

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



May
2010

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

♪ Notes from the Band Director ♪



Photo by Lon Hatamiya

Monterey, April 2010

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, Jazz Band Coordinator, Peter Matlock and all of the other parents who did so much to organize this year's activities.**

Thank you all! You have given our students a super experience, allowed them to reach higher and do more, and to be the best DHS has to offer. (You have also made it difficult for the next group of 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 future newsletters.

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Our annual Secondary Concert took place on Tuesday, **April 20th**. This was 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. Congratulations to Jeff DuPer-tuis, Ken Bower, and Clyde Quick for their continued success producing exemplary musicians at this level.

On **May 4th** both the Concert and Symphonic Bands presented 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.)

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

Well, the first thing is our fantastic trip to Southern California. Clinics, lectures, workshops and concerts are just part of the activities planned. Oh yes....DISNEYLAND, too!!!! The trip committee has worked overtime to prepare a GREAT trip for your students which will include quite a few learning opportunities, as well as thrills and spills in the happiest place on earth. Your students will be busy from morning to late at night, so expect some TIRED folks when they return.

What else???

A jazz combo concert on Saturday, **May 22nd** (7:30 p.m. at the IPAB).

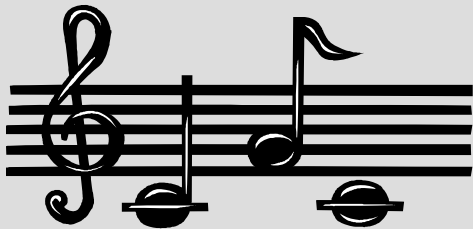
Picnic and Pops for the Combined Bands, including the music we will be performing on our tour to Southern California (Wednesday, **May 26th** at the Farmer's Market – 6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Jazz On a Summer's Eve, Friday, **June 4th** (7:30 p.m. at the IPAB).

Graduation (information to follow on the listserve), Friday, **June 11th** at UCD.

Lots for our students to do as part of our great band program.

Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands



Message from the Band Booster President

Band Booster Parents,

Well, the end is near, but we are saving the best for last. Most of our students will be spending quality time together – sitting side-by-side playing quarter notes and half notes, sharing pizza together, describing their future college, standing in long lines talking about boyfriends and girlfriends, and, oh yah, squished like sardines in a metal can commonly called a bus for hours on end. Wait a minute – I am going to be in that can, too!

Our upcoming trip sure brings back memories. **I have now had almost 3 years of Band concerts, fundraising events, car washes, and trips.** What have been the very best memories? The Jazz Band was playing on the outdoor steps in the French Quarter while the Jazz Choir members were grabbing people from the audience to dance. The Combined Band was playing on the steps of the massive Parliament building where we could view the stunning city of Victoria. At the dinner dance in a small town outside of New Orleans, some of our students and parents were playing with the restaurant band. At that same place we heard our bus driver sing “My Girl”. In San Diego we were on the deck of a battleship and our Combined Band was playing a series of patriotic music. One of our 5-member Combo groups played their hearts out at the Reno Jazz Festival and took first place in their division. And, of course, there was the “Red bus” for the San Diego trip, but I don’t think I can tell you everything I remember about this experience without getting into trouble.

For you parents that will be in Band Boosters next year, I highly encourage you to become involved in our Booster club. The experiences here at home or on a Band trip are simply unbelievable. Our Booster club over the last 3 years has been so successful because of the support of past and current parents, and I am so grateful to all of you. Thank you. Now back to Disneyland. 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 and here we go! Have I told you how much I love this ride?

Mike Choy, DHS Band Booster President



~ Farewell Mike ~
With Heartfelt THANKS!

MUSIC NOTES

CD & DVD Orders

The "Jazz on a Summer's Eve" performance on June 4th by the DHS Jazz 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 at \$15 each and DVDs at \$20 each**. We will also have available for sale a limited number of DVDs of the Jazz Extravaganza performance last November with guest artist Tom Peron

There will be a booth on the left side of the IPAB foyer for you to place an order before, during intermission, and after the performance. 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 if 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 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. Questions? Phone 758-6208.

Gail Cooluris,
Concert CD/DVD Orders Coordinator

Band Photos

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 "bluedevils". **Prints are available for purchase** from the web host.

Thank you Howard!

