

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



**October  
2009**

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



## ♪ Notes from the Band Director ♪

### **WE NEED YOU!!**

Welcome to the most enthusiastic and effective support group in our community, the Davis High School Band Boosters. Now that your student is an active member of the band, we hope you will take advantage of this outstanding positive family experience. It is the opportunity to join your son or daughter in the attainment of a mutual goal, something you do not want to miss.

At a time when young people are making crucial decisions concerning personal behavior, ethics, integrity, morals, and an array of vital life choices, wouldn't you like to be around to have some influence on their direction? Band parents enjoy this unusual vantage point, and all of the band members benefit from such a healthy relationship.

Band parents are also integrated into every phase of the program. They are not passive observers, or simply a polite sideline audience, but active contributors in the daily operation of the program. The ongoing success of our program is in direct proportion to the support of our parents. **WE NEED YOU!!**

I often think there is as much pride in our band parent organization as there is in the band itself. Many of our parent participants have found hidden social benefits for their own growth and development. Not only do our boosters work hand-in-hand with our band program, but they relish the exchange with other parents who share a common interest.

You may think there are not enough hours in the day to add one more responsibility to your schedule. This is a legitimate consideration; however, we are sensitive to the situation. You will find everyone is willing to make the necessary accommodations so all parents can become involved. It is a chance that will only come around once in life for your student.

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Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday evening, **October 7**, at 7:30p.m. in the Band Room at DHS. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to be with us for a brief meeting to meet our veteran members and get a bird's-eye view of our band program. You will also enjoy the optimistic atmosphere of our band's number-one fan club – our band parents. You will quickly sense the caring and sharing attitude that has become the trademark of this group. I urge you to attend our meetings, become an active member of the various committees, and join the ranks of a wonderful "band of parents" who ensure our students are at the front of life's parade.



*Personal regards,  
Fredrick Lange  
Director of Bands*



## The "Dress Blacks" Uniform

The Concert and Symphonic Bands wear "Dress Blacks" as follows:

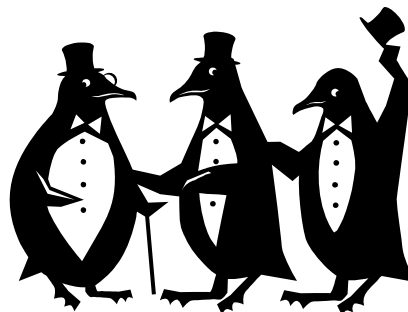
**Men:** Tux, or black suit, or black coat and black slacks, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks and nice black shoes (please, no sport shoes).

**Women:** Black dress, or black top and black skirt, or black top with black slacks and dress black shoes. The dresses and tops must have sleeves! All slacks must be slacks (please, no jeans or tight-fitting pants). If the skirt is short, you must wear black tights with black shoes.

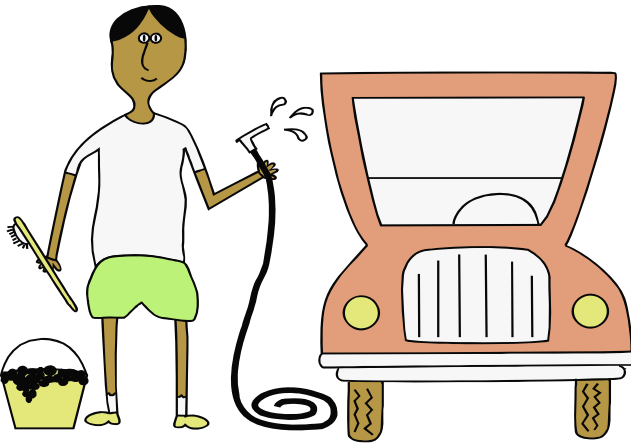
1. Men, if your suit / tux / coat from last year does not fit anymore, how about donating it to DHS Bands for use by younger students?
2. Parents, don't let your student talk you into an expensive purchase. Many times a black coat can be purchased at thrift stores for a small amount of money.
3. Women, all dresses must be completely black (no white ruffles or collars, etc.). If you intend to purchase a new dress this year, make it all black! Furthermore, last year I was concerned about the propriety of some dress lengths. Let's be sensible this year -- no shorter than 2 inches above the knee at the most.

