

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



**April
2010**

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

♪ Notes from the Band Director ♪

“You Ain’t Heard Nothing Yet!” (Al Jolsen)

In the past month, 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 at the Mondavi. Here I think you were able to compare our work with that of the local college bands... 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).

If you missed that, then I hope you were able to hear the Concert and Symphonic Bands at the Adjudication Concert.

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)

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Our DHS Jazz Band travels to Monterey on April 9 (yes, during Spring Break) to perform in the Monterey Jazz Festival Next Generation High School Competition. Our group has been chosen as one of 12 groups from across the U.S. and 2 foreign countries.

On Tuesday, April 20, 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 p.m. in the IPAB and admission is free.

One of our Jazz Combos 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 4 for the Senior Concert.

The band tour to Disneyland (May 14-18)... The Picnic and Pops in Central Park (May 26)...Jazz On A Summer's Eve (June 4).

Lots to do.

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 parents who will be leaving with their student. There are many parents of seniors who have contributed in some way to our success, but none so completely as Mike and Tia Choy.

Our Booster President (and his Social Secretary...) has been "on the scene" for each and every event for the past 3 years. Every time, the first thing I hear from him is "Fred, do you need anything?"

The events are not enough for him. He also works on plans for the Playathon, the band tour, Coconut Grove, and Executive Committee. Mike really has given up his life for our program.

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

Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands



♪ Message from the Band Booster President ♪

Dear Band Booster Parents,

I am sitting in the front row, the count down begins, and suddenly I am being pressed back from the rapid acceleration. What a feeling! California Screamin'. Have I told you how much I love this ride?

I am one of the fortunate ones who will be accompanying your student to Disneyland. The planning committee has done a fabulous job. Great concerts, great workshops, great social events, and of course, Disneyland, are all on the schedule.

How many of you adults have ever been on a corkscrew? Now that is an interesting sensation – nothing quite like it. I love this ride.

I missed the Festivity of Bands at the Mondavi Center, but I heard Davis High shined as usual. I was able to hear our Concert Band and our Symphonic Band at the Adjudication Concert, and both bands played with all their hearts. I also went to the Capital Jazz Project Concert. We owe the Capital Jazz Project Musicians a big thank you for their instruction and example to our Jazz Band students.

Finally, we also have 2 more trips planned for some of our students. The Jazz Band is going to the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival April 9-11 – one of only 12 high school bands selected. I will let you know how this goes. One of our Jazz Combos is going to the Reno Jazz Festival. Both of these Festivals have very impressive high school groups playing.

Going into 2 vertical loops (Mickey Mouse ears) is also a great sensation. Wait a second - I must have left my stomach behind. Have I told you how much I love this ride?

Mike Choy, DHS Band Booster President



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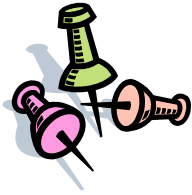


Adjudication Concert
~ March 18, 2010 ~

Photos by Howard Chew
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See the note on page 5 about the availability of these (and more) band photos.

Music Notes



Concert CDs & DVDs

The **Senior Concert on May 5th**, with performances by both the Symphonic Band and the Concert Band, **will be professionally recorded** by Tom Estes. Don't forget to bring cash or a check on performance night to place orders for CDs (\$15 each) and DVDs (\$20 each). There will be a booth on the left side of the IPAB foyer for you to place an order before or after the performance, or during intermission. Those who can't make the performance, or have other extenuating circumstances, can still place an order by writing a check to "DHS Band Boosters." Orders must be received within 3 working days after performance night at the following address: 43136 Montgomery Avenue, Davis, CA 95618. To keep costs to a minimum, DVD and CD deliveries generally are made directly to your student in his or her band class. If there is a reason this does not work for you, we can mail the DVD or CD to your home address if you provide it to us.

*Gail Cooluris,
Concert CD/DVD Orders Coordinator*

Picnic Day Parade

On **April 17th**, the Pep Band will be marching and playing in the Picnic Day Parade. This will be your last opportunity to see the Pep Band perform this year! The parade is a fantastic event and you will have the opportunity to watch many other amazing groups as well. Don't miss it!

