is November 1, 2006. Use one of the following options to renew:

- o Visit www.escrip.com and click on Yes! Renew.
- o Return the card included in the eScrip annual magazine sent to you between July – Sept

If you are already registered for eScrip with another group you can divide or change your support under my eScrip at www.escrip.com using your password and the group ID# 137316731. Band programs will receive eScrip contributions from participating merchants each time you use your registered cards. If you need help renewing or have questions about eScrip, contact Amelia Triest at atriest@ucdavis.edu or 757-2914.

The Scrip Order form can be found on the web page or attached to this newsletter. More info on the many scrip options at http://www.dhsbandboosters.org/sfiles/blurb_for_Sep_06.pdf

Band Boosters' Meeting Summary Minutes

September 14, 2006

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Fred Lange welcomed the parents of Band students and introduced Steve Williams, the Band Boosters' co-President. In turn, Steve introduced Peter Matlock, co-President; Laurel Fagan, Fundraiser Chair; Jack Brazil, spokesperson for the Band Council; and Dennis Edgerley, Treasurer. Steve explained that the Band Boosters' purpose is to support the DHS Bands program by organizing band trips and conducting fundraisers.

Band Council: Jack Brazil informed the group that the Band Council had been organized, with 7 band students representing all three DHS bands. He also reported that approximately 135 band students participated in Pep Band at the football game against Woodland.

Newsletter, Web Site and List Serve: Steve Williams described the Band Boosters' newsletter and appealed for parents to help with its preparation and distribution. Bernadette Swanson described the Band Boosters' web site and summarized her need for volunteer help. Rhio Barnhart described the Band Boosters' three Listserves for the Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band. He explained that he would automatically add everyone's e-mail address to the appropriate Listserve and that everyone would have an "opt out" option.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerley summarized the financials from last year and explained the Student Accounts process to the Band parents. After six years as a Band Booster, including the past four years as treasurer, he is hoping someone will volunteer to help this year as an assistant treasurer and to assume the treasurer's responsibilities next year.

Introduction of the Band Boosters' Coordinators: Steve Williams individually introduced the Band Boosters' coordinators. Each coordinator gave a brief summary of his or her activity and summarized how Band parent volunteers could help. Parents were requested to use the Volunteer Sign-up packet to indicate those activities where they would like to help.

Band Boosters' Fundraising: Laurel Fagan introduced the Band parents who were coordinating the Band Boosters' fundraisers and trips for 2006-07. Near-term fundraisers include the sale of the 2007 Entertainment Book, three car washes in October and a rummage sale in October. Amelia Triest explained the Band Boosters' Scrip fundraiser program.

Spring Trip Committee Report: Laurel Fagan summarized plans for the March 21-25, 2007 Combined Bands trip to Disneyland. She and Mary Kay Williams are the co-chairs for this trip.

Band Calendar: Fred Lange highlighted the Band program's activities during the next three months – including the Outreach Band Concerts, the Symphonic Band's "I Got Gershwin" concert, the Jazz Band' Jazz Extravaganza, the Combined Bands' Winter Rhapsody concert and other events involving the three DHS bands. He emphasized the value of parents actively supporting their Band students by participating in the Band Boosters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting, Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Band Practice Room (PA-3) @ 7:30 p.m. Oct 12

AGENDA

Welcome: Steve Williams

Band Council

Band Booster Business

- Volunteer Sign-up packets: Peter Matlock
- Recording Secretary's Report: Gina Hardwood
- VOTE: approval of Summary Minutes for September 14, 2006
- Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerley
- Newsletter: Susan Hulsizer
- DISCUSSION: newsletter distribution
- DISCUSSION: policy regarding the public posting of names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses
- Web site: Bernadette Swanson
- Listserv: Rhio Barnhart

Band Program Update

- Band Director's Report: Fred Lange
- Outreach Band Concert (October 18)
- Symphonic Band Concerts (November 13)
- Jazz Extravaganza (November 17)
- Concert Committee: Pat Fyhrie

Fundraisers

- Car washes (October 7, 14 and 28): John Chuck/Michael O'Brien
- Rummage Sale (October 7): Luisa Nye
- 2007 Entertainment Book: Peter Matlock
- Scrip: Amelia Triest
- Direct Donation Appeal: Laurel Fagan

Band Trips

- Monterey Jazz Festival
- Combined Bands Spring Tour: Laurel Fagan/Mary Kay Williams

Adjournment @ 8:30 pm



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