

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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May 2008

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



**A DRUM LINE:** A greatly expanded percussion section plays unconventional instruments for a rousing Riverdance number at the Secondary Concert on April 22.

Next Band Booster meeting is  
**Wed, May 7th**  
7:30 Pm, Band Rm

### Upcoming...

**Senior Concert** May 6th  
Tour Rehearsals May 7, 11 and 12  
**Band Tour!!!** To Victoria May 16-20  
Picnic and Pops May 28th  
Jazz Combo/Jazz Club Concert May 31

## Notes from the Director



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 good-byes. 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 that are having their students graduate. These include our coordinating president, Michael Choy; Treasurer, Clyde Kelly, Jazz Band coordinator, Peter Matlock and the parents who all did so much to organize our trips - Barbara Duffy, Sarah Davis, Dianne Dedoshka, Kathryn Schickman and especially the go-to-guy, Sam Yang. 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 22**. 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 "On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss" Congratulations to Jeff DuPertuis, Ken Bower and Clyde Quick for their continued success producing exemplary musicians at this level.

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

On **May 6** both the Concert and Symphonic Bands will present our "**Senior Concert.**" This performance has become a nostalgic evening - thanking the seniors for their efforts, finding out their plans for next year, and "passing the torch" to the next group of leaders. (This is also the last formal concert for seniors.) The start time will be the usual 7:30 in the IPAB Theater and we are asking that the \$1.00 donation be accompanied by a minimum of \$5.00 for the SOM (Save Our Music) Fund.

"Oh, Canada..."

Can you believe it? in a few short days 122 super high school band students will be winging their way to Can-

ada. The trip committee has been working overtime to prepare an educational yet fun experience for our students. Be aware, however, that this is not a vacation but an educational and performance tour. In order to play our best, 3 more rehearsals have been planned (one was already held on April 24) and students must attend 3 of them in order to participate in the tour. These are scheduled for Wednesday, May 7; Sunday, May 11, and Monday, May 12 -- all at 7:30p in the IPAB. PLEASE BE READY TO PICK UP AT DHS BY 9:00 PM- YOUR STUDENT WILL BE OUTSIDE WAITING FOR YOU!

On Wednesday, **May 28** 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 Canada.

ALSO--

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

-Fred Lange

## A Message from the Band Booster President

Band Booster Parents,

Well, I was one of the fortunate parents who was able to accompany the DHS Jazz Band and Jazz Choir to New Orleans. What an unbelievable trip! Here is what I thought was so memorable:

1. The concert at University of New Orleans where our Jazz Band and Jazz Choir performed. There were only a few University students in the audience but their cheering for our performances sounded as if the theater was packed.
2. The French Quarter. Need I say more.
3. Performance in Artillery Park at the French Quarter. While the Jazz Band was playing, the Jazz Choir students picked people from the audience to dance.
4. Our dinner and dance with a live band at the Jolly Inn. Our students were able to play with the band. At one point the Jolly Inn band graciously gave up the stage and their instruments to let our small student combos play. What a kick it was to hear our bus driver sing "My Girl" on stage.
5. Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Caroline, the director of the music program, introduces us to the congregation and explains to us the importance of our coming to New Orleans in their emotional recovery from Katrina. The Jazz Choir could not have picked two better pieces to sing in the Church service.
6. The City Tour. The lower Ninth Ward is basically open fields with sparse homes most unliveable, but it used to be a fairly dense community of homes. The homes that remain have a code of letters and numbers painted on the fronts of the houses that tells what dead animals or people were found in the house after the flood.

The hospitality of the people of New Orleans was spectacular. Our students presented themselves very well and made a big, favorable impression.

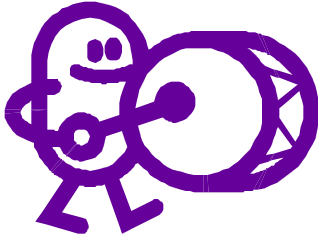
Now we are able to do it again -- get ready for Victoria!

Mike Choy, DHS BB President



# Pep Band: The Final Countdown

By Ana Ebrahimi



Thank you, universe, for not raining on Davis, CA April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Picnic Day Parade was a great success; thank you to all the students who made it and everyone who came to watch!

