

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



April 2008

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



Jazz Band and Jazz Choir in New Orleans Preview

Next Band Booster meeting is
Wed, April 9th
7:30 Pm, Band Rm

Upcoming...

Jazz Band to Monterey Apr 5, to New Orleans Apr 10-13
Car Wash Fundraisers Apr 5 and Apr 26
Pizza Night Apr 15
Picnic Day Apr 19
Secondary Concert Apr 22

Notes from the Director



"You can make it happen..."

These are some of the words the students hear the first days of band class in September. It is the effort that each student puts in that makes things work. The band is a team and we accomplish so much more together than any could hope to do alone.

Our students work extremely hard to keep up their responsibility to the team. Each member relies on the others to do their parts correctly to make the finished product. If one person or section lets down the whole group suffers.

This is truly evident when we review the performances we have given lately – the Concert Band and Symphonic Band in the Adjudication Concert and the Jazz Band in their preparation for the Monterey Jazz Festival. Each student was "tuned" into giving their best for these remarkable performances.

If you attended any or all of these performances you couldn't help but be impressed with the amazing quality, sensitivity and beauty our students demonstrated. Our adjudicator was also impressed – it is one thing to tell a group how to improve but quite another thing to actually have them succeed.

Kudos to all –

"You can make it happen ..."

Our parent volunteers form another team which is working tirelessly to give our students some amazing travel experiences with our bands. These are the things which will be remembered for many years after the students graduate. They may not remember the songs we played but they will remember the band trips!

If you are a part of these teams --- THANK YOU SO MUCH!

"You can make it happen ..."

Next year will bring many more challenges. If 9th graders come to DHS we will welcome the challenge but will have many hurdles to overcome. If we do lose the elementary program the challenge will be in how quickly it can be restored.

One thing is for certain – we will still need dedicated individuals who believe in the team, individuals for whom being our band the BEST part of being in high school, individuals whose voice resounds with the love of beauty and artistry

... and parents whose love and pride help them ... make it happen!

Fred Lange

A Message from the Band Booster President

Music \ 'myü-zik \ n

1a: the science or art of incorporating intelligible combinations of tones into a composition having structure and continuity

1b: vocal or instrumental sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony

Although I am not a scholar of the language arts, I think Mr. Webster forgot some things in his definition of music. Yes, music is tones and sounds having rhythm, melody, harmony, structure and continuity – but what about joy and sadness, excitement, anger, tension and release, suspense, edgy, calm, soothing, quiet, boisterous, loud, love or hate. What about all of these? A good writer can bring about any one of these emotions within several pages of a book, and we place value in that author's ability. An accomplished musician can bring about any one of these emotions within 1 or 2 minutes of playing or singing.

In elementary math class we learn to count to 10. Then we learn there is a repeating pattern to counting and the patterns can become more complex leading to higher levels of math. We find value in learning these mathematical patterns, both for practical reasons and for abstract reasons. Music has rhythm and structure – 2 beats to a measure, 3 beats to a measure, 4 beats to a measure. Students of jazz learn there is a 12 bar structure commonly found in blues. In classical music, Beethoven began with a pattern of 4 notes, 3 of the 4 having the same pitch, and built patterns from these 4 simple notes to create one of the best-known symphonies in the world.

In our history classes we learn how thousands of people were captured in Africa and brought to America to be sold as slaves. We learn how this has shaped our country today. Historians describe the emotional pain these people endured, and we know the importance of learning about these events. When listening to the early songs of these people, we feel the pain and we feel the brief moments of joy. The study and playing of their music gives us a glimpse of their repression.

Let's do everything we can to preserve this "core" subject in our schools.

-Mike Choy, DHS Band Booster President



Pep Band Dances in Bunny Parade

Some die-hard pep band members danced and played their way with the preschool set during the city-sponsored Bunny Parade March 22nd. In their eclectic costumes, they had a few future band members dancing to and "conducting" the music.