**Our dress blacks set the stage for the outstanding music performances of our concert and symphonic bands!**

*Fredrick Lange,  
Director of Bands*



**FIRST CAR WASH  
GENERATES  
OVER \$900 !**



The first Band Boosters car wash, held on September 20, was very successful and a lot of fun for everyone! The band car washes serve as an opportunity for the students to earn funds to put toward the cost of their band trips. Your support is needed to continue this success. The next car wash is scheduled for **Sunday, October 4**, at the SaveMart Supermarket from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are in great need of parental help, so please consider volunteering a few hours of your time at this event. It is also the perfect time to bring your car in for a good scrubbing!

The final two car washes will be on **October 24** (at the DJUSD parking lot across from Central Park) and **November 7** (at the Nugget Market on Covell Blvd.), both from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come join in the fun and be a part of your child's life!

Please contact me to volunteer your time or with any questions. Thank you!

*Theresa Lucas, Car Wash Coordinator*  
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♪ **Message from the Band Booster President** ♪

Dear Band Booster Parents,

Well, we are at the beginning of the school year and we have a busy schedule planned for the 4 bands – Pep, Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz. I feel that Band Boosters is starting a little late because we had to delay our first Band Booster meeting. Fortunately, we already have good people in most of our coordinator positions that have already started working or will very soon. I definitely want to give a big thanks to these coordinators.

For those of you who are new to Band Boosters, I would like to extend a big welcome! If you decide to become involved in one or more of the activities, our history has shown that we become much like an extended family. Talk to any of the “old timers”. I am sure you will hear about an event where the parent worked hard, played hard, and had experiences with other parents and students that have become some of their best lasting memories.

The Band Booster experience is not only incredibly rewarding, but it also serves a vital function. We enrich the DHS Band program so your sons and daughters have the opportunity to play and grow in one of the best high school band programs locally and nationally. However, the fact is that DHS supplies only the room and of course, Mr. Lange. Mr. Lange is a great Director, but he would not be able to mold these bands to such a high level of performance without you. Each one of you made the decision before now to have your student learn to play a musical instrument. I know you already invested a significant amount of time and money. Your son or daughter may even thank you one of these days – maybe not. I believe it is in the high school years where you will see the return on your investment, but there are ongoing costs. DHS Band Boosters repairs and purchases school instruments, organizes and supports concerts and band trips / competitions, provides financial assistance to students when necessary, etc. We have many fundraiser activities throughout the year.

My request of you now is not to quit or postpone – even during our bad economic times. We need to work together to maintain our DHS band program. Now let me see – what can we do so you can carve out some time? I have it! You know those work furlough days you have this year...

*Mike Choy, Band Booster President*

## ♪ Message from the Pep Band Director ♪



Pep Band's "Zoo" Theme

Pep Band is off to a great start! We started the school year with rehearsals, and we had our first game on September 10. We've had two games since, on September 18 and 24, and all three games have been at UC Davis. The themes have been Pirates vs. Ninjas, Zoo, and Occupations, and there have been some amazing costumes! We've introduced two new songs this year: "I Want You Back" by the Jackson 5 (and arranged by our very own Alex Posten) and a classic, "Crazy Train."

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Pep Band, it is an experience your student will be certain to enjoy. While we don't march, Pep Band plays fun, popular music (like "All the Small Things" and "Y.M.C.A.") at football and basketball games, and gets the team and crowd pumped up. However, the most fun part of Pep Band is the costumes. Pep Band is different from any other high school band in that we dress up in crazy costumes (the wackier the better!) for every game. Any student in the band program can participate in Pep Band, and they earn extra credit points for doing so. Overall, Pep Band is a ton of fun and every student in band should participate!

In the next few weeks, we'll be getting ready for the Homecoming parade and game on October 23. While there are no more games before then, we're hoping that we'll be able to have Homecoming in the new DHS stadium!

