

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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April 2009

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

Notes from the Director 🎵

"You Aint Heard Nothing Yet!" (Al Jolsen)

In the past 2 months you were able to hear some great performances by our band students. These weren't just run-of-the-mill high school band concerts, these were great evenings of entertainment. I hope you were able to hear the Symphonic Band in the annual **"Festivity Of Bands"** in February. Here I think you were able to compare our work with that of the local colleges... bands which are comprised of students majoring in Music. I am pleased to say that our Symphonic Band was certainly on a par with both of these groups (if not even better than them).



The Senior Concert from 2008 honored the seniors of the bands with red carnations.

If you missed that, then I hope you were able to hear the Concert and Symphonic Bands at the **Adjudication Concert**. Entertainment? What about those Taiko Drums and the video tour of Japan? Yes, ENTERTAINMENT!

You had the chance to see our Jazz Band perform with some of the finest musicians in Northern California ... the **Capitol Jazz Project**. You even got to see some of our brightest stars playing side-by-side with them.

What's left?? (I'm glad you asked)

On Tuesday, **April 21**, we will host the **Secondary Concert** with the bands from Emerson, Harper and Holmes Junior Highs. This is always a fun concert with our students getting a chance to show off for the students who are about to be part of our band family. The music starts at 7:30 in the IPAB and admission is free.

The Jazz Band travels to Reno for the largest **jazz festival** in the Western U.S. on April 24.

The Concert and Symphonic bands will perform again on **May 5** at the **Senior Concert**. This evening will feature the music of John Williams and a solo performance by our own music teachers Angelo Moreno and Karen Gardias.

The **band tour** (May 15-19)... The **Picnic and Pops in Central Park** (May 27)... The **Combo Concert** (May 30)... **Jazz On A Summer's Eve** (June 5).

Lots to do.

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Notes from the director continued

As they say, all good things must eventually come to an end...

As we near the end of the school year and I reflect upon what we have accomplished (and still need to do) I must face the reality that our bands are comprised of some wonderful musicians who will be leaving our fold soon. Even more difficult to face is the fact that there are some active band booster parents who will be leaving with their students. These individuals will be difficult to replace.

From me and especially the kids...
Thank You.

Fred Lange



The **Picnic and Pops Concert** in Davis' Central Park is a great way to introduce pre-school students to music, with the ability to move around the band as they play. Invite some young friends to join in the fun on Wednesday, **May 27th**, 6 pm.

DHS Bands Calendar 2008-2009

April

Wed 4/1	Band Booster Mtg	7:30	PA3
Thur 4/2	Symphonic Band Auditions		
4/6-4-10	Spring Break		
Tue 4/21	Secondary Concert Symph with Jr High	7:30	IPAB
23-24	Reno Jazz Festival		
Sat 4/25	Car Wash Fundraiser	8am-noon	DJUSD Lot

May

Tue 5/5	Senior Concert (Concert + Symphonic Bands)	7:30	IPAB
Wed 5/13	Band Booster Mtg	7:30	PA3
5/15-5-19	Band Trip- San Diego		
Wed 5/27	Picnic and Pops Concert	6:00	Central Park
Sat 5/30	Jazz Combo Concert	7:30	IPAB

June

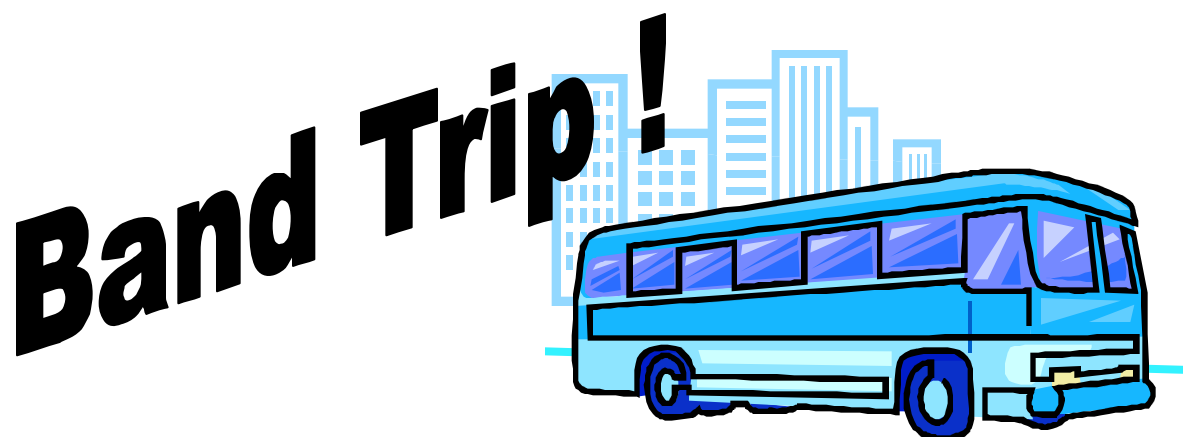
Wed 6/3	Band Boosters Mtg	7:30	PA3
Fri 6/5	Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert	7:30	IPAB

Join us for the next Band Boosters meeting:

Wed, May 13, 7:30 pm in the Band Room.

