

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



March 2008

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



Next Band Booster meeting is

Wed, Mar 12

7:30 Pm, Band Rm

Upcoming...

Ajudication Concert Mar 20th

**Jazz Band /Jazz Choir Concert
Mar 21st**

**Monterey Jazz Festival Apr
3,4th**

At left: John H. hits the high notes under the neon palm tree during Coconut Grove. Photo by Dan Jones

Coconut Grove: a Swingin' Good-Time Fundraiser

Coconut Grove 2008 was a tremendous success musically and financially. It was great fun and wonderfully entertaining, with five jazz bands and a jazz choir playing for three hours.

We couldn't have been more pleased that so many parents stepped up and volunteered their time and energy to make it a memorable evening. It is no exaggeration to say that without your help the Coconut Grove event simply could not take place. Thank you all! We'd also like to particularly thank the hard work of our subchairs: Paula Yang, John Weir, Helen Kado-Fong, Sue Viguie, and Mike Choy. Many local Davis businesses also contributed greatly, as did our corporate sponsors AT&T and Comcast. We know that these businesses are besieged by donation requests from other deserving causes, so we are very grateful that they made contributing to the Davis music program a priority.

Final revenues and expenses are not yet available, but it looks like the Coconut Grove will have raised close to \$9000. These funds will be used to pay the students for the time they spent volunteering at the Coconut Grove by crediting their student accounts, and to provide funds for financial aid to students needing help to participate in the band field trips.

As first-time Coconut Grove coordinators we were a little nervous about the effort needed to make the Coconut Grove a success. But we were pleasantly surprised to find that while there was plenty of work to do, it was a fun and rewarding endeavor, mostly because of the dedicated involvement of band parents. Thanks again to all who helped make the Coconut Grove 2008 one of the most successful ever.

Mike Coleman and Randy Chinn, Co-Chairs

Notes from the Director



As The Past, the Present, and the Future...

The Past – Kudos to everyone who had ANYTHING to do with the sensational **NIGHT AT THE COCONUT GROVE!** From beginning to end the DHS Bands presented another great night of entertainment for all who attended. The desserts, the decorations, the drinks, just everything was top-notch, especially the music. We all got a chance to hear the Junior High bands which offered us peek into the future of our own groups. We got to hear Celia Cottle's groups – there couldn't be a better training ground for our youth. And then there was the DHS Jazz Band – they even impress me with their professionalism. Thank you Randy Chinn and Mike Coleman and all the great people who did so much for our band students. (If I start listing all the people involved this note will go on for pages, and I will probably forget someone important.)

Then there was the **Festivity of Bands** at CSUS last month...

Again the Symphonic Band showed why they are considered by many to be one of the premier wind ensembles in this area. If you were there you could compare the work of our students with that of 2 local universities – I might be somewhat prejudiced, but I think our students played every bit as well as (or better than) these college students. Thank you Joyce Boulanger for coordinating the rides.

The Present – Later this month we have our **Adjudication Concert** -- a big event for our Concert and Symphonic Bands. This event is possibly the most important in our band calendar. This is when we invite a noted educator and authority of band music to evaluate the students' performances and show them what they need to do to reach the next level. This event will be held in our own IPAB Theater on **Thursday, March 20** at 7:30p. m. The donation at the door will be only \$1.00 per person (just enough to cover the cost of using the theater).

Also on the horizon is a **jazz concert on Friday, March 21** featuring our own DHS Jazz Band and the DHS Jazz Choir. This is a new event which will bring together the groups which will be traveling to New Orleans next month. The funds from this concert will be used to provide aid to students in both groups. More details will be forthcoming in later listserve announcements.

The Future – The **Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival** (April 4 and 5), the Jazz Band trip to New Orleans (April 10-13), the Secondary Concert (April 22), the Senior Concert, the tour to Victoria, Picnic and Pops, the Jazz Combo Concert, and Jazz On A Summer's Eve. The bands at DHS are indeed busy and if you are part of this great experience you understand.

And what else will the future bring? Without an elementary program how can we possibly continue to provide the quality you have come to expect and enjoy? I'm not sure any of us can do anything to prevent this calamity from taking place and it looks like we might have a group of kids who won't be able to experience, the fun, the excitement, the utter joy of being in the band – of being accepted into a group of the greatest kids in school – of belonging to a bunch of self-proclaimed geeks called THE BAND.

