

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



**March  
2010**

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

♪ **Notes from the Band Director** ♪



Congratulations to all those students and parents who had a hand in producing **one of the greatest Coconut Groves ever!** Mike Coleman and Randy Chinn really out-did themselves this year. Of special note were the performances by the young jazz students from the Junior Highs and, of course, Celia Cottle's bands. Thank you all for a memorable evening!

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On Wednesday, **March 10** our **Symphonic Band** will participate in the annual "**Festivity of Bands**" to be held in the Jackson Hall of the **Mondavi Center** at UCD. This event has been held since 1995 and features the Concert Band from UCD and the Wind Ensemble from CSU Sacramento, in addition to our own Symphonic Band. This is a great opportunity for you to compare the work done by our students to that of 2 local universities. You won't want to miss the DHS performance of "Symphonic Dances from West Side Story," by the great Leonard Bernstein.

Tickets are available at the Mondavi Box Office. BUT WAIT— I have **vouchers** for band families that allow one family member to have a **free admission** to the performance. *These vouchers will be available at the next Band Booster meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd.*

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A very important event for the **Concert and Symphonic Bands** takes place on Thursday, **March 18th** in our own IPAB Theater. I'm talking about the annual **Adjudication Concert**. This is the opportunity for someone outside our circle of friends to come to DHS, listen to the work being done by our students, and evaluate the performances.

The inspiration for this concert came a few years ago when I realized that in order to take our two bands to a festival, it would cost us almost \$1,000 for fees and buses. I decided that for a portion of that amount, I could instead hire a noted band authority from this area to come to DHS and work with our students. That way, instead of getting only written comments and some garbled tape recordings, I would be able to have the adjudicator work personally with the students – *showing* them how to improve.

The format of the day is as follows... during 7th period (Concert Band), we will play for the adjudicator and then he will have almost an hour to present to the students. At the concert that evening, the Concert Band will again repeat their performance from the afternoon. Brief comments will be given, and then there will be an intermission. The Symphonic Band will then perform and he will spend a while presenting to them.

The **adjudicator** I've invited this year is **Mr. Robert Halseth**, Director of Bands from CSU Sacramento. Mr. Halseth has done this for us before and always brings new insights to our students.

And the music? Well, the Concert Band will be performing "Sea Gate Overture", "Three American Portraits", "Urban Dances" (an exciting excursion into the world of Latin-American music), and musical depictions of Thomas Jefferson, Emily Dickinson, and Charles Lindbergh. The Symphonic Band will reprise their "West Side Story" epic from the previous week at the Mondavi Center.



Donations will gladly be accepted at the door, although no formal admission will be charged. This concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will end at about 9:00 p.m.

*Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands*



## ♪ Message from the Band Booster President ♪

Dear DHS Band Booster Parents,

Wow! That's right, wow! Once again I do not understand how all of you working on our committees pull this off in our depressed economy. **Coconut Grove was a HUGE success.** First, we had the three Davis Junior High School Jazz Bands, two of Celia Cottle's Jazz Bands, the DHS Jazz Choir, and of course, our DHS Jazz Band all performing and entertaining the larger-than-ever audience. We were packed. What a great community event. Then, we have the dessert – our fundraising portion of the event brought in lots of money. How do you guys do this? Do you convince people to take out loans, skip meals, or what? To all you parents working at Coconut Grove, and to all of you who have volunteered in any of our other functions which have gone so well, thank you. And I am not forgetting about all the students that helped because we could not have done this without them either.

So what's left for the remainder of this academic year? Well, the fun is not over yet because we still have ongoing fundraisers – most of them involving food, so how can that be bad. We have concerts coming up where we can listen to our remarkable bands. Finally, we also have two major band trips coming up. I can't wait to go on California Screamin'. I love that ride. The Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival has unbelievable youth Jazz Bands from all over the country. Hang on tight for the ride so you don't get left behind.

Mike Choy, DHS Band Booster President

### Don't feel like cooking?

Go out to eat and support our Bands!  
Just mention the DHS Band Program when you place your order,  
and a portion of each sale will benefit our Bands.



