

# 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,  
May 10th at 7:30 p.m.**



At left, Robert Matlock, and Chris Weisker smile before the Senior Concert. At right, Mr. Lange and the Symphonic band take a bow.

## Senior Concert Features Concert, Symphonic and Combined Bands

The May 1st Senior Concert showcased the talents and hard work of the Concert Band students to start the night of music. The Symphonic Band followed, with music that ranged from tragic themes of war and loss to light-hearted salute to silent movies.

Senior Chris Weisker had arranged the song, "Schadenfreude" from the musical "Avenue Q" and directed the band, earning a standing ovation from the band and audience alike.

Director Fred Lange took time to review each senior's plans for next year, obviously proud of their accomplishments in music and beyond. It seems there will be a community of DHS band alums at UC Berkeley and Cal Poly SLO alike next year.

The combined band took the stage for the night's finale with music from Disney's "The Lion King," bringing back memories from their March trip to Disneyland.



### Essential Elements for Leadership

What makes a leader? Thirty-three of our band students can better answer that question after a fast-paced workshop with Tim

Lautzenheiser on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The students were on their toes to catch the fast delivery and infectious laugh of this charismatic speaker who challenged the students to grow beyond thinking in terms of "I/me" to "we/us." Cooperative games involving finger snapping or communicating without words reinforced the messages of helping all members of your team (or band) because the group doesn't succeed unless everyone succeeds. Dr. Tim encouraged the

students to go beyond average expectations saying, "You don't go through law school at *mezzo forte*." The focused, 3-hour session flew by leaving the students more energetic and alert, and perhaps with the lasting thought, "It's not what you can do, or you would do, it's what you do do."

Dr. Tim is both leadership speaker and a music advocate and author. He is the lead author of the elementary band books used in our elementary and junior high schools, *Essential Elements*. More information on him and his workshops can be found on the website: <http://www.attitudeconcepts.com/>. Based in the Midwest, he came to Davis due to his long friendship with Mr. Lange.

--Susan Hulsizer

## Notes from the Director, Mr. Lange



Well, we've nearly made it!! the end of the year, that is!!!

May is the time for fun, good weather, the end of school (nearly) and, unfortunately, for goodbyes. It is with a great deal of thanks and a touch of sadness that we must say farewell to the band officers and committee chairs whose students are graduating. These include our coordinating president, **Steve Williams**; the fundraising-trip coordinator, **Laurel Fagan**; our go-to gal **Sue McKinney**; treasurer, **Dennis Edgerley**; concerts chair, **Pat Fyhrie**; listserv moderator, **Rhio Barnhart**; scribe chair; **Amelia Trieste**; our web site coordinator, **Bernadette Swanson** and so many, many more. (I would include Peter Matlock, but he's staying with us with another great student.) Thank you all - you have given our students a super experience, allowed them to reach higher and do more, and be the best DHS has to offer. (You have also made it difficult for the next group to leaders!)

We also welcome others parents who will be stepping up to assume those critical roles. I know you will help us to achieve even more in future years. We will announce their names in the next months' missives.

Our annual **Secondary Concert** took place on Tuesday, April 24. Another fine evening of band music by the Advanced Bands of the three junior highs and by our own Symphonic Band. Exemplary performances were given by all students participating. Especially moving was the massed bands' performance of "The Willows of Winter." 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 presented our "**Senior Concert.**" This performance has become a nostalgic evening - thanking the sen-

iors for their efforts, finding out their plans for next year, and "passing the torch" to the next group of leaders. (This was also the last formal concert for seniors.)

(OK, Lange, enough of this rehash, but what's coming next?)

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. We will also present music we played on our trip to Southern California.

On Saturday, **June 2**, our DHS Jazz Combo will join with Adam Jenkins's jazz club for the second annual **Combo Concert**. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. in our IPAB Theater and admission is free.

Finally, on Friday, **June 8**, also at the IPAB Theater, the Jazz Band will present "**Jazz On A Summer's Eve XV**" -- the culmination of a great year's work. You certainly won't want to miss this special performance.

—Fred Lange

## DHS BAND CALENDAR

### 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
- 14 ... Last Day of Instruction
- 15 ... Graduation

## Fabulous CJP Performances and Combo/Big Band Concerts Round Out Successful Year for the Jazz Band

Those who attended the April 20 combined concert of the DHS Jazz Band and Capital Jazz Project were treated to an exceptional evening of great jazz. Both groups provided terrific performances in what is expected to become an annual event.

There are two more opportunities to hear students from this year's Jazz Band perform. On Saturday, June 2 at 7:30 PM our musicians are playing in jazz combo format at the IPAB.

On Friday, June 8 the Jazz Band will present **Jazz on a Summer's Eve**, their finale to a great year of big band performances. The concert is also at 7:30 PM at the IPAB.