-Fred Lange, director

PEP BAND NOTES



Three Haikus For You By Ana Ebrahimi

Student –Staff
Game March
Picnic Day Parade April
Powder Puff in May

Mr. Matlock, Ms. Miille,
Mr. Hoover, Ms. Hulsizer
Best. Chaperones. Ever.

Mr. John wrote a song
Based on the show The Office
Pep Band is perfect!

Jazz Band to Play in the Monterey Jazz Festival's Next Generation

The Davis HS Jazz Band has earned an invitation to play at this year's Next Generation Festival on Saturday, April 5th. The band is in good company with local heavy-hitters such as Folsom and Rio Americano, and will also compete with arts magnet schools from Beaverton Oregon, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas.

Next Generation finalists are selected through recorded audition by faculty from the Berklee College of Music, and will include twelve big bands, six combos, and six vocal ensembles in the high school division. Six middle school big bands and six college level big bands will also be selected. In addition, special invited groups will also perform; close to fifty groups from across the United States are expected to attend the Next Generation Festival. The top big bands, combo and vocal ensemble will win cash awards and be invited to perform at the 51st Annual Monterey Jazz Festival, September 19-21, 2008.

Featured during the weekend of music will be the internationally renowned bassist and composer Christian McBride, who has been selected as the MJF's Artist-In-Residence for 2008.

All Next Generation Festival events - from the star studded Opening Night Judges Concert to the hotly contested Big Band Finals on Saturday night - will be open to the public, free of charge. The Festival will also conduct clinics, workshops, jam sessions and auditions in the heart of the historic Monterey, with music to be performed at the Monterey Conference Center, the host Portola Plaza Hotel, in the recently renovated historic Golden State Theatre, at Fisherman's Wharf, and at Monterey Live. The Davis Jazz Band plays at 3:00 Saturday, and the Sacramento Youth Symphony's Big Band, which also features some Davis High School Musicians, plays at 9:30 on Sunday. Come hear some great jazz music.

<http://www.montereyjazzfestival.org/NGF/index.htm>

DHS Band Calendar

Times are pm unless noted.

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 4-5	Monterey Jazz Festival		
Apr 7-10	9th 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		
Tue, Apr 15	Lamppost Pizza Night— Eat in or Carry Out, anytime 4-9 pm		
Tue, Apr 22	Secondary Concert (Symph)	7:30	IPAB Theater
Thu, Apr 24	Pre-Tour Combined Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
Fri, Apr 25	Deadline for Newsletter	7:00	<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>

May

Tue, May 6	Senior Concert (Symph & Con)	7:30	IPAB Theater
Wed, May 7	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Wed, May 7	Pre-Tour Combined Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
Sun, May 11	Pre-Tour Combined Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
Mon, May 12	Pre-Tour Combined Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
May 16-20	Band Tour to Victoria, Canada		
Wed, May 28	Picnic and Pops (Symph & Con)	6:00	Central Park
Fri, May 30	Deadline for Newsletter		<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>
Sat, May 31	Jazz Combo Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater

Send calendar updates to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net



Elementary Music Program in Jeopardy

Due to the current school district deficit of 4 million dollars, broad and sweeping cuts are proposed by the district administration and school board to balance the budget. On the extensive list for cuts is the elementary music program, 3.4 FTE (full-time equivalent teachers) at a cost of \$204,000 per year. This includes the strings instruction, which begins at 4th grade and the band instruction which begins at 5th. The elementary music program is one of many painful cuts proposed, including all elementary and junior high librarians, the elementary science prep teachers, some counselors, an associate superintendent, and the closing of Emerson Junior High School. (See https://davis.csbaagendaonline.net/cgi-bin/WebObjects/davis-eAgenda.woa/files/MTlwNDg1MzMyNTQwOS9kYXZpc2VBZ2VuZGZEvNTgVOTEwL0ZpbGVz/03-06-08_hr_-_reso_42-08_pks__revised__3__3_06_2008_.pdf.)

