

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



February 2008

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



Next Band Booster meeting is

Wed, Feb 6th

7:30 Pm, Band Rm

Upcoming...

Coconut Grove, Feb 23rd, Get your reservations now! p.5.

Festivity of the Bands, Symphonic Band competition, Feb 27th: Drivers needed. p.2.

PLAY-A-THON: *It was PLAYA-licious!*

What do "The King of Swing", The Lion King Soundtrack and a Gaelic Rhapsody have in common? They are some of the selections that the students have sight read this evening, or should I say this morning, in preparation for the Sunday 7 am concert.

It is 3 am now and the Play-a-thon is still going strong with energy in the air!

The evening began with Mr. Lange directing the Concert, Symphonic and Jazz Bands in dynamic performances. The musicians were then led by local guest conductors in some familiar "pep band" tunes. After eating donated pizzas from local establishments our musicians then continued to play 45 minutes intervals with 15 breaks taken in M-1 classroom, aka "party central" throughout the night.

Under the guidance of UOP Music Director Eric Hammer, his music major students conducted a variety scores. It has been an evening rich in impressive music.

The final fundraiser total is not in, but tonight we have already reached **\$10,000!** This tops any previous year and the best thing about it is that 100% of all pledges go into the individual student's account to defray the cost of the trip to Victoria B.C.

Many people contributed in helping make this a successful evening. I would like to thank my hardworking committee: Susan Hulsizer, in charge of newsletter communications and invitations, and all around "go to girl"; Julie Hershberger who led her team in registering, collecting and recording pledge money; Susan Gleason for obtaining "a ton" of donated pizzas from parlors; John Weir for convincing our chaperones that they really wanted to come to Play-a-thon; Mark Stephens and his daughter Julie for arranging the UOP guest conductors; Karen Farley for helping with concert refreshments and breakfast was arranged by Peggy Bernardy. Kathy Hoover was in charge of clean up and Rick Hoover organized the sheet music along with the help of several students: Ana Ebrahimi, Miranda Liou, Jonathan Kelly, Aviel Haberman Diego Rivas Bernardy and Sam Bold. Thanks also to Sara Hoover our student Enterprise correspondent and Laurie Briscoe Deacon who arranged our photograph in the paper. My appreciation to Mike Choy who checked and rechecked every penny with me for accuracy.

We would like to acknowledge Mr. Lange's Assistant Teacher, John Cargile who stayed up all night with the students, "way past his 10:30 pm bedtime." Last, but not least, our thanks to Mr. Lange who again allowed the students to participate in this fun, bonding experience and worthwhile fundraiser. It was a blast!

The students were FANTASTIC and it was my privilege to be part of this event.

-Barbara Duffy, Chairperson

Notes from the Director



As the last vestiges of the Playathon fade into a distant memory (or was it a nightmare...)

I want to thank all those who made this a super-fun evening. Barbara Duffy, Mark Stephens, Julie Stephens (his daughter), and all the parent chaperones. Thanks for the support you gave our students all night.

However --- if this is February the Bands must be in high gear!

February and March signals the start of high gear for the DHS Bands. There are performances and events for everyone -- so much that you might want to keep this letter handy -- you won't want to miss a moment.

Festivity of Bands: Once again we have the annual cavalcade of the area's best band programs, The Festivity of Bands. This year it will be hosted by Robert Halseth of CSU Sacramento and be held on February 27. Also on the program is the fine organization from UCD directed by Peter Nowlan.

This is always special when we get to compare our Symphonic Band to bands from the local universities.

Our program will include a romp thru a lively set of dances from a composer who writes for the Royal Shakespeare Company in Britain; a very moving work written as an elegy for a band student who was tragically killed; and a comical birthday salute written by Leonard Bernstein.

HELP!!!! WE WILL NEED TO GET THE STUDENTS TO SAC STATE THAT NIGHT. CARPOOLS WILL NEED TO BE FORMED. EXACT TIMES HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE BOULANGER, jloulanger@yahoo.com.

Coconut Grove: I'm sure that there will be plenty of information about this event in other places in this newsletter. However, let me say that this is a "stunning" event sponsored by the boosters. Get your reservations early!!!

Special Jazz Events: There are 2 events in February which feature the DHS Jazz Band. The first will be held on Sunday evening, February 3 - a performance with the Capital Jazz Project. This will be held in our own theater. The other event is a performance with the DHS Jazz Choir at their annual Cabaret.