Please mark your calendars: Wed. **May 21<sup>st</sup>** is our LAST official pep band of the year! We will be playing at the Girls Powder Puff Football Game just one day after our return from Canada, eh? This means: staying on top of homework assignments, etc. so we can enjoy our last moments together as the 07-08 Pep Band! Woo!

## DHS Band Boosters Leadership 2007-2008

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## DHS Band Calendar

Times are pm unless noted.

### May

Tue, May 6	<b>Senior Concert</b> (Symp & 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	<b>Band Tour to Victoria, Canada</b>		
Wed, May 28	<b>Picnic and Pops</b> (Symp & Con)	6:00	Central Park
Fri, May 30	Deadline for Newsletter		<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>
Sat, May 31	<b>Jazz Combo Concert</b>	7:30	IPAB Theater

### June

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

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Send calendar updates to [susan.hulsizer@comcast.net](mailto:susan.hulsizer@comcast.net)

# Victoria, Victoria!

We're finalizing all of the little details for this trip, which is going to be fantastic! A detailed itinerary will be sent home soon.

Parents, PLEASE help us out by returning your forms and paying your Victoria bill promptly. By the time you read this, everything is (over) due.

If you have questions about payments, please contact the treasurer at: [dhsbbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:dhsbbtreasurer@gmail.com) or 758-9746.

If you have questions about forms, contact Kathryn at [dhsbbsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dhsbbsecretary@gmail.com), 758-0235.

For any other questions, feel free to give Sarah a call: 753-3299.



A few reminders:

- Students should carry a photo ID (school ID or driver's license)
- Cell phones are wickedly expensive to use in Canada...beware!
- "casual blacks" will be worn to many of our performance venues: long black pants of any kind (yes, black jeans are OK), a white shirt with a collar and at least short sleeves...polo shirts are fine, but NOT tank tops, and any shoe but not sandals or flip-flops. Questions or issues about attire? Talk to Mr. Lange.
- Dress blacks will also be needed. These should be packed in a garment bag, delivered to the school along with your instrument on Thursday 5/15 between 7:30 am and noon.

Students need to bring their passports to the next pre-tour rehearsal. We'll have a parent collecting them for inclusion into our "border binder". They will be stored in the hotel safe once we arrive in Victoria. Please do not forget!

- Rehearsal dates: **May 7, May 11, and May 12**, from 7:30-9:00 pm.

A few volunteers are needed to help on 5/15 from 7:00am until noon and again on 5/21 from noon to 3:30pm to supervise the instrument and dress black drop-off and pick-up. Please contact Sarah at 753-3299 if you can assist for some of these times.



## Save Our Music Update

Wow! The DSOMA's Save Our Music fund has collected \$130,000 at the time of printing. This money is dedicated to maintaining the elementary music program, which would also save the jobs of high school and junior high music teachers who have less seniority. It's not too late to contribute! If you get your donation to them by May 14th, they can get a check to the district in time to save the programs for next year if they can raise \$204,000.

Catch Joe Craven in concert at a SOM fundraiser May 17th, details on p7.

See <http://groups.dcn.org/dsoma>

## Davis Schools Foundation gets Matching Grants

The DSF's Dollar A Day fundraising drive can double your donation now through May 15 due to the generosity of donors offering matching grants. The fund stands at over \$840,000 to buy back programs and teacher positions cut by the DJUSD due to the \$4 mil budget deficit. There are many ways to contribute again to maintain the excellence of public schools in Davis. <http://www.davisschoolsfoundation.org/>

### TEE IT UP FOR SCHOOLS - EL MACERO OPEN GOLF DAY

DSF fundraiser for Tuesday, May 6th.

El Macero Country Club invites the community to play golf on Tuesday, May 6th. Green fees are \$50 per player with 100% of the funds raised through these fees going towards the Davis Schools Foundation. Please phone Brian Clark at 753-3363 to schedule a tee time. Singles and two-somes will be paired with other players to allow for as many players to participate in this event at possible.