Pizza Night Apr 15th

Eat-in or Carry Out

Lamppost Pizza

758-1111, 1260 Lake Blvd

Say "I'm with the Band!"



Orchestra Concert to Support Elementary Music Program

The Wennberg Festival (12th Annual) will take place Saturday, April 12, at 2:30pm at The UC Davis Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets available, \$8-16.00, at the box office, www.mondaviarts.org or by calling: 866-754-2787. More information at: http://www.mondaviarts.org/events/event.cfm?event_id=554 Proceeds will be used for restoring the elementary music program, as well as district-wide orchestra support.

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DHS Band Calendar

Times are pm unless noted.

April

Apr 4-5	Monterey Jazz Festival		
Sat, Apr 5	Car Wash Fundraiser	8 AM –noon	District ParkingLot
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		
Sat, Apr 19	Picnic Day– Parade and Parking Fundraiser		
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>
Sat, Apr 26	Car Wash	8 AM –noon	District ParkingLot

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

June

Sun, Jun 8	Jazz On A Summer's Eve XVIII	7:30	IPAB Theater
Wed, Jun 11	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3

Send calendar updates to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net

Are you upset about the elimination of the elementary band and orchestra music program next year? Then become part of the solution.

1. Donate Money to Save the Music Program.

If \$100 were donated for every student in the music program, then the elementary program could be completely saved! As a parent, think about the costs of tutors, instruments, trips, camps, and you'll find that \$100 is a bargain. In fact, you will probably realize that having a band program is worth more to you than this. So be generous, and give what you can.

The music teachers and booster groups are asking for your support through the Davis Schools Orchestral Music Association. You can reach the DSOMA web site at:

<http://groups.dcn.org/dhs-orchestras>. The Save Our Music Campaign funds will be directed to saving the elementary music program. Don't delay, the district must make final decisions on rehiring teachers on May 15th. The earlier your donation is recorded, the earlier our four "pink-slipped" music teachers can be assured they will have a position next year.

2. Donate Money to Restore All Cut Programs.

Please support the fundraising of the Davis Schools Foundation to restore the programs cut by the district due to the current deficit. Our students need more than music. The DSF website is at

<http://www.davisschoolsfoundation.org/> See their pyramid for restoring programs as they raise funds for the district.

As a fan or parent of a high school musician, you know the power of making music can transform the lives of young people. Let's give this opportunity to a new generation of Davis students.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the current fund raising.

1. Who is DSOMA?

DSOMA is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to "promote excellence and support Davis Joint Unified School District young musicians and staff in orchestral music programs through fundraising, classroom assistance, touring organization and related group activities."

2. Why does the Save Our Music (SOM) campaign fall under DSOMA?

DSOMA is an established non-profit organization with district-wide scope supporting orchestral school music at all levels. For this reason DSOMA was selected by consensus of the music teachers and school music booster organizations to be the coordinating organization for SOM fund raising. A separate bank account has been established for the collection of all money donated to the SOM campaign.

3. What is the fund raising goal?

\$200,000

4. What will my donation do?

It will sustain the Elementary Music Program for the 2008-09 school year and keep the following Secondary School Music Teachers employed in their respective music specialties.

- **Angelo Moreno** (Emerson Advanced Orchestra Holmes Advanced Orchestra, DHS Chamber Orchestra DHS Symphony Orchestra)
- **Bill Zinn** (Holmes Choir, DHS Concert Choir, DHS Jazz Choir, Harper Choir, Music Essentials)
- **Clyde Quick** (Holmes Bands)
- **Greg Brucker** (Emerson Intermediate Orchestra, Harper Intermediate Orchestra, Harper Advanced Orchestra)
These teachers have been pink slipped and are being selected for layoff due to Seniority Teacher Union Rights.

5. What happens if you don't reach your \$200,000 goal?

We will "buy back" as much as we can with the donations we receive.

6. What happens to the money if you surpass your \$200,000 goal?

Any surplus money will be retained in case similar budget hardships affect the elementary music program for the following 2009-2010 school year.