Unless more revenue comes into the district, these cuts will need to take place. There may be some relief from the state in either less severe cuts, or fewer restrictions on other budgets (e.g. textbooks, reserves.) The district hopes for donations through the Davis Schools Foundation, a nonprofit 501c3 organization. (<http://www.davisschoolsfoundation.org/>) There will be public input to the foundation to determine which programs to direct their donations to, and donations of \$2,500 or more can be designated to a specific program by the donor. In addition, there is likely to be a new parcel tax to help fund these essential programs on the list to be cut, but is it not clear how much the voters will support, and when the relief would start.

The band and orchestra parents and students were strong advocates for the music program at the school board meeting February 21st, and will need to continue to advocate with the state, the district and the Davis Schools Foundation. Great arguments were made about the importance of the elementary program to the secondary program, the value-added benefits in the secondary, the importance for keeping music accessible to working class families, and the very moving testimony of how important music education is in the lives of the band students. The district is soliciting public input through their website, <http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us/District/documents/CommunityBudgetInputForm.pdf> or comments may be sent by mail to DJUSD, c/o Ms. Penny Pyle, 526 B. St., Davis, CA 95616. (The pdf form accompanies this newsletter for those on electronic distribution.) The Band Boosters and students may also work with the Davis Schools Foundation to help raise funds for the elementary music and other vital programs slated to be eliminated. Let's all work together to keep the outstanding music program which has benefited our children, for the music students yet to come.

-Susan Hulsizer

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Excitement Builds for the Band Trip to Canada



The spring band trip to Victoria, Canada is quickly coming together and it looks like it is going to be a blast!

On 2/18 you should have received an e-mail message with an update of your student's account and request for the second payment, due 3/1/08. If you did NOT receive an e-mail, please contact us right away: Sarah (753-3299) or Helene (753-4025).

Please mail payments and passport copies to:

DHS Band Boosters, PO Box 73522, Davis, CA 95617.

Your student will soon be asked to pick their hotel roommates (4 per room) for the trip; a design-a-tee-shirt contest is underway, and the process of organizing carpool drivers will begin soon - we'll need volunteers to take us to the Sacramento airport early in the morning on 5/16 and bring us home from the airport on the evening of 5/20.

Thanks, parents, for your support of this fantastic trip!

This is a notice for the **2nd installment** which is due **March 1, 2008**.



PLAY-A-THON SUCCESS GRATIFYING

Davis High School Band members stayed up and played music all night at this year's Play-a-thon, which was held in the Davis High School MPR room on the evening of Saturday January 26 through the morning of Sunday, January 27, 2008. Under the direction of Fred Lange, the Concert, Symphonic and Jazz Bands performed inspiring evening concerts. During the night with guest conductors including Dr. Eric Hammer from the University of the Pacific and his music major students, the DHS musicians site read new and difficult pieces, played each other's instruments, danced, sang, ate pizza and performed an enthusiastic concert at 7 am on Sunday morning. Through community pledges the students raised over \$12,000 toward their Spring Trip to Victoria B.C. in May!

As coordinator of this event, I am grateful to the many parents and student volunteers who helped with set up, check in and pledge accounting, chaperoning, sheet music organization, clean up, publicity and arranging donations from community vendors and parents. Special arrangements were also made with the University of Pacific's Music Department by Mark Stephens and his daughter, Julie Stephens.

A special thank you to the following committee members and helpful volunteers:

Susan Hulsizer, Kathy Hoover, Rick Hoover, Julie Hershberger, Sue Gleason, Peggy Bernardy, Mark Stephens, Mike Choy, John Weir, Karen Farley, Laurie Briscoe Deacon, John and Katherine Miller, Gail Cooluris, and Carole Hughes.

DHS Band Students: Sara Hoover, Ana Ebrahimi, Miranda Liou, Jonathan Kelly, Aviel Haberman, Diego Rivas-Bernardy and Sam Boyd. I appreciate the many other parent volunteers not mentioned here, and the chaperones that stayed up through the early hours of the morning.

Several pizza parlors donated for the late night pizza break, they were: Cenarios, Woodstock's Pizza, Lampost Pizza and Steve's Pizza. Common Grounds provided much needed fresh coffee in the evening and morning to keep us awake and Noah's Bagels provided breakfast. We appreciate all of their generous support!