Also on the horizon - - -

(Our Version of the) Golden Empire Band Festival

Our version of the traditional Golden Empire Band Festival will be held on March 20 at our own Performing Arts Theater. Both the Symphonic and Concert Bands are in fine shape for a pair of great performances. Things will be very different this year.

The festival will start in the afternoon with our Concert Band students performing for a judge and then receiving an hour clinic during their class time.

Then, in the evening we will have the Concert Band again with a performance (a very short clinic) a short intermission and a performance by the Symphonic Band and a less-brief clinic (onstage).

Jazz Band - Jazz Choir Concert: On Friday night, March 21 the DHS Jazz Band and Jazz Choir will be presenting an evening of great musical entertainment. The event is still in the planning stage, but be sure to put it on your calendar. All proceeds from this concert go to help these students pay for their combined trip to New Orleans in April.

In closing - - -

There are many, many events in which your band student can participate. In fact, if your student is not at home, he/she is probably with the bands. Isn't it nice knowing they are involved in wholesome activities with the best students at school?

-Fred Lange

Pep Band Rocks

Rock and Roll: Part ONE

We had some great games this month! Some things we learned:

- lightsaber battles are much more epic with Imperial March playing in the background
- Even the referees love the Pep Band
- Thrift stores are incredible for last minute Pep Band costumes
- If anyone needs any silver paint, feel free to talk to the trombone section
- The Pep Band is EXCELLENT at counting down from 10

We have three more basketball games in **February: the 1st, the 8th, and the Student Staff Game with date TBA**. Also, we're tentatively planning to march in the annual Picnic Day Parade on April 19th! Congratulations on finishing 1st Semester and thank you again for making us "The number one Pep Band in the nation!" (Mr. Donlon)

-Ana Ebrahimi, pep band director

DHS Jazz Band Earns First-Place Finish for Friday Night at Folsom Jazz Festival; Combo Members All Obtain Honors

The DHS Jazz Band performed Friday night, January 25 at the Folsom Jazz Festival at Folsom High School and earned a first place finish in its Friday night division. Most importantly, the adjudicating judge had special compliments for each section and liked the quality of the students' playing and mix of sounds. He said the DHS Band was the best "by far" of the bands he heard that night and concluded with the quote "an awesome band."

Solo awards were won by Christine Hulsizer, Jonathan Kelly, Michelle Rabowsky and Jon Hatamiya.

Second and third place awards for Friday night were earned by the Marin School of the Arts and El Camino High School of San Francisco.

Scores from Friday night were pooled with all other high school bands that performed Saturday. In combined rankings, the Davis Jazz Band was tied for fourth overall in a field of 72 bands with a point score of 2856, preceded by Buchanan I (2878 points), Berkeley (2870), Rio Americano I (2865) and tied with Folsom I (2856). Statistics die-hards who wish to model the scoring distribution, normalize scores and calculate standard deviations, etc. can obtain results for all bands and combos at: http://folsommusic.org/jazzfest_old/jazzfest08/overall_08.html

The DHS Jazz Combo performed Saturday morning, January 26 and each member was given a soloists award—an especially high compliment for this group of talented musicians (particularly given their early start time and task of playing outdoors in a tent!).

In terms of overall rankings, the combo was 13th in a field of 24, with a combined point score of 2612. Berkeley earned top honors in the combo division (2931), followed in 2nd and 3rd by Acalanes and Buchanan. Complete rankings are at the web site listed above.

Parents and everyone at DHS can be proud of how well the Band and Combo performed at the Folsom Festival. Mr. Lange and the students worked hard to advance the level of musicianship, performing well in a Festival that attracted bands from throughout the state and as far away as Bellevue, WA.

-Peter Matlock

DHS Band Calendar

Times are pm unless noted.

