

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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

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Next Band Boosters Meeting is **Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m.**



What a Trip!

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Capital Jazz Project and Jazz Band Joint Concert is April 20

Be sure to attend the joint Jazz Band/Capital Jazz Project concert at 7:30 PM, April 20 at the High School IPAB. This concert will feature performances by both groups, with selected members of each group soloing with the other.

The Capital Jazz Project (CJP) comprises professional Sacramento-area jazz musicians who are also faculty members at Sac State, American River College and UC Davis. The musicians of the CJP include Mike McMullen on woodwinds, Joe Gilman on piano, Kerry Kashiwagi on bass, Rick Lotter on drums and Henry Robinett on guitar. Special guests for this concert include Brian Chahley on trumpet and Patrick Langham on alto sax. The CJP's resume includes studying and playing with... well, just about everyone (and now us!).

The CJP's portion of the concert will be a tribute to Freddie Hubbard, a remarkable bebop, hard bop, modal, free-jazz and pop-jazz trumpeter who has been a major jazz force since the 1960's. He led his own groups as well as playing with... well, just about everyone.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors. Don't miss this joint concert of great music, which we hope to make an annual tradition.

Jazz Band Storms through Fullerton with Prevailing "Blue Skies"

Jazz Band students, with Mr. Lange and accompanying chaperones in tow, launched themselves from Disneyland's roller coasters on Saturday, March 24 to attend the Fullerton Jazz Festival at Fullerton College.

They took the Festival by storm with a—dare one say "sunny"—version of "Blue Skies," a beautiful and soulful rendition of Cole Porter's "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye," and a powerful performance of "Passacaglia and Fugue."

The Jazz Band took first place in the "Advanced" Division, edging out Acalanes High School of Lafayette and Warren High School of Downey. One judge immediately announced the Davis Jazz Band as "the best band [he'd] heard in the two days of judging this festival."

Soloists on "Blue Skies" were Michelle Rabowsky, Jon Kelley and Benny Amon. Soloists on "Goodbye" were Michelle Rabowsky and Andy Voss, who stepped up at the last minute when Mr. Lange persuaded the prior band to leave their vibraphones on stage for our use. Michelle Rabowsky, Andy Voss, Tyler Woodruff and Tyler Chuck all provided solos for "Passacaglia."

Once the performance was complete, the Band took their cue from Mr. Porter, said "Goodbye" and returned to the land of Disney to round out the day with overstuffed mice, gravity-enhanced vertical drops, marauding pirates, an airborne Tinkerbell and fireworks to celebrate a Full(erton)ly successful day.

—Peter Matlock

Notes from the Director, Mr. Lange

I'm sure you have all heard tons about our tour to Southern California. It's all true! Laurel Fagan, Sue McKinney, and Mary Kay Williams put together a fantastic experience for our students. I don't know exactly what to say (I could go on for PAGES) except the students had one great educational experience after another; and each time their performances were beyond anyone's expectations. What made it even better was that, for the most part, their behavior matched (or exceeded) their performances - some of the nicest kids we've ever traveled with. Complimenting these fine students was an equally-fantastic set of chaperones who helped these students to do their best. Thank you all sooooo much!

Our band tour usually signals the end of the year, however there are still plenty of events on our calendar.

On Friday, **April 20** our own DHS Jazz Band will be partners on a concert featuring the **Capitol Jazz Project** - a group of professionals from American River College. The evening will present an interesting "twist" to the usual concert; some of their musicians will perform with our big band and some of our musicians will play with them. This is an evening you won't want to miss.

Our annual **Secondary Concert** will take place at **7:30p on Tuesday, April 24** at the IPAB Theater. This traditional concert will feature fine performances by the Advanced Bands of the three junior high schools and our own Symphonic Band. Come see the fantastic work being done at the junior high and the logical progression to our DHS band program. Congratulations to Jeff DuPertuis and Clyde Quick for their continued success producing exemplary musicians at this level.

On **May 1** both the Concert and Symphonic Bands will be performing at the IPAB for our "**Senior Concert.**" You won't want to miss this performance -- besides the individual performances the finale will feature the combined bands performing Disney selections from our recent tour.