Naomi Egel, Pep Band Director

Disneyland Trip

The Disneyland Trip is fast approaching and the committee which has been meeting all year is getting the final details set! **Packets have been sent home with the students** that include a trip permission slip and behavior contract (both need to be signed by the parents and students), medical forms (to be signed by the physician), a detailed trip itinerary, and a packing list. Be sure to check with your child if you haven't seen these papers! We leave at lunch time on Friday, May 14th, and will return the evening of Tuesday, May 18th. Students will check in before school on Friday, drop off their luggage, then return with a bag lunch to meet the busses for a lunchtime departure. The trip includes a music workshop and concert exchange with Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, a performance in Disneyland Park, a music workshop in a Disney studio to play the music used in a short animation piece, and a brief visit to the Santa Monica Pier before returning home

Katie & John Horn, All-Band Trip Coordinators

Band Photos Available

Howard Chew, Band Booster and official band photographer, provides the majority of the wonderful photos for our Band Booster Newsletters! All of his **photos are now on display** in an online password protected gallery, which can be found at **hncphoto.com**. The password for the DHS galleries is "bluedevels". **Prints are available for purchase** from the web host.

Thank you Howard!



2010 Band Calendar

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	Band Boosters Meeting	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 w/Secondary	7:30pm	IPAB
4/23-4/24	Jazz Combo to Reno Jazz Festival	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	Band Boosters Meeting	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	Band Boosters Meeting	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	

AGENDA for Band Boosters Meeting Weds., APRIL 14, 2010, 7:30 pm ~ Room PA-3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. March minutes II. Music Director's Report III. Student report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. General information B. Pep Band IV. Treasurer's report V. Committee reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Fundraisers: pizza, yogurt, burgers B. Direct Donations C. Coconut Grove D. Concerts, CD/DVD sales E. Scrip F. Disneyland trip G. Monterey trip | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H. Reno trip I. Others ? VI. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. DHS regulations on all Booster clubs VII. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Start selection of parent volunteers for 2010/11: Officer positions, Coordinator positions, etc. B. Sound system options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share with Jazz Choir 2. New sound system |
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Please Join Us!

♪ Band Booster Minutes ~ March 3, 2010 ♪



- I. The **February meeting minutes**, as published in the March newsletter, were unanimously approved.
- II. **Music Director's Report** – There is a lot of music happening. Next week the Symphonic Band is performing at Mondavi with UCD and CSUS. A number of people are coming in to assist with this concert on special instrumentation. The Holmes bands TA, Julie Stevens, has come to coach the horn section, and Holmes band teacher, Clyde Quick, has coached the trumpet section. The Concert Band Adjudication Concert is coming up Thursday 3/11. The Jazz Band will be attending the Monterey Jazz Festival over spring break.
- III. **Student Report** – Pep Band is completed. Preparations for Picnic Day are beginning.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – There is approximately \$17K in the general fund. The music fund has just under \$5K. The Music Director has only a few hundred dollars in expenses coming up and then some end of the year instrument repairs.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Pizza, Yogurt, Burgers** - Baskin Robbins brought in \$64. Upcoming events include Lamppost on 3/16, and Habit Burger on 3/31.
 - B. **Direct Donations** – An anonymous donation of \$1K was made to the Jazz Band for Monterey. We have collected about \$12K in this campaign.
 - C. **Coconut Grove** – We are in the ballpark of last year and expenses may not be quite as high. The attendance was slightly higher than last year. We may consider having the event off-site and serve wine next year. Students may earn about the same amount as they did last year. The treasurer will make up a generic template for event organizers to distribute to all who make donations. Coconut Grove has sent out a letter to the editor of the Enterprise thanking all donors. We, as an organization, need to send an end of year letter to the Enterprise to thank all our donors for their contributions. Lost and found items: two bowls and a black sweater vest.
 - D. **Concerts, CD/DVD Sales** – nothing new to report.
 - E. **Scrip** – Lynne Rumery will make scrip cards available at all concerts. A suggestion was made to create an insert for concert programs.
 - F. **Disneyland Trip** – We are finalizing the itinerary. The price will be less than originally quoted. Our trip forms will be distributed April 1st. Students will be receiving lanyards to protect their tickets, because tickets must be replaced if lost or damaged. Mike suggests the band boosters give some money from the general fund to offset the cost of the trip. Mike proposes moving \$1,500 from the general fund into music fund. The \$1K donated to offset costs of Jazz Band trip is to be placed in the general fund. Mike proposes contributing from the Band Boosters general fund \$5K towards Disneyland trip and \$2K (including the \$1K anonymous donation) towards Monterey trip. John Horn motioned that we contribute \$5K towards the Disneyland trip and \$1K plus the \$1K donation towards the Monterey trip. Peter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. That leaves \$9,500 in general fund.
 - G. **Monterey Trip** – Because the Jazz Band is participating in Monterey, the band will not be participating in the Reno Jazz Festival. The students need to sign up for roommate assignments. We need someone to organize carpools so all arrive in Monterey by Friday evening. Mr. Lange has suggested rehearsals Wed, Thurs and Fri prior to leaving for Monterey.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. **Capital Jazz Project** – Concert is coming up on 3/28. Please encourage all your friends and family to attend this exciting concert. Michael Coleman will send out announcements through the school bulletins and band listserves. Peter Matlock will print up a few posters, and Peter will ask Stephanie to advertise in the Enterprise. It was suggested to send something to UCD music department and UCD