Disneyland Trip

The band trip is just days away! Be sure to watch for emails this week with important last minute details. At home, it's time to pull out the pink packing list (with schedule on the other side) that came in the forms and permission slip packet. Remember to **bring luggage, instruments and medications for check-in BEFORE SCHOOL on Friday, May 14th. Check in begins at 7:15 a.m.** and will continue all morning. We leave promptly at lunchtime that day. The students will perform at Saddleback Community College on Saturday, May 15th, at 1:15 PM, and in Disneyland on Sunday, May 16th, in the early evening. They will participate in Disney recording workshops on Monday. Mickey Mouse, here we come!

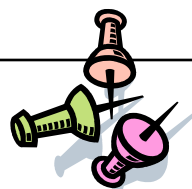
Katie & John Horn,
All-Band Trip Coordinators



Scrip Cards

Please don't forget to obtain or use your **Nugget, Safeway/escrrip, and SaveMart Scrip cards**. There will be a table set up at the final concerts with all of these available, and I am happy to mail out cards or applications to anyone interested. Of special note is the all-new S.H.A.R.E.S. card to be used at SaveMart. It is extremely simple to use - simply present it to the cashier before your groceries are rung up. No loading is required!! This is such a great way to raise funds - truly painless!! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or requests at lynnrumery@gmail.com or 753-4301. Thank you!!

Lynne Rumery,
SCRIP Coordinator





Symphonic Band with
Secondary Concert
~ April 20, 2010 ~

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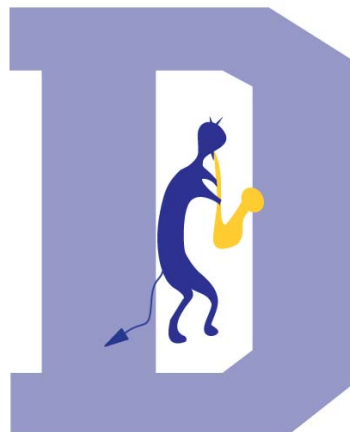
2010 Band Calendar

May

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	Final Band Boosters Meeting of 2009-2010	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	UC Davis



AGENDA for Final Band Boosters Meeting Wednesday, JUNE 2, 2010, 7:30 pm ~ Room PA-3

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. April minutes
- II. Music Director's Report
- III. Student report
 - A. General information
 - B. Pep Band
- IV. Treasurer's report
- V. Committee reports
 - A. Fundraisers: pizza, yogurt, burgers
 - B. Direct Donations
 - C. Concerts, CD/DVD sales
 - D. Scrip
 - E. Disneyland trip
 - F. Monterey trip
 - G. Reno trip
 - H. Picnic Day Parking
- VI. Old Business
 - A. DHS regulations on all Booster clubs

- VII. New Business
 - A. Need to reserve District parking lot for next academic year
 - 1. Car washes
 - 2. Picnic Day parking
 - B. Important Band event dates for next academic year
 - C. Summer Band Booster planning
 - 1. Natsoulas Jazz Festival
 - 2. Soliciting business donations plans
 - 3. Victoria trip
 - D. New Parent Information
 - 1. Purpose of DHS Band Boosters
 - 2. Organizations of DHS Band Boosters
 - 3. Volunteer positions

Please Join Us!

♪ Band Booster Minutes ~ April 14, 2010 ♪



I. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made (by Jill Theg) and seconded to approve the March minutes as written. Motion carried.

II., III. Music Director's Report (Mr. Lange) and Student Report (Mr. Lange on behalf of Naomi Egel, Student Representative.)

Mr. Lange noted that March had been an extremely active month for the bands, with a performance at the Mondavi Center, an Adjudication Concert, the Capitol Jazz Project concert at the IPAB, and a trip for the jazz band to the Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey. Upcoming events include the Secondary Schools Concert on April 20, the Senior Concert on May 4, the Disneyland trip May 14-18, the Picnic and Pops Concert on May 26, and the Jazz on A Summer's Eve Concert on June 4. Pep Band will be playing on Saturday, April 17, for Picnic Day; a permission slip is required for participation. Pep Band will also be playing for DHS Open House on April 29; points will be given to participating students. Students will be required to attend at least three of the upcoming combined band rehearsals for the Disneyland trip. Mr. Lange also noted that those not attending the trip will be able to obtain credit for practicing at home, as long as their practice minutes are verified by a parent. There will be a band performing at the DHS commencement, but no seniors will be required to participate. Mr. Lange has been holding auditions for the jazz and symphonic bands this week.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Joyce Hamaguchi)

Joyce Hamaguchi noted that the bookkeeping is "chaotic" at this time of year, but that DSHSBB is in very good shape financially. All payments over the past month have been made with ease. The Capital Jazz Project concert brought in \$1396, but BB paid a \$1500 honorarium. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of \$1500 for the Capital Jazz Project honorarium. Motion carried.