See You At Homecoming!  
Naomi Egel, Pep Band Director



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#### The following positions are still not filled:

Publicity Coordinator  
SCRIP Coordinator  
Jazz Band Trip Coordinator  
Direct Donation Appeal Coordinator

## DHS Bands 2009-2010 (Partial) Calendar

### October

10/4 Sun	Car Wash	11am-3pm	SaveMart
10/7 Wed	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
10/10 Sat	Davis Jazz Artists Festival	TBA	Downtown
10/15 Thurs	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30-9pm	DHS PA-03
10/19 Mon	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30-9pm	DHS PA-03
10/20 Tues	Outreach Band Concert	7:30-8:30pm	IPAB
10/22 Thurs	Outreach Band Concert	7:30-8:30pm	IPAB
10/23 Fri	Homecoming Parade	TBA	Central Park
10/23 Fri	Pep Band @ Football	6:15pm	DHS
10/24 Sat	Car Wash	9am-1pm	DJUSD

### November

11/1 Sun	UCD Causeway Band Festival Rehearsal	TBA	TBA
11/4 Wed	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
11/5 Thurs	UCD Causeway Band Festival Rehearsal	TBA	Mondavi
11/6 Fri	Pep Band @ Football	6:15pm	DHS
11/7 Sat	Car Wash	9am-1pm	Covell Nugget
11/8 Sun	UCD Causeway Band Festival Rehearsal & Concert	TBA	Mondavi
11/12 Thurs	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
11/15 Sun	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:00pm	IPAB
11/16 Mon	Symphonic Band Concert for Davis Jr. High Schools	1:30pm	IPAB
11/16 Monday	Symphonic Band Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
11/17 Tues	<i>LampPost Pizza Fundraiser</i>	4-9pm	LampPost
11/17-11/19	Rent-A-Band Rehearsals	Afterschool	DHS
11/18 Wed	Jazz Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:30pm	IPAB
11/20 Friday	Jazz Extravaganza Concert	7:30pm	IPAB

*The months of April, May and June of 2010 will be posted in future newsletters.*

### December

12/1 Tues	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	IPAB
12/2 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
12/5 Sat	Delta Jazz Festival	TBA	Stockton
12/12 Sat	CSUS Jazz Festival	TBA	Sacramento
12/14 Mon	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	IPAB
12/16 Weds	Combined Band Rehearsal	2:30-5pm	IPAB
12/17 Thursday	Winter Rhapsody Combined Band Concert	7:30pm	IPAB

### January

1/13 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
1/23 Sat	Play-A-Thon Begins	7:00pm	DHS MPR
1/24 Sun	Play-A-Thon Final Concert	7:00am	DHS MPR
1/30 Sat	Folsom Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom

### February

2/3 Weds	Elementary Concert (DHS Band Students Needed)	TBA	IPAB
2/10 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
2/13 Sat	Jazz Choir Cabaret	6:00pm	DHS
2/14 Sun	Jazz Choir Cabaret	5:00pm	DHS
2/17 Weds	<i>LampPost Pizza Fundraiser</i>	4-9pm	LampPost
2/27 Sat	Coconut Grove	TBA	DHS MPR

### March

3/3 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
3/10 Weds	Festivity of Bands Symphonic Band with UCD & CSUS	TBA	Mondavi
3/16 Tues	<i>LampPost Pizza Fundraiser</i>	4-9pm	LampPost
3/18 Thurs	Adjudication Concert Symphonic & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
3/28 Sat	Capitol Jazz Project Concert with DHS Jazz Band	TBA	IPAB

## Natsoulas / Davis Jazz Artists Festival ~ October 10, 2009

The third annual Davis Jazz Artists Festival is a free event sponsored by the John Natsoulas Gallery and the Davis Downtown Business Association. It takes place Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the stages in front of Borders Bookstore and the John Natsoulas Gallery in Downtown Davis. Some performances will also continue on into the evening at various spots throughout downtown Davis. The Davis Jazz Artists Festival brings a wide variety of musical groups to our town and showcases our very own Davis High School Jazz Band and small combo groups. Some of the other groups performing include the Brubeck Institute Quintet, the Tony Passarell Trio, the CSUS Latin Jazz Ensemble, Adam Jenkins and the Ganbare Spirits Ensemble, the UCD Jazz Combo, Yolo Mambo and more. To add to the experience, painters will paint on stage during some of the musical performances as they are inspired by the music. Art activities will also be held inside the John Natsoulas Gallery and throughout the afternoon. It is a fusion of many senses! Check out the web-site ahead of time for the finalized schedule at [www.davisjazz.com](http://www.davisjazz.com).