Tuesday, March 16th  
4:00 — 9:00 p.m.



Wednesday, March 31st  
4:00 p.m.— closing



Coconut Grove ~ Feb. 27



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# Volunteers

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# Please Join Us!



## **AGENDA for Band Boosters Meeting March 3, 2010 ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ Room PA-3**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Approval of minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. February 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. Fundraisers: pizza, yogurt, burgers</li> <li>B. Direct Donations</li> <li>C. Coconut Grove</li> <li>D. Concerts, CD/DVD sales</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E. Scrip</li> <li>F. Disneyland trip</li> <li>G. Monterey trip</li> <li>H. Others ?</li> <li>VI. Old Business               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Band Booster Bylaw revision</li> </ul> </li> <li>VII. New Business               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Start selection of parent volunteers: Officer positions, Coordinator positions, etc.</li> <li>B. ?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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# DHS Bands Calendar ~ 2010

## 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 Sun	Capitol Jazz Project Concert with DHS Jazz Band	TBA	IPAB
3/31 Weds	<i>Habit Burger Fundraiser</i>	4pm-closing	Habit Burger

## April

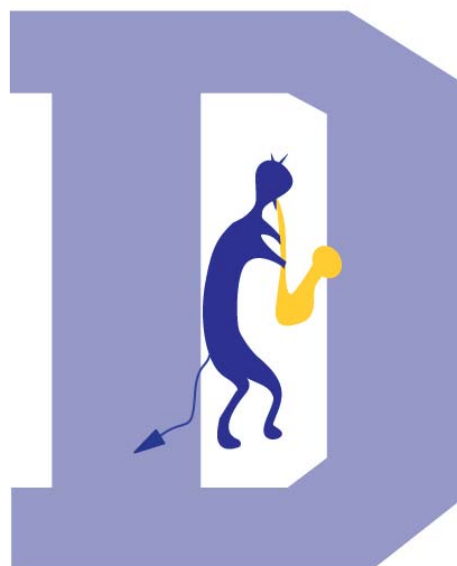
4/5-4/9	Spring Break		
4/9-4/11	Monterey Jazz Festival <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	Monterey
4/12-4/15	Auditions for Symphonic & Jazz Bands		
4/14 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
4/17 Sat	UCD Picnic Day, Pep Band Parade and Parking	TDB	UC Davis
4/20 Tues	Symphonic Band Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
4/23-4/24	Reno Jazz Festival <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	Reno
4/27 Tues	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03

## May

5/4 Tues	Senior Concert Concert & Symphonic Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
5/6 Thurs	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/9 Sun	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/10 Mon	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/12 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/14-5/18	Disneyland Trip!		SoCal
5/22 Sat	Jazz Combo Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
5/26 Weds	Picnic & Pops in the Park Concert	6:00pm	Central Park

## June

6/2 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
6/4 Fri	Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
6/11 Fri	DHS Graduation (Bands play)	TBD	





- I. The **January meeting minutes**, as published in the February newsletter, were unanimously approved. Janet made the motion, Katie the 2nd, to approve the January minutes.
  
- II. **Music Director's report** - We are so busy it's scary, 5 performances in next two weeks, Jazz Cabaret on Saturday & Sunday, on Monday for the Blue & White Foundation fundraiser (playing with Mark Inouye, the 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpeter of the San Francisco Symphony), Thursday night Jazz Cabaret concert version, two weeks later we have Coconut Grove. The Jazz Band was accepted to the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival (Congratulations!). We were one of 12 bands chosen from 20 states and 2 foreign countries. March 10 the Symphonic Band is performing at the Festivity of Bands at Mondavi, 7 pm, with the UC Davis Concert Band and the CSUS Concert Band. Playing one piece 23 minutes long, symphonic pieces from West Side Story, grade 6 piece. March 18<sup>th</sup> we have an adjudicated concert, Dr. Bob Halseth, from Sac State, will be the adjudicator. If you are a parent of a Symphonic Band member, you can get a voucher for one free ticket per family. See Mr. Lange.
  