On Wednesday, **May 30** at 6:00 p.m. the Symphonic and Concert Bands will present "**Picnic and Pops In The Park**" in Central Park during Farmer's Market. This is the bands' way of saying thanks to our community for their consistent support this year. Bring your blanket and picnic dinner and enjoy this great event. You will hear music from light classics, to marches, and even a tribute to swing music.

You will hear more about this in later news but on Friday, **June 8**, at the IPAB Theater, the Jazz Band will present "**Jazz On A Summer's Eve XVII**" -- the culmination of a great year's work.

—Fred Lange, director



DHS BAND CALENDAR

April

- 2-6 ... Ninth grader Band Auditions
- 5 ... [Band Boosters meeting \(7:30 pm, PA-3\)](#)
- 9-13 ... School Holiday
- 14 ... UCD Picnic Day Parking Fundraiser
- 18 ... Open House
- 24 ... [Secondary Concert \(Symphonic with Junior Highs\) \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 20 ... [Capital Jazz Project/Jazz Band Concert](#)
- 30 ... Newsletter Deadline

May

- 1 ... [Senior Concert \(Symphonic and Concert\) \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 10 ... [Band Boosters meeting \(7:30 pm, PA-3\)](#)
- 28 ... School Holiday
- 29 ... Newsletter Deadline
- 30 ... [Picnic and Pops \(Combined Bands\) \(6:00 pm, Central Park\)](#)

June

- 2 ... [Combo Jazz Concert \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 7 ... [Band Boosters meeting \(7:30 pm, PA-3\)](#)
- 8 ... [Jazz on a Summer's Eve XV \(7:30 pm\)](#)
- 11-14 ... Finals Week



A Magical Trip to Remember

Over eight months of planning and preparation became a reality when 132 Davis High band students boarded the buses March 21st headed for Disney's Magic Kingdom. If your band student has been a little sketchy on trip details, here are some trip highlights. The students and chaperones built memories they will hold onto forever.

After spending eight happy hours on the road talking, singing, laughing, eating, watching movies, joining a sudoku competition between buses, and even an hour of studying, we arrived at the Embassy Suites in Anaheim. The hotel was spacious, accommodating 6 students per suite. You can only imagine what those rooms looked like after 4 days! Each morning the hotel served a full buffet breakfast in their beautiful atrium lobby.

Thursday was the "Magic Music Days" workshops for both the Jazz Band and the Combined Band. I attended the Combined Band session where Doug Straun took the students through a blazing pace. He gave them segments of music, they rehearsed, then played with a "click track" (ask your student about this), recorded the music segment, and finally played it back to an animated movie sequence. It was impressive to watch 127 students consumed with intense concentration. Then the fun in the park began for everyone.

Friday was an early day (groan) on the bus at 7:15 AM. Getting ready this morning was a challenge, locating those last minute items like bow ties and Disney passes, but everyone rose to the task, all appearing in the lobby in their formal dress blacks. We loaded the buses and were off to their performances in Disneyland.

And what a performances to remember! Under the roof of the Plaza Gardens Stage, our bands played musical selections from the Disney favorites: Beauty and the Beast, Hunchback of Notre Dame, and the Lion King. It was fun having so many Davis families and their relatives in the audience. Saturday was another early day performing at California Adventure for the first time on the Backstage Lot. A large crowd of spectators formed to listen to that awesome performance. Later, the Jazz Band was off to the Fullerton Jazz Festival. After their brilliant performance, one of the judges commented that he had been judging for two days and DHS was the best band he had heard the entire weekend! Then back to Disneyland where fireworks and the Electrical Parade finalized our fun-filled weekend.

Thanks are in order for all who helped make this trip a reality. I have to give special recognition to Sue McKinney who spent countless hours and late nights preparing forms, parent packets, working on chaperone duties and countless other tasks. Also, a special thanks to Mary Kay for her many hours as co-chair and her hard work to make this trip happen.