It's been a successful year with lots of memorable music from the DHS Jazz Band. Be sure to come and hear more great music!

—Peter Matlock



## Rainy Day Can't Stop Pep Band

Intrepid Pep Band members endured three hours in a rain that varied from moderate to torrential to march in the Picnic Day parade April 14th. Undaunted, the down-pour only increased their enthusiasm. Although some found discretion the better part of valor and left their woodwinds in their cases, they gamely sang and chanted with the remaining instrumentalists to display a buoyant spirit that brought cheers from the UCD crowd.

Led by senior Jack Brazil, this pep band finale capped a year of high-energy performances. From the "Flip Girl" to Evil Knievel, it's been a year of fun for participants and audience alike.

—Susan Hulsizer



**The Jazz Club**, under the direction of Davis-based musician Adam Jenkins, will perform new music written by the performers at the **Combo Concert** June 2nd. The students have written and arranged blues tunes with such varied titles as "When Legos Were Cool" and "Walkin' Around Like I'm Better than You 'Cause I've Got 200 Dollars in My Pocket that My Daddy Gave Me." The club, which meets after school on Thursdays, gives its members a rare opportunity to write, refine, play and direct their own compositions.

The group has attracted a wide variety of high school musicians. Many members are from the DHS Jazz band, but doesn't stop there. What other musical group includes an oboe, a bari sax and a cello?

The only performance of this remarkable group is the June 2nd Jazz Combo Concert. Come hear the next generation of jazz.

—Susan Hulsizer

## A Message from the Band Boosters' President

The 2007 Senior Concert is now history. Although the final notes may have faded into the evening's air, the memories for the 43 seniors and their proud parents will continue through the years. Thank you, **Fred Lange**, for helping our talented sons and daughters achieve their musical potential!

Next year the incoming sophomores in the Class of 2010 and this year's Concert Band students will fill the chairs left empty by the graduating seniors. New faces, new challenges... As always, the **Band Boosters** will support the DHS Bands program by conducting fundraisers, organizing and leading trips and events, and supporting the wonderful concerts performed by the Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band.

**Peter Matlock**, co-President; **Laurel Fagan**, Fundraising Chair; **Dennis Edgerley**, Treasurer, and I would like to thank the 24 Band parents who supported this year's program as activity coordinators. We also want to thank the many other Band parents who assisted the activity coordinators. The Disneyland trip, Monterey Jazz Festival, Coconut Grove, Play-a-thon, Rent-a-Band, concerts, the monthly newsletter, the Band Booster's Listserv and website could not have happened without the active participation by the Band parents. **Thank you!**

I would like to express my appreciation for some Band Boosters whose contributions were critical to the organization and who spent many, many hours working on behalf of the Band Boosters. First, thank you to **Susan Hulsizer** – our newsletter editor – who helped keep everyone informed and entertained with the monthly newsletter. Thanks, too, to **Dennis Edgerley** – our treasurer. Dennis kept track of the student accounts and steered our financial ship clear of troubled waters.

Thanks, also, to **Laurel Fagan** – our Fundraiser Chair – who also accepted the major planning responsibility for the Disneyland Band trip. Thank you, **Pat Fyhrie**, for chairing the Concert Committee. You and your committee members helped ensure that all our concert guests enjoyed their evenings. (And the seniors thank you for their beautiful boutonnieres at the Senior Concert!)

A heartfelt thanks to **Mark Stephens**, who helped Fred Lange in many ways this year. Mark reconstructed the band director's platform, modified the Coconut Grove drink hut by adding wheels, and coordinated the arrangements for the UOP student conductors at Play-a-thon. Also, I want to express my appreciation to **Sue McKinney**. Sue's organizational and project management skills were critical to the success of the Direct Donation Appeal campaign, the Coconut Grove auction and the Disneyland trip. Thank you, Sue!

I would also like to recognize everyone else – including **Tami Rabowsky, Amelia Triest, Rhio Barnhart, Bernadette Swanson, Simone Kueltz, Lisa Sawyer, Margot Wilcox, Phil Mosca, Chris Voss, Sam and Paula Yang, John and Leslie Chuck, Peter and Janet Matlock, Luisa Nye, Michael O'Brien, Nora and Dirk Brazil, Mary Kay Williams** – who played key roles in the Band Boosters this year. **"Thank you!"** to all the parent volunteers who worked so hard on behalf of the band students.

Finally, I want to thank my daughter, **Kate**, and the other Senior students for three wonderful years of outstanding musical performances! Remember, one final concert -- the **Picnic and Pops Concert in the Park** on May 30<sup>th</sup>! And, as I've just been reminded by Peter Matlock, the **Jazz combo concert** on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and the **Jazz on a Summer's Eve** performance on June 8<sup>th</sup>. So much more music yet to enjoy!