- III. **Student report** - Mr. Lange updating for Naomi. The final pep band item of the year, a girls basketball game, this Friday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. The Pep Band will do the picnic day parade again this year.
  
- IV. **Treasurer's report** - Overall, we are in good financial shape. The music stand carts have been purchased. Fred has started to make some additional purchases. Purchases of a new bassoon & new tuba are in the works. The cost for the two instruments is \$7,197. We should move another \$4,000 into the Music Account to help replenish it. A motion was made to approve transferring \$4k from the general fund into the music fund for Fred's use. Janet made the motion, Peter the 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was unanimously approved. A parent made an anonymous contribution of \$1,000 which is to be used for Jazz Band Monterey trip. Joyce has a long list of businesses that have donated something to the DHS Band Boosters, Mike Coleman to put an announcement in the Davis Enterprise.
  
- V. **Committee reports**
  - A. **Pizza, Yogurt, Burgers, Ice Cream:** We have all these things coming up. Check the calendar for the latest items. Lots of people attended the Baskin Robbins event after the elementary concert. The Pep Band kids got their free pizza from Lamppost Pizza after the basketball game. Joyce H. will send Lamppost Pizza a Thank You note for their support.
  - B. **Direct Donations:** We are getting close to \$12k, now over that with the new \$1k donation.
  - C. **Rent-a-Band:** Need to follow-up next meeting with Maki.
  - D. **Playathon Results:** Great time at the Playathon and the sweatpants look great. There were 74 students that stayed all night, 19 partials. Over \$4,024 to date has been brought in, with a bit more to collect. It seems that our pledges were down from last year. Fred has purchased 3 books for the 3 conductors as a thank you to them. All the pledges went into the student accounts. Costs: \$154 + 147 books, will come out of general fund. Looking to drop the food "purchases" by attendees at the end of the concert, we made only \$11, so next year, we likely won't do that. Got 22 pizzas from local pizzerias, Noah's bagels, Peet's coffee. Thank you Sandra for all your work on the Playathon!! Sandra gave Joyce a list of the business that have contributed. Lynne Rumery will write thank you notes to them.
  - E. **Coconut Grove:** On track, student volunteer sign-ups start on Friday, 2/12. We have some needs, such as more volunteers for baking, etc. Need about 10 more bakers, more setup volunteers and parents to take the lead. John will check on the status of the heat in the MPR for Coconut Grove. We are starting 30 minutes earlier this year, all 3 JHS, Celia's bands, DHS Jazz Band, and Jazz Choir will be performing. This is our last fundraiser of the year. Ticket sales are a little behind, up to 150.
  - F. **Concerts, CD/DVD sales:** Tom Peron sent a letter thanking us for the DVD we sent to him.
  - G. **Script:** No update
  - H. **Disneyland Trip:** Everything is progressing well. We are still waiting hear from about 12 people.

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We are thinking it is going to be a bit less than anticipated in total cost. Numbers continue to come in.

- I. **Jazz Band Trip to Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival:** Very good!! Congratulations Jazz Band for making it into the Monterey Jazz Festival this year. See comments above in the Directors Update.

**VI. Old Business**

- A. Coconut Grove is our last major fundraiser

**VII. New Business**

- A. **New instruments to support DHS Bands:** Fred bought some new instruments. He usually spends more than this.
- B. **BB General fund amount to support Band trips:** We are going to do this. Need to make sure that the music account has enough in it and then
- C. **BB Bylaws amendment proposals:** We are looking to change some key areas. We have some parents, whose child has graduated, and they continue to help. We need to have some way to have them covered by insurance. We need to have the ability to give them temporary membership. The 4 officers would have to approve it. Also previous officers can also remain in BB. All alumni are still part of band boosters and they are non-voting members. What about non-members, community members, and have them become affiliate members. The other part of the discussion was with respect to following District guidelines. Mike Choy will continue to work on this aspect.
- D. **Possible DHS regulations on all Booster clubs:** Court Info – put in the ed code number. Good discussion on this topic. Notes not taken. Need to get some talking points out to Band Booster members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
John Horn, Band Boosters Vice President*

