

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



November 2006

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



Outreach Band Makes Music with Davis Sixth-Graders

Musicians representing all three (or four) of the Davis High School bands played in special concerts with the sixth-grade band students from Davis public elementary schools in October. The musical portion of the concert was complemented by explanations from Mr. Lange, the Band Booster co-President Steve Williams, and the high school band members on the high school program.

Individual high school band members were called on to demonstrate the exotic and unfamiliar instruments used in junior high and high school bands such as the English horn and the tuba. The sixth-graders and their parents were encouraged to ask questions. Many thanks to the participants for helping to inspire the sixth-graders to envision themselves as Davis High band members in four years' time.

DHS BAND CALENDAR

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... School Holiday, Veteran's Day
- 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)
- 15 ... [Jazz Band rehearsal \(7:30-9:00 pm\)](#)
- 16... Rent-a-Band rehearsal (2:30-3:30 pm)
- 17... [Jazz Extravaganza \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 18 ... Causeway Band Festival, Mondavi
- 20-24... Thanksgiving Vacation -- NO SCHOOL
- 21 ... [Pizza Fundraiser, Lamppost \(see p. 6\)](#)
- 27 ... Newsletter deadline
- 28... Combined Bands rehearsal (7:30-9 pm)

December

- 2... [Jazz Band @ CSUS Winter Jazz Festival](#)
- 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 \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 18- Jan 2 ... Winter Vacation

January

- 3 ... Newsletter Deadline
- 11 ... [Band Boosters meeting \(7:30 pm, PA-3\)](#)
- 15 ... School Holiday, MLK Day
- 22-26 ... Finals Week
- 27-28 ... [Play-a-thon](#)
- 29 ... School Holiday, teacher work day



The Davis High School Band Program Presents: Holiday 2006 Rent-A-Band

Brass and woodwind quartets (\$75 for 30 minutes) and piano soloists (\$40 for 60 minutes) are available for house and business parties or as donations to nonprofit organizations and care facilities. All proceeds benefit the DHS band program. Available November 27th -December 17th...(dependent on musician availability).

Contact Lisa Sawyer at (530)753-9848 or lplusjx3@aol.com

Notes from the Director, Mr. Lange

SO MUCH IS HAPPENING

November marks the beginning of our concert season as we tearfully say goodbye to the football season and the antics of our Pep Band (well, actually the Pep Band supports our basketball team as well - usually during the months of January and February.)

We have two great evenings for you in November and all in one week!

On **November 13** our **Symphonic Band** will present “**I Got Gershwin**,” a sparkling evening all based on the music of American composer George Gershwin. This program is sure to please all with works from the serious side of this composer and the popular songs we have all come to know. From the serious side we have a brand new band arrangement of the classic “An American In Paris,” and from the lighter side we have the overture from Gershwin’s Broadway hit, “Girl Crazy.”



Featured this evening will be the multi-talented guest artist Ms **LuAnn Higgs**. Long known in our area for her vocal roles in various light operatic productions, Higgs will be featured in some of Gershwin’s most famous songs including “But Not For Me,” “Summertime,” and “How Long Has This Been Goin’ On?” But that’s not all - she will also perform two of Gershwin’s Piano Preludes.

Interesting to note is that Higgs is a former DHS band and choir student. She has studied voice in the Sacramento area as well as Vienna, Austria. Today she is one of the most sought-after vocal teachers in the area, teaching many DHS vocal students.

There are more surprises for you but I don’t want to give them away now - just come to our performance and see for yourself. It will be held on November 13, 7:30 p.m. in our IPAB Theater. Suggested donation (only at the door) will be \$7.00 General, \$6.00 Student and Senior.

Next, four days later on **November 17**, our **Jazz Band** will present its annual **Jazz Extravaganza**. Be prepared for a highly energetic performance including hot swing, cool ballads, and electric Latin styles.



In this event we will be welcoming back world-famous trumpeter, **Mike Vax**, as our guest artist. Mike played with our students about five years ago (I think some of his notes are still lingering around the Varsity Theater) and brought down the house with his highly energetic playing. He was formerly high note trumpeter for the famous Stan Kenton Orchestra and now he brings this exciting technique to our own IPAB Theater. Be prepared!! We will have a fantastic evening featuring arrangements of the familiar songs, “Soon,” “Someone To Watch Over Me,” and “I Can’t Get Started.” (S’Wonderful, S’Marvelous, S’more Gershwin!)

Tickets, only available at the door, will again be a suggested donation of \$7.00 General, \$6.00 Student and Senior.