February

Fri, Feb 1	Pep Band at Basketball		
Sun, Feb 3	Capital Jazz Project/DHS Concert		IPAB
Wed, Feb 6	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Fri, Feb 8	Pep Band at Basketball		
Feb 8,9	Jazz Band and Jazz Choir Cabaret TBA		Emerson JHS
Feb 23-24	Coconut Grove		MPR
Tue, Feb 26	Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser– Eat in or Carry Out, anytime 4-9 pm		
Wed, Feb 27	Festivity of Bands-Symphonic	7:30	CSUS
Fri, Feb 29	Deadline for Newsletter	7:00	<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>

March

Wed, Mar 12	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Thu, Mar 20	DHS Bands Adjudication	1:30	IPAB Theater
Thu, Mar 20	Adjudication Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater
Fri, Mar 21	Jazz Choir/Jazz Band Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater
Mon, Mar 31	Deadline for Newsletter	7:00	<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>

April

Apr 7-10	9 th Grader Auditions	3:00	PA-3 & PA-8
Wed, Apr 9	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Apr 10-13	Jazz Band Trip To New Orleans		

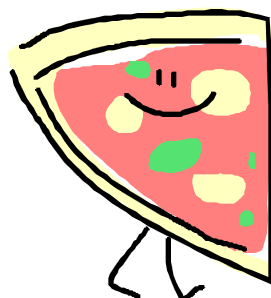
Send calendar updates to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net



Thanks to the following local merchants who donated food to keep the kids and the chaperones going all night long during the Play-a-thon:

Cenario's Pizza, Woodstock's Pizza, Lamppost Pizza, Steve's Pizza,
Noah's Bagels and Common Grounds Coffee.

They were very generous in supporting this fundraiser for the band students. Let them know you appreciate their support.



Painless Pizza Fundraiser

Tuesday, Feb 26th

Eat in or Take out at **Lamppost Pizza**, 1260 LAKE BLVD. * 758-1111
And a third of your bill will be donated to the band! Why cook?

<http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/vme/lamppost/>



Jazz Band Trip Payments Due:

February 7th

March 7th

April 7th

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. If you want to remove yourself from the postal mailing list, email Susan Hulsizer at susan.hulsizer@comcast.net and give your mailing address. The **listserv** is the best way to get urgent e-mail messages specific to your student's band. You can sign up through Joyce Hamaguchi, jhamaguchi@sbcglobal.net. Of course the friendliest way to stay informed about the bands is to attend the band booster **meetings**. Being a booster allows the bands to go places, literally and figuratively, but you'll enjoy it most for the people you meet.

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Davis Senior High School Band Boosters presents ...

An Evening at the Coconut Grove

February 23, 2008

7:00pm to 10:00pm

Davis High School Multi Purpose Room

Join us for this family-friendly evening of music, dancing,
delectable deserts and exotic mocktails featuring:

The award winning ...

Davis High School Jazz Band,

The J Street Jazz Cats,

Sax by Popular Demand,

The Emerson Junior High School Jazz Band,

The Harper Junior High School Jazz Band,

and a special guest appearance by
the Davis High School Jazz Choir.

Volunteers Needed!

Can you help for an
hour or two?

Call Randy Chinn
750-5054

For reservations, complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

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List Acknowledgement in program as _____

Business Sponsors: ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other

Business Name _____

RESERVATIONS (Performers and Children under 5 free)

Reservations paid by

February 1st, 2008 Adults \$20_____ Students \$10_____ Total \$_____

Reservations paid after

February 1st, 2008 Adults \$25_____ Students \$10_____ Total \$_____

You will receive a confirmation via email. Please make your check payable to
DHS Band Boosters and send your reservation/sponsor form with your check to:

DHS Band Boosters c/o Helen Kado-Fong
900 Eucalyptus Street
Davis, CA 95618

Any questions? Please contact Helen at 757-2253 or via email: samstro@pacbell.net

Band Booster Parents,

Here I am sitting in the DHS multipurpose room listening to our 3 DHS bands directed by Dr. Eric Hammer from the University of Pacific Music program, who is a guest director. Now this may not sound so unusual until you understand what time it is. It is currently 1:40 – in the morning – and I have been watching and listening to the activities at the Play-a-Thon. Besides our guest director spending his night with us, he brought a number of University of Pacific music students who are also spending time with our students. Earlier all 3 bands performed for each other and parents. And even after 5 hours of being here, these students still have an amazing amount of energy. Speaking of energy, did you see the video Ana and Miranda put out about this event? If not, you need to watch it on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjShjs36dgk> or Search for “playathon 2008”). I wish I had similar activities during my high school to remember. At least I now have this one. By the way our Play-a-Thon has raised over \$10,000. Thank you, Barbara Duffy and all of your team helpers for organizing this event. What a success!

The other great event that is fresh in my mind is the Folsom Jazz Festival just yesterday – actually I mean 2 days ago. The Band played extremely well, the music was tight, and the solos were great. Our DHS Jazz Band scored all I's and took 1st place for that day. The smaller Jazz Combo group played the following morning. They received very positive remarks from the judges and came home with individual medals. Thank you, Mr. Lange and John Cargile for pulling out the best in all our Band students.