This is just one of the many music opportunities available to our band students. They are a fine group of people and musicians, and it was a pleasure working with them.

The support of our Davis community is always greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Barbara Duffy, Play-a-thon Chairperson 2008

A Message from the Band Booster President

Dear Band Booster Parents,

I want to talk about community - more specifically the community that you and I and parents behind us helped create for our students over a number of years in Davis. We have all been involved in the growth of a musical culture for our sons and daughters that has become an outstanding program in the Davis school district – orchestras, bands, choirs, and more. This year, 2008, a significant portion of this musical culture is being threatened by a probable cut back in musical education dollars for next year.

What should we do? Well, you are already doing it. Many of you were at the School board meeting explaining the importance of the Davis music program. Thank you. Many of you have talked to key individuals involved in the decision-making roles, and many of you have talked to our wonderful Davis school music teachers expressing your support. Thank you.

We need to keep fighting to maintain our music community, but what am I asking you to do? Our music community is really a continuum that functions as a single community. We really cannot separate elementary school music education from junior high education from high school education. If we lose one, we will lose the entire community in time. So what is it that I am asking? I think some of our best concerts have involved multiple groups. Just this last month our Jazz Band was invited and played in Cabaret – a Jazz Choir concert/fundraiser. What a great experience it was for me to listen to both groups during this evening. Thank you Mr. Zinn for inviting the Jazz Band. In Coconut Grove we had Emerson Junior High, Harper Junior High, the Jazz Cats, Sax by Popular Demand, and the DHS Jazz Choir all perform in addition to our own Jazz Band. I saw a lot of happy students who were pretty excited to be playing in this venue. Thank you Mr. Lange for your continued support of this event. Just recently, our Symphonic Band gave an extraordinary performance in the Festivities of Bands that also included the UCD symphonic band and the CSUS band. What I am asking you to do is to support/attend/encourage these events that show we are a continuum that functions as a single community. We are stronger fighting and playing together.

Mike Choy
DHS BB President



Band Booster Minutes

February 6, 2008 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order by Mike Choy at 7:35

Music Directors Report:

Mr. Lange reports the bands are “working ourselves silly.” The Jazz Band is working hard, having just finished the Folsom Jazz Festival Jan 25th, Capitol Jazz Project concert last weekend (Feb 3rd), and Coconut Grove upcoming Feb 23rd. The Symphonic Band is preparing for the Festivity of the Bands on Feb 27th. This will be at CSUS, and car-pool drivers are needed. The Concert Band is working toward their mid-March adjudication and concert. The Pep Band will play for the final high school game this Friday.

The Jazz Band will play in the Jazz Choir fundraiser, “Cabaret” Feb 9th and 10th, both nights are sold out.

Minutes-VOTE: January minutes as published in the Feb newsletter were approved unanimously without amendment.

Treasurers Report:

Due to Clyde Kelly’s absence, there were no figures to report, but Mike remarked there is a lot of money in the students’ travel accounts. There will be an e-mail or letter to each family soon with an accounting of how much the student has raised or deposited, and how much will be needed for the trip. (Including Jazz band trip to New Orleans.)

Pep Band Report: Ana encourages all students to attend the game this Friday, as it will be the last student basketball game. The costume theme is “Best of Pep Band” so they can wear their favorite costume. Still to come: a student-staff basketball game and marching in the Picnic Day Parade April 19th.

Coconut Grove: “Uncle Randy” Chinn reports that we have sold more than 160 tickets to date, ahead of last year,

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but short of the 250 capacity. For the auction, we have an ipod touch, which should inspire young and old to buy tickets. Volunteers are still needed to help with making desserts, or setting up during the program. Students will be signing up for work shifts this Friday, to earn money for their trip accounts. If students donate services (e.g. dog walking) for the silent auction, that money will also go into their accounts, but proceeds from items will go to the general fund.

Victoria Trip (All bands): Sarah Davis and volunteers are making plans for 124 students to travel to Victoria. The total cost will be \$660 per person (student or chaperone.) They are finalizing rooms, transportation and itinerary. An e-mail with account totals will be sent out soon, and the final payment will be due two weeks after the e-mail. Their next planning meeting is Feb 19th at Helena's house.