7. What will happen to the music program for the year after? (the 2009-2010 school year)

Most predictions indicate that the district will have a lower projected deficit for the following year. Our intent is to raise funds only for the 2008-2009 school year. The district has suggested putting an emergency parcel tax on the ballot for November 2008. We also anticipate that the longer lead time in preparation for that budget will allow better discussion of creative solutions.

More information at <http://groups.dcn.org/dsoma/save-our-music-campaign>



Band Trip to Victoria Update

The tickets have been bought, the rooms reserved, the buses booked, the ferry scheduled, and the venues arranged...Victoria here we come!

Here is a brief trip summary; a detailed itinerary will be provided to you prior to the trip.

We will be staying at the Traveler's Inn, City Center, and have arranged for a full cooked breakfast to be provided each morning, included in the cost of the trip.

Thursday May 15: drop off instruments and dress blacks to the IPAB before noon

Friday May 16: early morning departures from DHS via carpools to the Sacramento Airport, fly to Seattle, board buses, travel via bus and ferry to Victoria. Group1 will visit Seattle's Experience Music Project Museum on the way to Victoria. Dinner provided at hotel.

Saturday May 17: Combined and Jazz Band performances at venues throughout Victoria.

Sunday May 18: Butchart Gardens tour (box lunch provided), Combined Band and Jazz Band performances. Dinner provided at hotel.

Monday May 19: Combined Band plays at the opening of the Victoria Day parade, later in the day Combined Band and Jazz Band perform.

Tuesday May 20: depart for Davis via bus, ferry, plane. Group 2 will visit Seattle's Experience Music Project Museum on the way to the airport. Carpools pick up at Sacramento Airport in the afternoon/evening.

A few bookkeeping issues:

- A packet of forms will be sent home with your students in about a week. Please fill them out completely and get them back to the band room as soon as possible.
- Your last payment coupon should arrive via e-mail in the next week; please respond promptly.
- We will be soliciting drivers to take us to and from the Sacramento airport
- If you want frequent flyer credit with Alaska Air or one of it's partners (American, Continental, Delta, and Northwest), then please e-mail your frequent flyer number to Sam Yang at spyang1@comcast.net before 4/16/08.
- Sign-ups for hotel rooms will be circulated in class soon. Students must sign up in groups of four.

If you have questions or concerns about the trip, contact Sarah at 753-3299, smdavisj@gmail.com

Band Boosters Fundraiser Car Washes Coming in April!

Hey band students and parents: join us for some fun fundraising as we clean the cars of Davis. Mark you calendars for the Saturday mornings of **April 5 and 26** to make some money and have fun!

From 8am to noon we'll be in the DJUSD district office parking lot (across from the Farmers Market) doing our part to beautify Davis by transforming dirty cars and trucks into spotless gems. Each week we'll need about four parents (each taking a two hour shift) and a crowd of band students to make this work. Students who work will not only have a great time (washing cars, dancing, singing, and eating delicious snacks) but also will earn significant amounts of money that will be applied towards their Vancouver band trip accounts.



Next steps?

1. Don't stress about the job the birds are doing on all our cars.
2. Sign up to be a parent volunteer (so that you can show the kids how to wash a car right!)
3. Volunteer to bring snacks and drinks for the hungry masses
4. Plant a seed in your student's mind that there is no higher calling than working at the car wash. They will be solicited to sign up for a two or four hour shift in band class a few days before each of the Saturdays.
5. On Saturday 4/5 and 4/26 make sure that you and your neighbors and friends bring their cars in for a bath AND be prepared to be big tippers. Remember, the DHS Band Boosters in a nonprofit organization so a healthy portion of your donation is tax deductible (see your accountant for details!).

Please get in touch with us for any questions.

Your carwash coordinators, Karen Farley; kf1@sbcglobal.net, 758-1006 and Sue Viguie: 707-693-9712

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm.