V. Committee Reports

A. Pizza, Yogurt, Burgers Fundraisers - There are no more eating establishment fundraisers for the year. The final figures for the funds raised this year are to be determined.

B. Direct Donations - There are still some donations coming in from the drive.

C. Coconut Grove - Joyce Hamaguchi requested that Mr. Lange add the Coconut Grove donor names to the next concert program.

D. Concert, CD/DVD Sales - Mike Choy remarked the biggest source of revenue remaining for the year will come from the concert ticket and bake sales. Joyce Hamaguchi reported that \$4,172.00 had already been raised this year from concert proceeds, with \$1100 being the minimum raised and \$1660 the most (from the Winter Rhapsody Concert). It is anticipated that approx. \$1000-\$2000 could be raised from the remaining concerts this year.

E. Scrip Report - Lynne Rumery reported that some new SaveMart cards were distributed at the most recent concert, and Joyce Hamaguchi reported that overall proceeds from the scrip program were up this year.

F. Disneyland Trip - Katie Horn reported she will be purchasing the Park Hoppers for the Disneyland trip tomorrow. Departure date/time will be Friday, May 14, 2010 at noon. The students will attend some workshops at Saddleback College on the morning of 5/15, will spend from the afternoon of 5/15-5/17 performing, attending workshops, and having fun in Disneyland, will attend a special event at the House of Blues at 6 p.m. on 5/17, and will depart for Davis on the morning of 5/18, with a stop at the Santa Monica pier along the way. It was noted the jazz band will participate in the combined band workshop in Disneyland as well as in their own jazz workshop on 5/17. There was a discussion concerning insurance coverage of the students during the trip. It was suggested that BB check with the DHS Orchestra on this matter, as they will have already traveled to Disneyland before the bands' departure (and should have been covered by the same DJUSD insurance policy covering the bands) and also that BB check with the Embassy Suites Hotel concerning specific policies.

G. Monterey Trip - The Jazz Band performed extremely well and felt the trip was very worthwhile.

H. Reno Trip - One of the combos from the jazz band will be going to the Reno Jazz Festival at the end of the month. This is not a school-sponsored event, and Mr. Lange will not be attending. The students in this combo will be attending this event at their own expense. (No BB funds will be used.)

I. Picnic Day Parking Fundraiser - Mike Choy inquired about the Band Boosters' participation in the parking lot fundraiser for Picnic Day this Saturday, April 17. He will be looking into this and notifying families via the listserve if help is needed. Mr. Lange offered points to students who will help.

VI. Old Business

Sound System options: Mike Choy raised the issue of the unsatisfactory portable sound system currently used when the jazz band performs outside of the IPAB. He discussed two possibilities:

1. Sharing the sound system owned by the jazz choir, but purchasing a 12-channel "snake" and 7-8 microphones (with stands and cables) better suited to the jazz band's needs to complement this system, at a cost of approx. \$1000, or:

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2. Purchasing a complete new sound system, which would include the "snake" and microphones (along with stands and cables) mentioned above, in addition to two speakers, a sound board, and a locking cart. Mike has consulted with the personnel at Watermelon Music and has estimated that the total cost would be slightly less than \$4000. The approximate pricing (at Watermelon Music) for these components/sound system would be as follows:

12-channel snake - \$190

Shure microphones - 7-8 at approx. \$100/ea for instrumentalists (5 mikes for saxes, 1 for trombones, 1 for trumpets, possibly 1 for flute), 1 vocalist microphone at \$129 ea.; cables - \$120-\$150, and some stands at approx. \$50/ea.