As an adjunct to the Davis Jazz Artists Festival, there will be a raffle with many wonderful prizes that will be raffled off between performances. All proceeds from the raffle benefit the students in the Concert, Symphonic and Jazz Bands. Parents may decide to purchase raffle tickets for themselves and/or to sell to friends. All money collected from advanced ticket sales goes directly into the individual student band accounts. The more advanced tickets that you sell or buy determines the amount of money that will go into your student's account. Plus you also increase your chances of taking home some great prizes. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. For bundles of tickets, please contact Janet Soto Mukai at 758-6353.

There are a lot of awesome items to be raffled at the Davis Jazz Artists Festival. These include a weekend retreat at a cabin on Serene Lake near Soda Springs, a beautiful photograph by Howard Chew, an iPod third generation, a \$200 gift certificate to the Artery, a Senior or Family Portrait Session with Dan Jones Custom Photography, a three-month membership at the Davis Athletic Club, three paintings from the John Natsoulas Gallery, a handmade quilt, a case of delicious artisan old-vine zinfandel from Amador County, vouchers to River Cats baseball games, a Guitar Hero for Play Station 3, and gift certificates to many local businesses, such as Watermelon Music, Alphabet Moon, Pomegranate Salon, Old Tea House, Habit Burger and more.

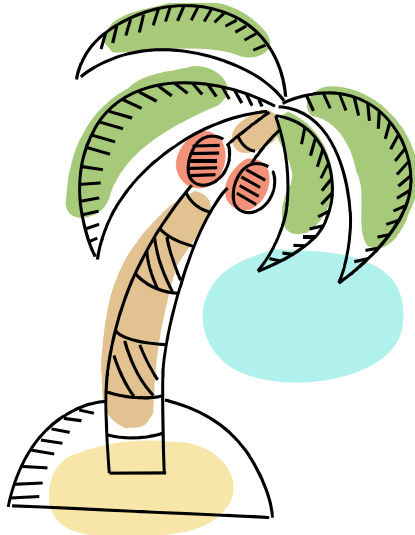


We hope to see you on October 10<sup>th</sup>!  
*Stephanie Hunt & Janet Soto Mukai*  
 Davis Jazz Artists Festival Co-Chairs

### Please join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting! October 7, 2009 ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ Room PA-3

#### AGENDA for October 7, 2009

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Approval of Minutes                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. September Minutes</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. Music Director's Report</li> <li>III. Student Report                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. General Information</li> <li>B. Pep Band</li> </ul> </li> <li>IV. Treasurer's Report</li> <li>V. Committee Reports                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Car Wash</li> <li>B. Davis Jazz Artists Festival</li> <li>C. Pizza &amp; Yogurt Fundraisers</li> <li>D. Direct Donations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E. Rent-A-Band</li> <li>F. Play-A-Thon</li> <li>G. Coconut Grove</li> <li>H. Concerts, CD / DVD Sales</li> <li>I. Disneyland Trip</li> <li>J. Jazz Band Trip</li> <li>K. SCRIP</li> <li>L. Any Others</li> <li>VI. Old Business                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Positions that Need Filling ASAP                                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SCRIP</li> <li>2. Publicity</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. Positions Requiring Less Time</li> </ul> </li> <li>VII. New Business</li> </ul> |
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## Volunteers Needed to Help With Coconut Grove

On **February 27, 2009**, the Davis High School Band Boosters will again present “**An Evening at the Coconut Grove.**” This is a wonderful evening of food and music presented by youth jazz bands from throughout our town, including our award-winning DHS Jazz Band! The proceeds from this popular event help all DHS band students earn money to put toward the cost of this year’s band trips. By volunteering their time at the event, students can earn credit to their own DHS band account to offset their costs of band trips. We are seeking student and adult volunteers, as well as donations for the silent auction. Please contact one of the Coconut Grove Co-Chairs, Mike Coleman (coleman@muni1.com) or Randy Chinn (ranchinn@gmail.com), with questions or if you would like to sign up to help with the event. See you in February!