I. Music Director's report – Mr. Lange says we are all aware of the school district financial crisis. At this date, the elementary music program has been cut from the budget. The "Davis Save our Music" drive through the DSOMA is being organized to collect money to reinstate the program. The amount determined to keep the music program afloat is \$100/student. In a parallel effort, the Davis Schools Foundation (DSF) is organizing the \$1/day campaign, that kicked off today, to collect funds to be divided up equally amongst all in the school district that need it. In our efforts to gather funds specifically for the music program we will have envelopes at concerts, and signs that encourage everyone to give. He asks that we do what we can to support our music program.

There was a discussion of how best to make donations to these funds. At the time of this meeting, details of how funds will be collected were being determined. All funds needed must be collected by May 15th, 2008, or jobs will be cut. If funds are gathered after that date, there is a possibility that jobs can be reinstated.

Leslie Chuck will give Mr. Lange 400 flyers for the DSF \$1/day campaign to distribute to the high school music students. The \$100/student will go through DSOMA as Davis Save Our Music supports the whole music program. Leslie Chuck says the DSAF has grants available to fund the IPAB fees.

II. Minutes - The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer's report – Clyde Kelly says the books are still balancing. The bank statements show income of \$21,000 from several fundraisers like Coconut Grove and Rent-A-Band. Expenses for the month were \$2700, mainly tympani, and snare repair, bass clarinet repairs, and the purchase of a new electric string bass. There are lots of expenses coming up in March and April with the band trips. The BB general account has just under \$15,000. The music account has near \$10,000. A Lamppost check for \$161 is not yet included in this month's deposits.

IV. Committee reports -

A. Student report from Ana and Miranda –On March 22nd, the Pep Band will perform in a Kiddie Parade, and arrangements are being made for the Pep Band to participate in UCD's Picnic Day on April 19th.

B. Coconut Grove – The coordinators report that "it's over!" with a profit of \$9,000. The event made more money than ever by not serving dinner and only offering drinks and dessert. The auction made \$4200 this year, which was up from last year, but the raffle did not do as well as it had in previous years. Suggestions for next time included offering appetizers along with sweet desserts. Students say working this event was much more organized this year and they were very happy with the \$15/hour earned. Mr. Lange says this event couldn't have been chaired by two nicer people, compliments to Randy Chinn and Michael Coleman.

C. Victoria trip –The hotel will be paid in full in March to save on a value-added tax and get a \$2400 refund. If families haven't received an announcement about the second payment due, please notify John Horn. Final payments will be due in April as well as "permission packets". Alaska Airlines changed the flight times so adjustments are being made to the itinerary. Activities include pizza at the hotel on Friday evening, a burger bar and dancing at the hotel on Sunday evening, a tour of Buchart Gardens in Victoria, and Experience Music Project museum in Seattle, and possibly the Crystal Pool indoor pool with 160 foot slide, for another evening activity. Activities for Saturday and Monday are being researched. Students are encouraged to make suggestions of options for activities. To date there are 146 people going on the trip, 122 students with 24 adults.

D. New Orleans trip - Mr. Lange says the trip plans are going well. They have scheduled a performance and clinic at the University of New Orleans, along with a couple other venues. Other activities include a swamp tour and a dinner and dance at a Cajun restaurant.

E. Script – Order forms were made available. This year the script is not bringing in much money. The other type of script where you use your card at Nugget has been much more successful at raising funds. We will discuss our best fundraising options at a future spring meeting.

F. Lamppost Pizza – This fundraiser brought in about \$200 in December and \$161 in February. The next fundraiser is on 4/15.

G. Direct donations – The collection of personal donations went extremely well. And some funds from corporate sponsors came through. Coconut Grove went after large corporations and two came through. We will discuss which fundraising proves most successful closer to the end of the year.