We are now heading into our very busy time of the year, so hold on to your hats and enjoy the ride. Your students will be performing in a number of concerts and we also have Coconut Grove. Planning for the Victoria trip and the New Orleans trip are going on and the schedules are starting to be worked out. We already have a number of parent volunteers working on all of these projects, but we will definitely need more help. If you have the time, please consider volunteering. If your student is going to need financial assistance, please contact Mr. Lange. We do not want financial constraints preventing your student from participating.

I am fully aware of how much time and money you parents have put into the DHS music program for your sons and daughters. I think it has been worth it and I thank all of you.

Now, back to the Play-a-Thon....

-Mike Choy, DHS BB President



Band Booster Minutes

January 9th, 2008 Meeting

I. Approval of December Minutes - The minutes from the December meeting as published in the January 2008 newsletter were approved pending the verification of the dollar amounts earned for the car washes (Mike Choy verified the total amount raised by the 3 carwashes was \$2,273 and this has been corrected in the December minutes).

II. Music Director's report – Mr. Lange says the Winter Concert was wonderful, with amazing technical abilities by Andy V. on vibes. Coming up, the Jazz Band is competing in Folsom Jazz Festival and all bands participate in the Play-a-thon. The Jazz Band has a concert with Capital Jazz Project, and a combined concert with the Jazz Choir. The Jazz Band is also participating in the Trad Jazz Festival at CSUS. Mike Choy and Peter Matlock will help coordinate rides to this event. The kids from all three bands are playing great music. On March 20th there will be an adjudicated band performance. Lastly, three students were accepted to the California Band Directors Association All-State Honor Band; Isaac B. and Molly G. to the concert band, and Colin M. to the Jazz Band. Congratulations to them. We haven't heard about placements to the Nor Cal Honor Band yet.

III. Treasurer's report – Clyde Kelly reports that income for the period was \$10,915.83, including deposits for the Victoria and New Orleans trips. Expenses were \$12,503.61. The current balance is \$35,262.52. Mr. Lange asked for a report on the amounts in each student's trip account, which Clyde will send to Mr. Lange.

A discussion ensued about how to allocate funds raised. Mike Choy says there are no written guidelines for which account funds are to be placed. Mr. Lange said traditionally all proceeds from concerts and direct donations go to the “Music Program” account. Some donations are earmarked for special funds within the Music Program. Scrip proceeds go to the general fund. Rent-a-band, Play-a-thon, and carwash funds go to student trip accounts. Some Coconut Grove proceeds go to the general fund while most goes to students' trip accounts based on the shifts worked. We need to maintain a certain level of funds in general accounts for student aid and other small expenses such as copy costs, accountant fees, etc. We need to create written policy for fund allocation in the bylaws.

IV. Pep Band Report – The theme for the Girls Basketball game on 1.11.08 is “space”. Please meet at 6:20 pm outside Old Gym. Sue Millie offered to chaperone the band at this game.

V. Committee reports –

A. Coconut Grove 2/23/08 – The next planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 01/16/08 at the Coleman household. The planning for this event is going well. Reservations for tables are underway. If someone doesn't come forward to

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coordinate the raffle, there may not be a raffle this year. Donations for the silent auction are coming in. A letter to students requesting their donations will be coming out the week of 1/14/08. Students can sign up to work shifts. The DHS Jazz Band will perform as well as Celia Cottle's JazzCats, and Sax By Popular Demand. DHS students who perform in Celia's bands will be allocated 20 minutes for playing time with her bands. They can then work another 40 minutes somewhere else to accrue a full hour of credit. The Band council was asked to find a student willing to create the program for this year's event. If a student is interested in doing this, he or she should talk to Mr. Lange.

B. Victoria trip – The flights, busses and hotels have been reserved for this trip in May. We have 117 students signed up, with 20 students that we are still waiting to hear from. A handful of students elected not to attend. We have obtained copies of passports for the majority of students attending. Some families made donations to the general fund for student aid. The next planning meeting will be on Thurs 1/17/08.

C. New Orleans trip – Plans for this trip are also coming together. The flights and hotel have been reserved. The bus reservations are coming together. They are on the calendar for workshops at the University of New Orleans. They have scheduled venues for performances on Sat and Sun. A Swamp Tour has been booked. There is dancing scheduled for one evening. The next meeting is on Monday 1/14/08.