2 powered QSC speakers - \$1600

Heath and Allen soundboard - \$500

Locking cart - \$300-\$400

Mike Choy did note it would be possible to break down the new system into a smaller one - that is, utilizing only one speaker with multiple mikes. He also noted the jazz choir's wireless mikes currently used by the jazz band are not suited to instrumentalists. The necessity of the 12-channel snake for ease and efficiency in setting up and use was also emphasized.

A discussion ensued concerning the expenditure of funds at this point in time, the source of the funds, the suitability of the jazz choir's equipment for use with the jazz band, the inadequacies of the current system, storage considerations, and the utilization of the new equipment, should it be purchased. It was noted by Mike Choy that there were adequate funds in the Facility Fund to cover the cost of the entire system. Mr. Lange questioned the necessity of the purchase of an entire system at this point in time, noting he was happy sharing equipment with Bill Zinn of the Jazz Choir, and he also expressed concern about adequate storage space for an entire system. Anticipated utilization of the new system or components would be for the Davis Jazz Festival, Coconut Grove, Picnic & Pops, and possibly, the annual Band Tour.

It was decided that the sound system issue would be discussed and voted upon at a future BB meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Chaperone Costs on the Monterey NG Jazz Festival

Mike Choy noted that the five chaperones on the jazz band's Monterey trip paid for their own gas and hotel costs in addition to the \$17/day parking fee at the hotel where they stayed. He recommended BB reimburse the chaperones for their daily parking expenses. Motion was made by Joyce Hamaguchi and seconded to approve this expenditure. Motion carried.

B. Shifting/Spending BB Money

Mike Choy noted the status of the various funds as such:

General Fund - \$12,663

Music Fund - \$3,583

IPAB (Facility) Fund - \$3,132

Mike Choy suggested \$1500 be moved from the General Fund to the Music Fund, in order to provide Mr. Lange with the funds necessary to make needed purchases over the summer, as he plans for the following school year. Mike Choy also requested \$2000 be placed in reserve for financial assistance for the annual band trip, \$100-\$200 be allocated for the chaperones' parking expenses for the Monterey trip, and \$200 be reserved for the cost of the t-shirts for the band trip work crew. Joyce Hamaguchi noted the revenue from all concerts goes into the Music Fund, and that \$1500 had already been moved into the Music Fund in March. It was decided to wait until June to move any additional funds into the Music Fund. Joyce Hamaguchi also made it known that Mr. Lange had made some expenditures totaling under \$300, for a clinician who assisted the band as well as for some mallets. Mike Choy stated he would like to end the year with \$5000 in the General Fund and have \$15,000 in reserves (in savings that has not been touched).

C. Recent Officers' Meeting

BB officers met last week to discuss future topics:

1. Student Accounts - DJUSD is challenging our current policy allowing individual student accounts for fundraising. If the District no longer allows this, all funds raised for the annual band trip will have to go into the General Fund. This raises questions about future fundraising. Further discussions with the District are forthcoming.

2. Rent-a-Band - The BB officers discussed how to improve this program for everyone.

3. Possible Officers and Coordinators - to be discussed at a future date

4. Natsoulas Jazz Festival - This event has been rather difficult for BB. The only funds raised were from the raffle and the sale of water. Advertising implied that the DHS band program would benefit, when in fact it did not.

5. Financial Assistance Maximum Amount Total - BB officers discussed the maximum amount of financial assistance to be made available before an event would have to be called off.

6. Sound System - Problems and possible solutions to current sound system were discussed.

7. Ownership of Purchased Instruments and Sheet Music - In the past, BB has donated the instruments and sheet music it has purchased to DJUSD. Over the last three academic years the ownership of BB purchased instruments has not been identified. BB is currently considering whether it should retain ownership of the instruments and

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sheet music in order to protect them. Proper insurance of the instruments needs to be considered; Mike Choy will look into this. In the event Measure W is not renewed and cuts to the music program occur, it may be best for BB to retain ownership of the instruments and sheet music so they can be used in a private band that could be offered to high school students in the Davis community.

8. Importance of Local Treasurers - BB officers discussed the possibility of each BB-sponsored event having its own treasurer, as it is too much for one person to manage the accounting for all events. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rumery, sitting in as Band Boosters Secretary for Kathryn Shickman



Parents... don't miss out!
**We are looking for
new people to serve
as Band Boosters
Officers & Chairs
for 2010-2011.**

If you have an interest
in volunteering,
please contact our
current VP, John Horn
(email listed below).

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