I also want to express my appreciation to our director Fred Lange for his support and guidance and the tremendous amount of hours he dedicated to our students to make this trip a reality. We also can't forget Pat, who supports not only Fred, but all parents and students in so many ways.

Please join me in thanking the chaperones! Thank you to Steve and Mary Kay Williams, Jim Fagan, Barbara Duffy, Nora Mealy, Peter Matlock, Mark Cady, John Chuck (our trip doctor), David Fyhrie, Jeff Rabowsky, Bernadette Swanson, Amelia Triest, Kathy Castona-Hoover, Julie Hersberger, Dennis Edgerley, Jerry Igelsrud and Sam Yang. You all deserve a gold medal!

I also need to recognize the student road crew for their hard work loading and unloading luggage and instruments each day. Kate Williams (road crew leader) Kelsey Boulanger, Sarah Hoover, Ana Ebrahemi, Erin Stephens, Cliff Hu, Anjan Purohit, Andrew Barnhart, Jack Brazil, Benny Amon, Robert Matlock, Mark Fagan, and Jack Lescoat.

And last but not least, all our DHS band students need special recognition for their awesome performances and exemplary behavior. It was a pleasure to get to know all of them.

—Laurel Fagan, Disneyland Trip Coordinator

A Message from the Band Boosters' President

Parents... You can all be very proud of your Band students. Their incredible musical performances in Disneyland mirrored their outstanding behavior. Thank you, **Laurel Fagan**, **Mary Kay Williams** and **Sue McKinney**, for organizing such an enjoyable trip! Next year... **British Columbia!**

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR BAND MEMBERS... The Band trips and the concerts don't just happen. Mr. Lange needs the full support of the Band Boosters – which means you, the parents of the Band students – to continue his efforts to provide DHS students with the highest possible quality of musical experience.

We will be recruiting volunteers in the next two months to fill the numerous officer and volunteer positions for 2007-08. Everyone needs to do his or her part in planning, organizing and helping with the fundraisers, the concerts and the trips. You won't regret the time you spend helping your student enjoy his or her years as a DHS band student.

Those of us who have Senior students fully appreciate the time we have spent listening to our students perform. Seems just a few years ago we listened to the squeaks and squeals of our students' attempts to play simple notes or to find the beat. Now we are enthralled by the memories of outstanding performances at the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Mondavi Center, the Backstage Lot at California Adventure, the Plaza at Old Town in San Diego, and the many other locations where the DHS Bands have entertained the past three years. Thank you, **Mr. Fred Lange**, for helping our students achieve their musical potentials!

In closing this month, I would like to acknowledge the many years of support provided to the Band Boosters by **Artie Lawyer**. Artie has resigned his position as the Alumni Coordinator. When I first became active in Band Boosters, Artie was the Band Boosters' president and I very much admired his gentle leadership style. Artie has always been a staunch supporter of the DHS Bands and his advice and assistance will be missed. *Thank you, Artie!*

—Steve Williams, co-President

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PICNIC DAY PARKING COME AND PARK WITH US!

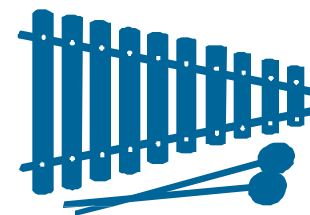
This mini-fundraiser for the DHS Band Boosters happens on **Picnic Day, April 14**. We will close off the Davis School District parking lot to the usual Farmers' Market crowd and accept donations for primo parking spots on that very busy day.

We can use a couple of students to hold signs and we can use an additional parent or two to help. If you are available to help, call Mary Kay Williams at 757-2223.