## DHS Jazz Band making memories in New Orleans

A parent on the recent Davis High School Jazz Band – Jazz Choir trip to New Orleans noted that when music is involved magic happens, which is an appropriate summary for this first-time event where 58 students from the two music groups traveled together. The April 10 - 13 tour of New Orleans by the DHS Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Fred Lange, and DHS Jazz Choir, under the direction of Mr. Bill Zinn, included education, joy and poignancy. Students learned from distinguished jazz musicians, performed and danced in multiple venues, saw the devastation from Katrina and heard first-hand from those whose lives were shattered by the hurricane and subsequent flood. Most importantly, Davis students gave as much as they received, and both visitors and hosts were upbeat from a music-filled weekend.

After a walking “haunted” tour of the French Quarter Thursday night, students rose early on Friday for workshops with music faculty from the University of New Orleans (UNO), followed by a combined concert of the UNO Jazz Choir, DHS Jazz Choir and DHS Jazz Band. The afternoon and evening were spent exploring the French Quarter and enjoying the French Quarter Jazz Festival.

An outdoor concert Saturday morning across from Jackson Square in the French Quarter featured excellent performances by both groups. Jazz Choir members invited the audience to dance with them as the Jazz Band played, including a pair of 78 and 90 year old sisters, turning the park into a giant and enthusiastic party. Later the same day students explored Cajun country, toured a swamp and learned the history of this unique area, culminating in an evening at the Jolly Inn in Houma, LA. The Jolly Inn was founded ten years ago to preserve Cajun culture, which is threatened and has periodically been under active attack—including prohibitions on speaking French in schools. Cajun food and incredible music by the house band provided a lively ambience that had everyone dancing. The owners were delighted that every student was on the dance floor with a huge smile on their face, emphasizing “That’s Cajun!” They noted that the Davis group was the nicest they had hosted.

The Davis groups performed at the Lakeview Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. The Lakeview district was one of the hardest hit during the post-Katrina floods, and the Church had suffered over eight feet of standing water. Churches in the Lakeview District typically lost two-thirds of their members after the flood, and in addition to rebuilding one of the most difficult ongoing challenges was the effort to simply lead a normal life. The fact that music groups had come from California to perform in this church meant a huge amount to the community, beyond the walls of this beautifully restored building. The student performances were extraordinary.

Students also saw the extent of Katrina devastation, which remains shocking more than two years after the floods. Many homes in Lakeview, the lower Ninth Ward and other regions remain gutted, entire blocks are vacant or reduced to rubble, and the coding left on each house by rescue workers is silent testimony to the hardship endured by the citizens of New Orleans. Every person had a story to share about loss of life and property, and the ongoing efforts to rebuild their own lives.

A generous donation by a Davis resident provided a trombone to the music program at one of the hard-hit school districts. The Band was privileged to carry and hand-deliver the trombone.

All throughout the trip, people commented on how nice the Davis students are and what a great music program this community has. The people of New Orleans and the region were gracious and generous in their hospitality, and the Davis music students in turn provided a favorable and positive impression of our community.

-Peter Matlock

President Mike Choy called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

- I. Minutes - The minutes from our March meeting were approved.
- II. Music Director's report – Mr. Lange reports the Symphonic and Concert band Adjudication concert went well. Bringing in an adjudicator to work for several hours with the bands serves the students better than going off-site to a festival which costs quite a bit of money just for transportation and only a few minutes of feedback. The Jazz band performed in Monterey and will be traveling to New Orleans. In two weeks there will be a concert with the secondary schools and in five weeks another concert band and symphonic band performance. To date, \$25,000 has been collected for the SOM program. The SOM organizers are looking for people to serve on the committee.
- III. Treasurer's report – Clyde Kelly shared that there has been a lot of money in and out of the accounts. Coconut Grove, Play-a-thon, trip payments and the Jazz Choir reimbursement for New Orleans airfare brought in around \$56,000. Major expenses for the airfare to New Orleans and the hotel reservations for Victoria were about \$69,000. We currently have about \$25,000 in the checking account. Final payments for Victoria will be requested in the next week or so. The income from the Jazz Band and Jazz Choir concert was \$2,600. Each group will pay \$75 for the IPAB fee and share the income evenly for trip expenses.

Mike Choy notes that the Victoria trip was the scheduled trip for this school year. The New Orleans trip was added to the calendar this year. Students going on the New Orleans trip will use funds from their individual student account for that trip. Any remaining funds will then be allotted to the Victoria trip. This prevents students from attending only one trip and leaving funds unused in their individual student account.