H. Spring Car Washes (4/5 and 4/26) – The next car washes are scheduled for 4/5 and 4/26.

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I. Concert fundraising – Mr. Lange reports there are three concerts coming up. On Thurs evening, 3/21, the concert and symphonic bands will play an adjudicated performance open to the public. Dr. Tim Smith, formerly from CSU East Bay and now at CSUS is coming to spend the entire afternoon with the concert band. On Friday, 3/21, the Jazz Band and Jazz Choir will perform at their concert called Bound for New Orleans. All events are at the IPAB. Funds raised at these events will be split between the two groups and used towards New Orleans, Victoria, and Monterey trips. On Saturday evening there is a concert sponsoring the Davis Youth Flute Choir who is preparing for a trip to Japan. There will be a silent auction and food available before the concert at IPAB. Mike wrote them a letter of recommendation on behalf of the Band Boosters to receive a grant for the performance of a specific piece with Adam Jenkins.

J. Publicity – There will be a photo shoot on Friday. Concert announcements have been appearing in the Enterprise. Arrangements have been made with some students to be available in their concert clothes for photos.

K. Playathon – This event has brought in \$13,261 to date and donations are still coming in.

V. Old Business

A. Subsidy of trips - The Band Boosters will subsidize major trip related expenses for the different bands. It was previously decided that it was ok to support these trips. At this meeting we discussed how much to subsidize and for what expenses. In the past Mr. Lange has volunteered some of his music fund. President Mike Choy proposed subsidizing \$2,825:

- 1. Victoria dinner \$1,800
 - 2. Victoria road crew t-shirts for 14 students \$200
 - 3. T-shirt design award for the Victoria trip \$25
 - 4. New Orleans large instrument transportation or rental subsidy \$800
- (still determining how best to transport large instruments to New Orleans)

Funds for these expenses can come from the distribution of money from Coconut Grove:

Gross income	11,719
Student hours 440 X \$15	-6,600
Student auction	-448
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>-2,700</u>
Remainder	\$1,971

Mike proposed we put that amount into the BB account to maintain a \$15K balance for initial expenses at the beginning of next school year.

Money summary estimates:

BB general account	\$15,000
Music account loan repayment	+4,000
Coconut Grove	+1,971
Subsidy	-2,825
<u>Student aid</u>	<u>-3,000</u>
Final BB general account	\$15,146

All voted in favor of subsidizing the band trips for \$800 instrument transportation to New Orleans, \$25 for t-shirt design credit, \$200 for road crew and \$1800 for dinner in Victoria, for a total of \$2825. All voted in favor of allocating Coconut Grove funds as Mike proposed to cover these expenses.

VI. New Business

A. Rominger West Wine Tasting Fundraiser – There are different opinions on how much work it will take to do this event. Mike thinks it is not the right time to consider taking on this event. The BB parents have already organized several events this year. We should consider this event for next year in the fall or winter.

B. Dos Coyotes – Dos Coyotes now has fundraising two days a week. We may want to consider using Dos Coyotes and Lamppost next year. Other schools have had difficulty gathering their funds from Dos Coyotes, because the restaurant has lots of restrictions such as you must have a coupon and only dine in. We can address this later in the year.

C. Picnic Day Parking Fundraiser (4/19) – We can sell parking at the DJUSD parking lot on Picnic Day morning. We need someone to coordinate this simple project. People are needed to sell spaces until the lot is full, approximately two hours. Mike will put a call out on the listserve to see if anyone is willing to help with this. John Chuck has it reserved. Mike will confirm reservation.

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, Apr 9 at 7:30 p.m.

DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda
April 9, 2008

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| I. Approval of Minutes | E. Script |
| A. March minutes | F. LampPost Pizza |
| | G. Spring Car Washes (4/5 and 4/26) |
| | H. Concerts fundraising |
| | I. Publicity |
| II. Music Director's report | V. Old Business |
| | A. ? |
| III. Treasurer's report | VI. New Business |
| IV. Committee reports | A. Summary of Fundraising |
| A. Student report from Ana and Miranda | B. What fundraising should we keep? |
| B. Picnic Day Parking Lot | C. What fundraising should we omit? |
| C. Victoria trip | D. What new fundraising should we do? |
| D. New Orleans trip | |

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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