Thanks to all of the parents whose innumerable contributions made the band trip a success. Photos in this edition are thanks to John Chuck, and can be found through the band website at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/davishighschoolbands/> <http://www.dhsbandboosters.org>

Summary Band Boosters Minutes for March 8, 2007



Steve Williams opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. He announced that Gina Harwood resigned her position as Recording Secretary due to other commitments. Since only two months remain, the position will not be filled. Motion passed to approve the Summary Minutes for the February 8, 2007 Band Boosters' meeting as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerley reported the following financials as of February 28, 2007. February cash flow income: \$18,237. February cash flow expenses: \$46,563. Student Accounts: \$38,174. Chaperrone Accounts: \$790. IPAB account: \$759. Music Program account: \$3,307. Band Boosters account: -\$25,946. Dennis explained the financial report doesn't reflect more than \$30,000 deposited in the past week. Band instruments purchased by Mr. Lange in February included a flugelhorn and a set of drums. Dennis announced there would be a workshop on March 22 for tax exempt, non-profit organizations and asked if anyone could attend.

Band Director's Report: Mr. Lange provided an update on the Director's Lift project. UC Davis engineering faculty informed Mr. Lange that the lift project cannot be completed. UC Davis will refund the money advanced by the Band Boosters for this project. Mr. Lange announced the cancellation of the Concert Band adjudication & concert due to a conflict arising from a change in the district's master calendar. The adjudication cannot be rescheduled. Ninth Grade Band auditions will be held April 2-5. The Secondary Band Concert is scheduled for April 24. The Senior Concert for the Symphonic and Concert bands is scheduled for May 1st. Steve read an announcement, prepared by Peter Matlock, regarding the Capitol Jazz Project concert scheduled for April 20. The Band Boosters will host the event at no cost to the Band Boosters. The Capitol Jazz Project will receive all the ticket revenue.

Fundraisers: Tami Rabowsky reported on the highly successful Coconut Grove event –the year's most volunteer-intensive event. The event netted more than \$6,000 to help students defray the costs for the Disneyland band trip. She thanked Paula Yang for the incredible decorations and Sue McKinney for her time-intensive efforts to ensure a successful auction. Mr. Lange also commended the Band Boosters for a most enjoyable evening and said he was particularly impressed by the quality of the auction items. Amelia Triest announced that the Davis Co-op was no longer a scrip option due to low participation by the Band Boosters.

Band Trips: Laurel Fagan provided a final update on the Disneyland band trip. She said that all arrangements had been made. She was waiting for a confirmation of performance times from Disneyland. She reminded the trip chaperones that a mandatory meeting would be held March 15th at Steve & Mary Kay Williams' home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ARE YOU SCRIP-CHALLENGED?

Afraid of scrip? Are you overwhelmed by the thought of hauling around little paper certificates that you can't find once you decide to do some shopping? Did you know that by doing nothing more than buying groceries, you can support our wonderful band programs? Simply register your Safeway or debit card at Escrip, your Preferred Savings card at Albertson's, use a Nugget scrip card or purchase traditional scrip for the Food Coop (yes, in paper form, but soon to be electronic). All forms of grocery store scrip contribute to our band programs and Albertson's, Nugget and the Food Coop contribute to student accounts as well. Check out the extended information and instructions on the Band Boosters website under, [Buy Scrip Scrip Scrip!](#) or contact Amelia Triest at atriest@ucdavis.edu.

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Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting, Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda for Thursday, April 5, 2007

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

Welcome: Steve Williams

Band Council:

Band Booster Business

- VOTE: *approval of Summary Minutes for March 8, 2007*
- Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerley
- Newsletter: Susan Hulsizer/ Simone Kultz
- Web site: Bernadette Swanson
- Listserv: Rhio Barnhart
- resignation of Artie Lawyer as Alumni Coordinator
- appointment of Nomination Committee for 2007-08 officers & coordinators

Band Director's Report: Fred Lange

- Disneyland Band tour
- Fullerton Jazz Festival

- Capital Jazz Project (April 20)
- Secondary Concert (Symphonic w/ Jr. Highs) (April 24)
- Senior Concert (Symphonic & Concert) (May 1)
- Picnic and Pops (May 30 in Davis Central Park)

Fundraisers

- UC Davis Picnic Day Parking (April 14): Mary Kay Williams
- Scrip: Amelia Triest

Band Trips

- Combined Bands Spring Tour: Laurel Fagan

Adjournment @ 8:30 pm

May meeting: Thursday, May 10th @ 7:30 p.m.

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