Kudos (NO, not the chocolate bar)

Several of our students have been chosen to play in the **Causeway Band Festival** to be held at the Mondavi on **November 18**. They include: Jeanne Cha, Flute; Vincent Lee, Flute; Ariel Boone, Clarinet; Daniel Wu, Clarinet; Chris Weisker, Oboe; Trevor Hershberger, Alto Sax; Celsiana Warwick, Trumpet; Andrew Barnhart, Baritone Saxophone; China Swanson, Trombone; Mark Fagan, Trombone and Michael Mosca, Tuba. Congratulations to all!

Notes from the Director, continued

Rent-A-Band is just around the corner. This is the time when our students can use their musical talents for fundraising. Rehearsals will be after school for 1 hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 14-16. If students wish to participate they will need to attend at least 2 of these 3 practices. Ho, Ho, Ho!



Concert attire (NO, Michael you don't need to wear a tire!)

If you haven't purchased or otherwise located your concert Dress Blacks let this serve as a reminder. Ladies -- PLEASE try to be elegant! No flip flops and no bare midriffs. Gentlemen -- PLEASE, no white sox and nice black shoes.

Winter Concert

The Winter Concert is just around the corner, too. A special part of the evening will be the selections for the combined Concert and Symphonic Band (with a few jazzers thrown in too.) Extra evening rehearsals are scheduled for November 28, December 12 and December 14 (after school). Students really NEED to be at these practices.

Needless to say (but I'll say it anyway) have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Figure out some way to share your blessings with those less fortunate - that will make the holiday even more meaningful to them and to you.

-Fred Lange



The Pep Band Beat

Well, once again another great football season comes to a close. While our team may not have done so well, the pep band sounded excellent (of course.) I was really impressed with all the spirit this group showed at every single game. This is a season I will look back upon quite fondly.

Looking ahead, there is nothing in the immediate future of the pep band. However, our men's basketball team is currently hosting tryouts, and as soon as they have a team, we'll be there! Basketball games are a great way to liven up the dull winter months. Thanks again to everyone who participated in an excellent football season. I'll see you in the stands!

-Jack Brazil, director

CSUS Winter Jazz Festival

The Jazz Band will be attending the Winter Jazz Festival at Sacramento State University on Saturday, **December 2nd**. Please come hear the afternoon performance of the Davis High big band and combo. Exact times will be announced later. After the performance, the band will have a session with professional jazz musician adjudicators. Awards will be presented to the top ensembles in each division.



A Message from the Band Boosters' President

We are three weeks away from celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday with our families and loved ones. I would like to thank all the Band parents who are helping to support the DHS Bands program in so many ways.

Thank you, **Peter Matlock and Laurel Fagan**, for working with me as a team to provide leadership for this year's Band Boosters. Some say that working with volunteers is like herding cats. Not so with us. We are in sync.

Thank you, **John Chuck, Michael O'Brien and Lisa Yamauchi**, for your hard work in organizing the three car washes which raised more than \$2,500 to help defray our Band students' trip costs. Thank you, **Katie McCauley**, for being the first student to arrive at each of the three car washes and then working both shifts all three days!

Thank you, **Laurel Fagan**, for already arranging our bus transportation, lodging and music venues for the Spring Trip to Disneyland – and for doing all the paperwork needed to get DJUSD approval for the trip! And, yes, we do have approval!

Thank you, **Sue McKinney**, for helping Laurel Fagan with our first-ever Direct Donation Appeal campaign. The solicitation letters that you designed have already helped generate more than \$7,000 in donations. Thank you, **Amelia Triest**, for your compiling all the scrip orders each month. Both the traditional scrip accounts and the e-scrip accounts provide a major and constant source of funding for the Band Boosters.

Thank you, **Susan Hulsizer**, for your efforts as the newsletter editor in ensuring that all our Band families stay aware of who is doing what and when. Thank you, **Simone Kultz**, for coordinating the newsletter distribution each month.

Thank you, **Bernadette Swanson**, for coming to all our concerts and activities with your camera and getting such wonderful photos to post on the Band Boosters' web site! Thank you, **Rhio Barnhart**, for running the four separate Listservs that facilitate communication on a daily basis among our Band parents, alumni and friends.

Thank you, **Dennis Edgerley**, for your efforts these past four years as the Band Boosters' treasurer and financial adviser. Last year the Band Boosters had a cash flow of \$120,000. You always ensure that our accounts stay balanced and that our Band Boosters' financial support goes where most needed.

Thank you, **Nora and Dirk Brazil and Mark Stephens**, for your chaperoning efforts at all the Pep Band activities. The rest of us can take comfort in knowing that the students are having fun under your watchful eyes!

Thank you, **Peter Matlock and Leslie Chuck**, for your leadership in planning and organizing the Jazz Band trips this first semester. I'm still amazed, Leslie, that you could find hotel rooms for all our students and chaperones at the Monterey Jazz Festival!