New Orleans Trip (Jazz Band and Jazz Choir): Peter Matlock reports that plans are solidifying for the April 10-13th trip to New Orleans for 81 students and chaperones from the Jazz Band and Jazz Choir. The two groups are working well together as alluded to in the Davis Enterprise article advertising Cabaret.

Scrip: Larry Lagerstrom encourages all to "Buy Scrip!" Mike would like an accounting of the income from Scrip, some of which goes through Larry and some goes directly to the treasurer.

Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser: Next Pizza Night is Feb 26th. There was a suggestion to get this information into the bulletin for all the students at the high school.

Direct Donations: We have raised close to \$11,000 through this campaign. We should acknowledge these sponsors in the newsletter and the Enterprise, in a letter to the editor.

Playathon: Barbara Duffy had all good things to say about this outstanding event. The students were great, we had great UOP guest conductors, tons of food, and \$11,500 went into student accounts. Mr. Lange reported that the rooms were "spotless" afterwards. The principal and two board members attended at some time during the evening. Kudos to Rick and Cathy Hoover, and Katherine Miller for getting the music into folders and back into storage after the event, with help from some of the students. Ana suggested for next year, from the students perspective, it would be better to play 4 or 5 songs during each hour rather than 1 or 2.

Spring Car Washes: Most of the weekends in April, excluding Picnic Day, will have a band car wash.

Concerts: The CD/DVD sales costs are covered by purchase price and the concert fund, which is also used for the \$150 IPAB use fee. Dahlia Haberman reported that more ushers were needed at the winter concert, which was very full and had some handicapped audience members who needed assistance. She also recommends asking for donations rather than a set price. Mr. Lange was planning to have a \$1 donation for the remaining concerts of the year, with the exception of the Jazz Band/Jazz Choir Concert. Susan Hulsizer suggested having a donation box available for financial based scholarships for the band trip.

Newsletter: Susan Hulsizer noted that the newsletter is now referring to the gmail accounts for officers and chairs.

Business Cards: Peter Matlock reports that the cards are "right on schedule" but not yet available.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser: We still need someone to take charge of this project.

Capitol Jazz Project Concert: The proceeds from the concert go to the CJP members, who will also return for a clinic with the Jazz Band. Last year the take was about \$1500, this year a little less (perhaps due to the Super Bowl?) Their fee is actually higher, and Peter Matlock asked if the boosters could cover the cost of the IPAB. VOTE: Boosters unanimously agreed to take \$150 from band booster funds to pay the IPAB fee for the **CJP/Jazz Band Concert:** There was a request for booster support for a dinner for the Victoria Trip and transportation costs for large instruments for the Jazz Band trip. In the past, the boosters have paid for a pizza dinner either on the trip or shortly after (Addendum: the past treasurer Denise stated that Band Boosters general subaccount has not subsidized portions of major trips in the past). The discussion was all supportive of upholding this tradition, and Mike will come back with specifics for a vote at a future meeting.

Note from Mr. Lange: The impending district budget cuts are a very real threat to the music program. He imagines that the high school program may be cut somewhat, but there is a bigger threat to the elementary music program. When the elementary music goes, it is just a matter of time before there won't be a program at the high school. The elementary program costs about \$300,000 per year. Look for articles in the newspaper; we may need to advocate on behalf of music program.

Submitted by Susan Hulsizer

Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting: Wednesday, Mar 12th at 7:30 p.m.

DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda

March 12, 2008

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. February minutes
- II. Music Director's report
- III. Treasurer's report
- IV. Committee reports
 - A. Student report from Ana and Miranda
 - B. Coconut Grove
 - 1. Distribution on money
 - C. Victoria trip
 - D. New Orleans trip
 - E. Script
 - F. LampPost Pizza
- G. Direct donations
- H. Spring Car Washes
- I. Concerts fundraising
- J. Publicity
- V. Old Business
 - A. Rominger West Wine Tasting Fundraiser
 - B. BB subsidizing major trips
 - C. Monterey Jazz Festival
- VI. New Business
 - A. Formal BB letter to the Davis School Board supporting music program.
 - B. Dos Coyotes now has fundraiser days
 - C. Concerts – Jazz Band/Jazz Choir Concert 3/21/08

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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