—Steve Williams, co-President

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Note from the editor: My thanks to contributors to the newsletter, especially Steve Williams and Fred Lange, for their informative articles, on-time and well-edited. Thanks to Simone Kueltz and her helpers for mailing distribution, and Louise Whitaker for her quick posting on the website. Thanks also to Paul at Copyland for his timely printing. -Susan Hulsizer

## Summary Minutes for April 5, 2007

Steve Williams opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion passed to approve the Summary Minutes for the March 8, 2007 Band Boosters' meeting as published in the April newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dennis Edgerley reported the following financials as of March 31, 2007. March cash flow income: \$37,326. March cash flow expenses: \$26,930. Student Accounts: \$855. Chaperone Accounts: \$132. IPAB Facilities account: \$4,359. Music Program account: \$3,015. Band Boosters account: \$19,121. Dennis explained the IPAB Facilities Account includes a \$3,600 reimbursement from the UC Davis Engineering Department for the Director's Lift project which could not be completed.

**Band Booster's Business:** Steve Williams asked for comments on a proposal to invite the parents of 9<sup>th</sup> grade band students to attend the May 10<sup>th</sup> Band Boosters' meeting. The meeting would be much less formal than the usual monthly meeting and structured to inform the incoming Band parents how they can become active volunteers in the Band Boosters. A special invitation would be posted on each junior high school's listserv. The proposal was enthusiastically supported by all. Bernadette announced that a student, Mike Sullivan, has agreed to be the Web Master for the Band Boosters' web site.

**Band Director's Report:** Mr. Lange reported that the Symphonic Band and Jazz Band auditions went very well. He is very pleased at the high quality of the incoming junior high school students' musical skills. He also expressed his appreciation for the outstanding support provided by two band students, China Swanson and Chris Weisker. He noted that the band class schedule may change next year. He also reported that the band program may not be required to play at the DHS graduation ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>; the school is considering the use of recorded music. The Capital Jazz Project concert is scheduled for April 20. The DHS Jazz Band is expected to play 3 songs as part of the concert. On April 17 he has arranged for a special workshop which will be conducted by Tim Lotzenheiser. Attendance will be largely limited to sophomore and junior band members. Mr. Lange will make arrangements for selected students to be excused from class to attend this workshop. Mr. Lange reported that the DHS Jazz Band took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Fullerton Jazz Festival. The combined bands will perform at the Picnic and Pops Concert in the Park on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Davis Central Park. There will be a Jazz Combo concert on June 2 and a Jazz Ensemble concert on June 9.

**Fundraisers:** Mary Kay Williams reported that she needed two sophomore or junior students to assist with the UC Davis Picnic Day parking fundraiser on April 14. Amelia Triest informed the Band Boosters that the E Scrip organization was lagging in its monthly reports. She plans to contact the junior high school scrip coordinators to see if someone would like to assume this job next year.

**Band Trips:** Guidance was requested on how to handle the Disneyland Band trip documents, such as the Student Permission Forms, which contained confidential or personal information. Everyone agreed the documents are to be shredded and not retained.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



### DHS Band Boosters: Officers and Coordinators

(Abbreviated list. See web site for complete list [wwdhsbandboosters.org](http://wwdhsbandboosters.org))

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Band Booster co-Presidents Steve Williams and Peter Matlock celebrate the achievements of the students and the organization at the end of a busy year.

## Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting, Thursday, May 10th at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 10, 2007**

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

**Call to Order:** Steve Williams

**Welcoming remarks:** Fred Lange, Director of DHS Bands

**Band Boosters' purpose and organization**

**How you can help in 2007-08**

**Band Boosters' Business**

- VOTE: *approval of Summary Minutes for April 5, 2007*
- Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerley

**Band Director's Program report:** Fred Lange

**Adjournment @ 8:30 pm**

### SCRIP NOTES FOR THE END OF THE YEAR

With the end of the school year and beginning of summer come many happy events. Don't forget that SCRIP cards make perfect gifts for graduates, teachers, fathers and newlyweds to name a few! Or, treat yourself to some great summer reading with SCRIP from bookstores both local and national. Continue supporting our bands by using your grocery cards at Safeway, Albertson's and Nugget over the summer and remember that if you are about to achieve alumni status, you can still purchase scrip and support our wonderful program! In addition to the order in this edition of the newsletter, there will be one final scrip order due June 1. Watch for an email reminder or just download an order form from the band booster website. Finally, if you have been collecting Nugget receipts this year (they cannot be from a transaction involving a credit card or a Nugget scrip card), please bring them to the next Band Boosters meeting Thursday, May 10.

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