Finally, thank you, **Phil Mosca**, for your quiet support in so many ways to Fred Lange and the Band Boosters. At every Band concert, I see you moving chairs and instruments and doing whatever needs to be done. Thank you!

We all have our blessings. I give thanks for these Band parents and all the other parents who take the time from busy lives to help our sons and daughters enjoy a unique musical experience in their high school years.

-Steve Williams, co-President, 757-2223



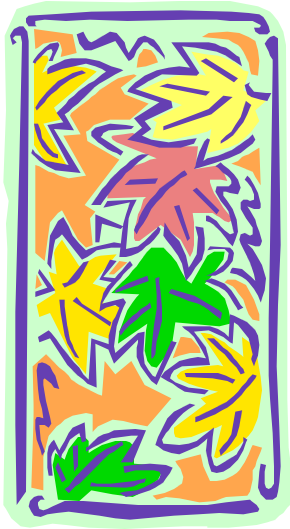
Rewards of Fundraising

Janet Matlock successfully kicked off this year's fundraising with Entertainment Book sales. **John Chuck and Michael O'Brien** was right behind her with three successful weekend car washes. We can't leave out the morning rummage sale and the hard work by **Luisa Nye** and her volunteers. The first Direct Donation is well underway thanks to the hard work of **Sue McKinney**.

But the hard work is not over yet! **Tami Rabowsky**, chair of Coconut Grove has plans underway for this event on February 24th. This is our most volunteer-intensive fundraiser and much help is needed. I encourage everyone to contribute towards making this an exciting and memorable weekend event. The spring band trip plans are well underway. The committee had their first meeting Thursday November 2nd. If you were unable to attend this meeting and still want to participate please contact me. The trip to Disneyland will be March 21st (leaving after school) and returning Sunday March 25th. We encourage all students to attend.

Consider volunteering for fundraisers. This is a rewarding way to get to know the student participants, other parent volunteers, as well as the satisfaction you get from helping enrich our valuable and high quality High School Band program.

-Laurel Fagan, Fundraiser Chair



DHS Band Boosters: 2006-2007 Officers and Coordinators

(Abbreviated list. See web site for complete list www.dhsbandboosters.org)

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Band Boosters' Meeting Summary Minutes

October 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Steve Williams.

Band Council: Kate Williams reported that the Band Council met on October 10th and agreed to help Mr. Lange determine what music to play at the Play-a-thon. She also reported that the Band Council plans to have Pep Band sweat-shirts.

Approval of Summary Minutes: Motion passed to approve the Summary Minutes for the September 14, 2006 Band Boosters' meeting, as posted in the October newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerley summarized the current financials. He also presented a summary of the Band Boosters' fundraising activities for the past 5 years. Last year the Band Boosters raised nearly \$250 per Band student. The organization's cash flow for 2005-06 was nearly \$120,000.

Newsletter: Susan Hulsizer explained that the Band parents could opt to receive an electronic version of the Band Boosters' newsletter, thus saving printing and postage costs. Approximately 40 families have requested the electronic version. Since the newsletter is now being posted on the Band Boosters' web site, Susan asked if anyone had concerns regarding the use of names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers in the newsletter. It was agreed that any parents or students who had concerns should contact Susan and request that their phone numbers or e-mail addresses not be used in the newsletter. Susan will also contact the high school to see if she can review the District's list of DHS parents who do not want their students' names publicized.

Band Director's Report: Fred Lange welcomed all the parents who were attending their first Band Boosters' meeting. He reviewed the various concerts and musical events that would be occurring in October, November and December. "*Got Gershwint*" will be the theme of the Symphonic Band concert on November 13. A noted jazz trumpet player, Mike Vax, will be the featured artist at the Jazz Extravaganza on November 17. The Outreach Band will have concerts on October 18 and 24.

Band Boosters' Fundraising: John Chuck said that the car wash on October 7 was a major success, raising more than \$1,200. Two more car washes are planned for October 14 and 28. Louisa Nye reported that more than \$200 was raised at the Rummage Sale held in conjunction with the first car wash. She thanked everyone for their donations. Peter Matlock said that the 2007 Entertainment Book could be purchased in the lobby. Sales were ending on October 16. Amelia reminded everyone to purchase scrip. Laurel Fagan said that the Direct Donation Appeal campaign letters had been mailed to nearly 700 addressees. Steve thanked Laurel, Sue McKinney and Peter Matlock for their efforts in this first-ever campaign soliciting donations for the Band Boosters. Tami Rabowsky reminded everyone that the first planning meeting for Coconut Grove would be held October 17.

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. Priority for trip chaperones will be given to those Band parents who are active in planning and organizing the trip.

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

STRESS-FREE HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH SCRIP!