Rick Hoover inquired whether there had been a vote to determine allocation of funds raised from the Jazz Band/Jazz Choir concert to those individual groups as opposed to the general band fund. It had been discussed at the January and February meetings. He states that if funds are to be raised solely for one band it should be approved by the band boosters by a vote.

IV. Committee reports -

A. Picnic Day Parking Lot (4/19) – Jagruti Maroney offered to staff the school district parking lot the morning of Picnic Day. We will charge \$10/car. The lot will be staffed until the lot is full, usually a couple hours at most.

B. Victoria trip- We were assigned to all performance venues as we requested. The final itinerary is being ironed out. Students have plenty of free time, as well as time for some scheduled fun activities and study. The "permission packets" with requests for final payments will be distributed through students by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have not received your trip packet by then, please contact Kathryn Shickman at 758-0235. Please return your packets and payments promptly.

C. Script – Larry has the April script form available this evening, and it was also made available in the April newsletter. They are due Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

D. LampPost Pizza – The next pizza fundraiser will be held at Lamppost Pizza on Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>.

E. Spring Car Washes (4/5 and 4/26) – The 4/5 car wash brought in \$280, or about \$13/hour per student. We were expecting it to be more successful, yet many people were busy with spring break. The last car wash of the year will be on 4/26.

F. Concerts fundraising – We made \$300 from the adjudication concert. Mike Choy will follow up on whether we ever received a payment of \$250 for the flute concert on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March (Mike confirmed that we received the payment.).

V. New Business-

A. Summary of Fundraising – President Mike Choy sent an email to all chairs and coordinators of fundraising events asking for information on their success of the fundraising. He wants to compile a list of which businesses who supported the bands (money, items, food, drink, etc.) We will be sending out thank you letters to all businesses that have contributed to the band boosters this year. It was suggested that the businesses be told that they will be recognized on an insert in the concert programs or on a sign in the IPAB lobby during our final concerts this school year. Mike Choy will need these lists as soon as possible. Mr. Lange will need it by May 1<sup>st</sup> to have it ready for the program inserts. In the next couple months we will need to discuss what fundraising efforts we should keep, what fundraising efforts we should omit, and what new fundraising efforts we should consider. This year has been a great fundraising year. Mr. Lange says we should not anticipate equal fund raising next year. Many others are asking for funds and people's finances are stretched. He is creating a "rainy day" fund.

B. Final BB Meetings - There will be two more meetings this school year, in May and June. It was suggested that we hold elections at the last meeting of this school year, if at all possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. The next meeting will be held on May 7, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Shickman, Band Booster Secretary

Davis Schools Orchestral Music Association Presents:

# SAVE OUR MUSIC!

A benefit concert for the survival of the Davis Schools Music Program

## SATURDAY MAY 17



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Taco Bar, Beer & Wine Garden at **5:30PM** - Doors open at **7:00PM** - Concert starts at **7:30PM**  
Concert Tickets are **\$35**, Dinner Tickets are **\$10**. Both are available at  
**Watermelon Music (530) 758-4010** or at the door!



Davis, California

This event will be at the **SWINGIN' Davis High School IPAB Richard Brunelle Theater**, 108 West 14th Street, Davis, CA

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For more information about the  
Davis Schools Music Crisis, please visit  
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## Estate Jewelry Sale to Benefit Save Our Music

After attending the Wennberg concert, an anonymous donor asked if she could contribute estate jewelry to help **Save Our Music! De Luna Jewelers** on Second and E Streets will be selling these pieces for DSOMA-SOM through **Mother's Day**. De Luna Jewelers has generously waived its consignment fee so that every dollar spent will go to **Save Our Music!** What this means is that these beautiful one-of-a-kind European and Asian rings, bracelets, earrings and pendants are being sold at extremely affordable prices.



**Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting: Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.**

DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda  
May 7, 2008

- I. Approval of Minutes
    - A. April minutes
  - II. Music Director's report
  - III. Treasurer's report
  - IV. Committee reports
    - A. Student report from Ana and Miranda
  - D. Script
  - E. LampPost Pizza
  - H. Spring Car Washes
  - J. Picnic Day Parking Fundraiser
  - I. Concerts fundraising
  - J. Publicity
  - H. Victoria trip
  - V. Old Business
  - VI. New Business
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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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