D. Scrip – You can use scrip for lots of purchased including gas and caffeine! The deadline for this signup is Monday 1/14/08. Emails with the form went to all to sign-up. Call or email Larry Lagerstrom with orders.

E. Rent-a-Band – The Hatamiyas report that 21 gigs raised \$1893 (\$600 more than last year). There were several performances at Davis Commons and with repeat customers. Aviel, Jonathan, Emma and Ana were excellent student leaders. It would be great to have a "business card" to give to people at each gig. Peter Matlock and Kate Scow will create a business card for the DHS bands, with our email address and P.O. Box.

F. Lamppost Pizza – The evening brought in \$212 for the general fund. An email will go out announcing the next pizza night.

G. Direct donations – There is money still spilling in for the direct donation drive. We have gathered over \$12,000 for the general fund. There is a line on Coconut Grove reservation form for donations and sponsorships. A decision will be made by BB officers whether these funds should go to the general fund account or the music account.

H. Playathon – The parent permission slip went home with students on Monday, 1/06/08. The event is January 26th and 27th in the MPR. At 6:45 on Saturday evening students begin to gather for a free concert for families. At midnight all families go home, and then guest conductors from UOP come lead the bands. On Sunday at 7am there will be a final concert. Students are asked to bring snacks and drinks to share with 6 students. All students are encouraged to raise funds for their personal accounts. Students need to collect all money up front. If you are interested in being a chaperone please contact Barbara Duffy. They could use assistance with concert coordination. It is a very well chaperoned event, and it's an awful lot of fun and a bonding experience for the students.

I. Spring Car Washes – The dates for the spring car washes have been set. They will be held in April, excluding Picnic Day.

J. Concert fundraising – Mr. Lange says parents have been very generous with donation at the door, so for the remainder of the year (except for the CJP and the Concert on a Summer's Eve) he would like to request only a \$1 donation simply to cover the use fee for the IPAB.

K. Publicity – There will be articles in Enterprise about the Play-a thon, and a photo for the Jazz Band concert with CJP will be taken next week. We could use some additional help advertising the CJP concert. The CJP does not charge us for playing, yet they get to keep the gate receipts. We would like to get a large audience for this event. Joyce Hamaguchi will see that announcements are placed on the listserve at DHS, and the junior highs. Flyers will be posted around town.

VI. Old Business

A. 2006-2007 tax forms – Taxes for last year have been completed and submitted without any problems. The fee from Geraldine Hagie was only \$100.

B. Rominger West Wine Tasting Fundraiser (Spring 2008) – We would like to find someone to coordinate this event. Mike Choy and Peter Matlock will begin working on this.

C. DHS BB Constitution/By-Laws – Mike Choy will be working on this.

D. Concert attendance improvement – Susan Hulsizer made a beautiful poster for the last concert. We had standing room only for the Winter Concert. There were lots of relatives in town for the holidays and alumni returning to visit. Joyce Hamaguchi stated that just before each concert advertising will come together with notices to the Junior High schools.

VII. New Business –

A. Donation acknowledgment letter (tax writeoff) – Lisa Hamauchi sends out a letter to everyone who makes a direct donation to the Band Boosters. This letter includes the DHS BB tax ID number. State and federal tax laws must be followed on writing off any donations.

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Shickman, Band Booster Secretary

Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 6th at 7:30 p.m.

**DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda
February 6, 2008**

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. January minutes
- II. Music Director's report
- III. Treasurer's report
- IV. Committee reports
 - A. Student report from Ana and Miranda
 - A. Coconut Grove
 - B. Victoria trip
 - C. New Orleans trip
 - D. Scrip
- E. Lamppost Pizza
- F. Direct donations
- G. Playathon
- H. Spring Car Washes
- I. Concerts fundraising
- J. Publicity
- V. Old Business
 - A. DHS Bands Business Cards
 - B. Rominger West Wine Tasting Fundraiser (Spring 2008)
 - C. Concert attendance improvement – Joyce Hamaguchi, Susan Hulsizer, Mr. Lange
- VI. New Business
 - A. Concerts – CJP on 2/3 and Festivity of Bands on 2/27

A calendar of DHS band performances can be found on the Davis Community Network site at <http://www2.dcn.org/davis/events?&mode-calendar=month&date-calendar=2007/09/23&org-calendar=7>
Use this link or google "dhsbb calendar."

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