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newspaper. Peter will also send announcements to Celia Cottle to forward to her groups. There is an interview on Capitol Public Radio on the Friday before.

- B. **Band Booster Bylaw Revision** – The revisions redefine the membership, adding an alumni membership status for an open-ended time but they will be non-voting members, and a guest membership status for one year as a non-voting member. This will enable our members to be covered under our insurance policies. The revisions also redefine that we will no longer have in the bylaws that we must follow proposed District regulations. Katie moves that we accept the bylaw revisions. They were seconded and unanimously approved.
- C. **DHS Regulations on all Booster Clubs** – Mike and John met with Sheila Allen of School Board with respect to how School Board and District office is interpreting how booster organizations are run. There is a Board subcommittee looking at guidelines for booster clubs. There is a process we are going to go through with James Hammond and School Board. This year there will not be any new directives to booster clubs enforced and the School Board wants to have a collaborative process. Draft language will be sent to all booster clubs by the end of March for review at booster meetings. By 4/26/10 there will be a boosters meeting with the School Board subcommittee to give input to the subcommittee on the draft that was distributed. The intent is to come up with guidelines that are applicable for fall 2010 onwards. Our suggestion is before there is draft language; we need to know what their concerns are and their objectives. We speculate there is a concern of being sued. We need to know some specifics to understand what to measure the guidelines against. We are willing to at least see what they have to present. If they want to sell us on something, they need to explain things to us. Mike will continue to talk with Gina Daleiden to clarify why we are trying to change this. The discussion is being tabled at this point.

VII. New Business

- A. **Start Selecting Parent Volunteers** – Officer positions, coordinator positions, etc.: People who have students continuing in the bands should consider stepping up into one of our many open chair positions.
- B. **New Sound Equipment** – Mike proposes we purchase new sound equipment. A proposal to supplement the Jazz Choir sound system with a snake and longer speaker cords and share it with them (\$1,000) was discussed. We will continue to discuss this at a future meeting. Mike will come up with a cost breakdown.
- C. **Davis Schools Foundation** – Hiram Jackson came to announce the fundraising efforts of the School Board. No cuts have been declared to music programs. The only thing that may affect the music programs is that for 7th graders, they may cut a 7th period making it difficult for students to take two elective classes. This year fundraising will be for four categories: class size reduction, counselors, school safety, and core secondary classes. Connected through DSF, the School District is hoping the music boosters will be available to support their fundraising efforts by allowing an information table in lobby at concerts, letting parents know about fundraising efforts through the listserves, arranging for students to perform at fundraising events, and encouraging people to speak at our concerts. Mr. Lange shared that BB is very supportive of all DSF activities.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary*