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Davis High School Band Boosters. Band parents/guardians can request a mailed copy of the newsletters by emailing the editor, Susan Hulsizer at <susan.hulsizer@comcast.net> or at 753-2221. The deadline for the May newsletter is Wednesday, April 29. We welcome your submissions and comments.

-Susan Hulsizer



The May trip to San Diego gets closer by the day! Information packets and permission slips have gone home with the students for both parents and students to fill out and return no later than **April 23rd**. The packet is full of useful information such as what to pack, and what to leave behind, as well as required forms and permission slips. If you have any questions about the trip, contact trip coordinator Katie Horn at 758-2528 or <jazzyhorns@aol.com>

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A Message from the Band Booster President



DHS Band Booster Parents,

We had 2 major concerts in March. The Concert Band and the Symphonic Band each were able to play at the Adjudication Concert and both bands did a fabulous job. As Mr. Lange has explained, we are able to obtain professional judging and comments at less cost than traveling to a judged band event. The Jazz Band played at the Capital Jazz Project Concert and had received comments from all of these professional musicians a few days earlier. The Capital Jazz Project musicians really do this event as an educational experience for our students and their only financial compensation is the Concert fees that we collect from the audience. This year we did much better than last year and I want to thank you for your support.

We still have 2 great band trips coming up. The Jazz Band will be competing at the Reno Jazz Festival, which is a fairly large and very competitive festival. Then we are taking all three Bands to San Diego. Almost all the details have been worked out for both trips, and I think most of you will agree these Band trips are the most memorable events for our students.

Overall, Band Boosters has done well this year and I want to let you know how much I appreciate your support and hard work. We will have a few open coordinator/chair positions and the treasurer position open next year. The current Band officers will be confirming who will be staying in those positions and we will start looking at potentially filling vacant spots during the remainder of this year. We will see you at the May Band Booster meeting.

Mike Choy

BAND BOOSTER MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2009

DHS Band Boosters Meeting March 11, 2009

The meeting began at 7:41pm.

I. The minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the March newsletter with amendments to the funds approved for San Diego trip to read \$2650.

II. Music Director's report – The DHS symphonic band sounded excellent when playing along with the CSUS and UCD bands at the Festivity of Bands. Coconut Grove was very successful. March 19th is the Adjudication Concert with Symphonic and Concert bands working with Merle Wamhoff department chair from San Joaquin Delta College. March 29th the Jazz Band is performing with Capital Jazz Project. A couple members of CJP are coming to work with Jazz band students in class.

III. Treasurer's report – Jo Andrews Merges reports that all is going very efficiently. We have \$15,000 in reserve, approximately \$10,000 in the general fund, and \$7400 in the music fund.

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IV. Committee reports

- A. Student report –Pep Band will play at Patwin on 3/28 at their Walk-a-thon.
- B. Car wash – 3/21st and 4/25th Sign-ups on the band room bulletin board
- C. Coconut Grove – Thank you to the co-chairs and all who volunteered at this event. There were a record number (272) of tickets sold for the event this year. The estimate of net profits is around \$9,000; this is about what we made last year. The silent auction did ok but things didn't sell at rates like last year. Students recorded 350 hours of work. There will be some funds leftover from the profits of this event to be allocated to the general fund. President Mike Choy would like to consider increasing the subsidies of the band clinics on the San Diego Trip. He will bring this up at the next BB meeting if necessary. John will provide Fred with a list of students not attending the band trip. Fred will inquire with all as to why they are not attending the trip. However, there are a very few limited number of additional spaces available at this time.
- D. Reno Jazz Festival – We need a carpool organizer. We have chaperones. Room lists sign-ups to be posted.
- E. San Diego trip 5/15 – 5/19 - John Horn reviewed the itinerary. Details are available from Trip Coordinator Katie Horn at jazzyhorns@aol.com Mike Choy authorized the road crew to purchase 13 t-shirts
- F. Lamppost and Yogurt Shack – 3/18/09. John Horn will post a reminder on the listserv.
- G. Capital Jazz Project Concert – Bring friends, drag neighbors to this fantastic concert. Each jazz band student is to post 10 flyers announcing the concert around town. We could use help selling tickets. . We voted and approved for the Band Boosters to pay for the IPAB expense for CJP concert.

V. New Business

- A. Hiram Jackson from "SOM" (Save Our Music, the campaign to save the cuts to the music program proposed one year ago.) – Mr. Jackson shared that there are no cuts proposed to the music programs for 2009-2010 school year. Measure W protects the elementary music programs and some secondary music programs for the next three years. We do need to think what will happen to our music programs when Measure W expires. With approval from all music teachers, some money from the SOM fundraiser has been allocated to a video project creating up to three 3-5 minute clips that will educate people about the music program. The videos would serve to 1. fundraise 2. educate about music program 3. recruit new students. Mr. Lange requests that he be involved in this and that his groups are represented in the videos. There is consideration of forming a district wide Music Boosters organization to benefit all music programs. There currently is no organization that looks at the future needs of the entire music program. With a new organization a board of representatives from each booster group can make decisions regarding the whole school district music program. All are invited to participate in the formation of this group. If you would like further information about this group you may contact Mr. Lange or Mike Choy for Mr. Jackson's email address.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Shickman – Band Booster Secretary