Scrip cards make great gifts for giving to friends and family all over the country as well as those who live here in Davis. Think of all the gifts that might be taken care of through scrip gift cards from Gap, Macy's, The Avid Reader, Borders, Bath and Body Works, Williams/Sonoma and many other fine stores. Take a break from holiday activities with scrip from Peet's, Dos Coyotes, Applebee's, Jamba Juice, Starbuck's, Blockbuster or movie tickets good right here in Davis at the Regal Cinemas.

By using scrip as gifts, you will also be giving a gift to the DHS Band program and your student's account! Maximize earnings by checking the percentages associated with each vendor. While some vendors donate a tiny percentage, other businesses such as Peet's and Bath and Body Works donate 10% and 13% respectively. Scrip orders for November are due by the next meeting on November 9. Your scrip will be ready by the weekend of **November 18**. December scrip orders will be due December 7 and ready around **December 16**.

Don't forget that online shopping is a general fundraiser for the DHS Bands as well. Register as a supporter at either www.schoolpop.com or www.escrip.com. Before any online shopping session, go to one of these sites and connect to your favorite online retailers such as Land's End, LL Bean, Coldwater Creek, The Apple Store, Harry and David, iTunes, Netflix, Blockbuster online, REI, gap.com, and many more.

If you have any questions about scrip, please email Amelia Triest at atriest@ucdavis.edu or call her at 757-2914. (Scrip form attached, or go to <http://www.dhsbandboosters.org/spages/SD1126197977>.)

Help plan the Coconut Grove

Coconut Grove is a fun way to raise money for all the bands. Held in late February, the DHS jazz band is joined by junior high and community jazz bands to play music with swing and jive. A silent auction, mixed-juice drinks, dinner and dancing: what a fun night.

Coconut Grove still needs your help. I still need a parent to be donations coordinator and several others to hand out letters to local businesses asking for donations as well as collecting the items donated and storing them until the event. Even if you only have a few hours, anything will help. If I can get 10 parents to divide up this work into 2-4 hour shifts, it would make the job easier. Bid sheets and item information sheets are all on a CD so all you would have to do is print out those that are repeats from last year or substitute the new information for the old. I also need 1 or 2 more parents to help publicity, 2 parents to do the program, and one more parent to help schedule band student workers. Next Coconut Grove meeting to be held Tuesday, November 14, at my house, 2116 St. Elias Pl., at 7:30 pm. Please come and give your input.

—Tami Rabowsky



Rummage Sale: Money in the Bank

The final accounting and report is in, the First DHS Band Booster Rummage Sale went off smoothly. Thank you to all of the parents that donated their items, time, and delicious sweet rolls, and to those who purchased some of the wonderful treasures found there. We even had some purchases well after the event. The final amount was over \$275.00. Again, thanks to all.

-Luisa Nye

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Don't Cook-

It's PIZZA NIGHT!

DHS Bands Benefit Night at **Lampost Pizza on Tuesday, November 21st**.

The DHS Band Boosters' will receive **33 percent** of all Dine In or Take Out sales of Medium,

Large, and Extra Large Pizza (no Delivery orders). You may place your order any time during the day but you must pick up your pizza **between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m.** **You must mention "Davis High School Band Boosters" when placing your order.**

Spread the word to family and friends!

Band Boosters 101: Visit our **web site** at <http://www.dhsbandboosters.org> for updated stories, photos and video links. While there, sign up for the **listserv** to get urgent e-mail messages specific to your student's band at <http://www.dhsbandboosters.org/spages/SD1125263972>. You are also highly encouraged to attend the band booster **meetings**, coming up Nov 9 and Dec 7.

Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting, Thursday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Band Practice Room (PA-3) @ 7:30 p.m. Nov 9th

AGENDA

Welcome: Steve Williams

Band Council:

Band Booster Business

- Recording Secretary's Report: Gina Hardwood
- VOTE: approval of Summary Minutes for October 12, 2006
- Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerley
- Newsletter: Susan Hulsizer
- Web site: Bernadette Swanson
- Listserv: Rhio Barnhart

Band Program Update

- Band Director's Report: Fred Lange
- Outreach Band Concerts

Symphonic Band Concerts (November 13)

Jazz Extravaganza (November 17)

Winter Rhapsody (December 14)

- Concert Committee: Pat Fyhrie

Fundraisers

- Car washes: John Chuck/ Michael O'Brien
- Direct Donation Appeal: Laurel Fagan
- Rent-a-Band: Lisa Sawyer
- Play-a-thon: Nora Brazil
- Coconut Grove: Tami Rabowsky
- Scrip: Amelia Triest

Band Trips

- Sacramento State Winter Jazz Festival (December 2): Peter Matlock
- Combined Bands Spring Tour: Laurel Fagan/ Mary Kay Williams

Adjournment @ 8:30 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, December 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

DHS Band Boosters

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**Pizza Night Fundraiser
Lamppost Pizza, November 21st**