*Randy Chinn & Mike Coleman, Coconut Grove Co-Chairs*

## 🎵 Band Booster Minutes ~ September 9, 2009 🎵

Band Boosters President Mike Choy welcomed all to the first DHS band booster meeting of the 2009-2010 school year. He introduced the other Band Booster officers: John Horn, Vice President; Kathryn Shickman, Secretary; and Joyce Hamaguchi, Treasurer. The purpose of the Band Boosters organization at DHS is: to raise funds to support the costs of enriching the band program; to organize and chaperone band trips and other band events; to offer administrative / logistical support for all band performances and activities, and to provide a means of communication between the director and the parents of students in the band.

Director Fred Lange said there are about 165 students in the bands this school year. The success of our band program is due in large part to the contributions of the parents. Being involved in Band Boosters is a great way to spend time with your student and friends and have fun. He encouraged all parents to jump in and participate in this program.

Student Naomi Egel will be the Pep Band Director this year. The Pep Band is the 4<sup>th</sup> band at DHS that performs at home football and basketball games and other special school and community events. Rehearsals and games always have a theme and students are encouraged to dress up. This is the social part of band and also a way for students to earn valuable points towards their grade. Parents are needed to help chaperone all football and basketball games.

The minutes from the June 2009 meeting were approved.

Vice President John Horn reviewed key upcoming dates including a car wash, a Pep Band rehearsal, football games, and the Davis Jazz Festival benefiting the DHS Band Boosters. A band calendar for the school year was sent home with all band students.

Treasurer Joyce Hamaguchi gave a financial update.

All in attendance received a “Band Boosters Information & Volunteer Positions” handout that provides detailed information about all volunteer positions. Parents were asked to complete the blue volunteer sign-up sheet and return it to John Horn. There are a few key positions that need to be filled as soon as possible. These forms were also emailed to each band family. Please mail the form to John Horn at the address provided on the form ASAP.

Mr. Lange closed the evening by telling of a parent who waited until his student was a senior before getting involved in Band Boosters and then saying he wished he had done it earlier.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary*

# **BEHAVIOR STANDARDS FOR PEP BAND**

Pep Band is, arguably, one of the most enjoyable things about being in the band. It is so fun that we frequently have 120 or more students participating at a single game. No longer do we have pep band, but now it is PEP BAND!

Having this much participation is GREAT, but it is quickly becoming more and more difficult to make sure everyone is doing the job of cheering on the team. (If you have observed, I sit facing the band at all times.)

There seems to be many misconceptions about the rules for Pep Band participation. Too many students do not know the proper behavior at these events and we have now had a couple of incidents that make it necessary to establish clear guidelines. Please understand that when you tell your parents that you are with the Pep Band, your safety is MY responsibility.

I have listed the major points in the list below. I am willing to discuss any and all of these rules.

- You must stay with the band the entire time we are at the game. If you wish to leave the group, please ask permission. DO NOT climb off the back row of the bleachers.
- If your parents insist that you must leave the band earlier than the end of the game, you must bring a note from your parents.
- You will have the first 8 minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the game to visit the snack bar. You must be back with the band when the field clock reads 4:00 minutes remaining in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- Do not play your instrument unless doing so with the entire group.
- Cheering is good - Cursing is bad. Let's keep all cheering POSITIVE. Do not disgrace our school by saying something that might put down the opposition!
- Only students enrolled in the band program may participate in Pep Band.
- Non-band students may not sit in the band area. If you wish to sit with your non-band friends, please sit next to the edge and have them sit outside the group.
- You may not use school saxophones, or bass clarinets for Pep Band. Period!!
- I do not think it is wise to leave your instrument unattended on the bleachers during your break; however it is your instrument and is up to you. Do you think it is good to eat a lot of junk food during the break and then blow it into your instrument?
- Please take the new horns with you on break. Do not leave them on the bleachers to get scratched, dented, damaged, etc.
- Costumes have become a super part of Pep Band, however you may not dress to mock or defame any group. Boys may not dress as girls.

If any student willingly breaks any of these rules, the following will be implemented.

- Any points earned at this event will be forfeited.
- 50 points will be deducted.
- Parents will be informed.
- The student will be forbidden from participating in Pep Band for the remainder of the school year.

I have read and understand the above behavior standards for Pep Band and agree to abide by them.

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student signature

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parent signature

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student name (printed)

**This form must be signed and returned before you will be allowed to participate in Pep Band.**