

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



**March
2011**

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz & Pep Bands
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♪ **Band Director's Message** ♪

February was a stellar month for our bands at DHS!

First, our Jazz Band received some great news – we were invited to compete in the **Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival** to be held the first weekend in April! In order to receive this invitation, we had to submit an audition recording. Bands from across the country, and even some from foreign lands, vied for a spot... and our group was selected – one of only twelve from the vast pool of high school bands!

Second, our Symphonic Band took part in the annual **Festivity of Bands** in our own IPAB, along with the bands from UCD and CSUS. For those of you who were there, I think you can see the high caliber of musicianship we have at DHS – we held our own with these high-powered groups!

Now, what about March???

All the bands will be in high gear with the top down this month, so hold on to your hats!

The first event is the annual **Coconut Grove** to be held **March 12th** at Emerson Junior High Commons. For those of you who don't know about this event, it is a Jazz Concert/Dance, featuring young jazz performers from all over the city. The jazz bands from Emerson and Harper, Celia Cottle's 3 groups, and our own DHS Jazz Band will perform. But that's not all – this is a fundraiser for **ALL THE BAND STUDENTS** – those who aren't performing will be working the evening, serving the delightful appetizers and desserts. More detailed information is found elsewhere in this newsletter, but I suggest you get your tickets early!

A very important event for the Concert and Symphonic Bands takes place on Thursday, **March 17th** in our own IPAB Theater. I'm talking about the annual **Adjudication Concert**. This is the opportunity for someone outside our

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Festivity of Bands



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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 the adjudicator will spend awhile presenting to them.

The adjudicator I've invited this year is **Mr. Eric Hammer**, Director of Bands from the University of the Pacific in Stockton. Mr. Hammer has worked with our students at previous Play-a-Thons and always brings new insights to our students.

And the music? Well, the Concert Band will be performing "Dances Americanesque", "Polly Oliver", and "Kachina Dance" (an musical excursion into the world of American Indian). The Symphonic Band will be presenting "Blue Shades" (best described as Igor Stravinsky meets Benny Goodman!), "Resting In The Peace of His Hands," and "Early Light." 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.

But the month doesn't end there! On Sunday, **March 20th** the Jazz Band will again take the IPAB stage for a "**Battle of the Bands**" with the Jazz Band from CSU Sacramento. This is a warm-up for our performance at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival the following weekend. Again, starts at 7:30 p.m., and again, donations accepted at the door.

Mr. Fred Lange, Director of Bands



Stay Informed!

Band Boosters Meeting AGENDA
Wednesday, MARCH 9, 2011, 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

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♪ Band Booster President's Message ♪

Hello Band Boosters,

With snow levels just above our heads, how is it that we all are listening to a ground hog that says Spring will come early? After all, he is in Pennsylvania, and the last time I checked, it was pretty cold in Pennsylvania, too! Well, the good news is, we need the snow and we need the water. Like many things in life, a good measured amount will take care of us for the year. **Music however, we cannot get too much of!**

We are all getting ready for Coconut Grove on March 12th, our last major fundraiser of the year. The Jazz Band is excited and getting ready to head down to the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival in early April. And all of the band students are anxiously anticipating the Spring Band Trip to Victoria, Canada, which is just a little over 2 months away. Boy, the year is going by quickly!

For those who have missed out and haven't had the opportunity to spend as much time with your kids as you would like, I have a great deal for you. Coming up in the next month, I will be putting together the framework for the committees and teams for the 2011-2012 school year. You may ask, "Isn't this a bit early for it?" Goodness, no! Places are already booking up for the 2012 Spring Trip to San Diego, and we don't want to miss out on all the fun. So **let me know what you would like to help with**, and come **join the team** that believes the kids aren't the only ones that should be enjoying this.

Have a great March!!
Cheers, ~JAH

John Horn, Band Booster President

Contact John Horn
if you are interested
in serving as an
Officer, Chair, or
Committee Member
in 2011/2012

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**FESTIVITY
OF BANDS**
~ Feb. 16, 2011 ~

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MUSIC NOTES

Coconut Grove

**An Evening at Coconut Grove
Saturday, March 12, 2011
Emerson Junior High MPR
2121 Calaveras Ave.**

Please join us for an evening of fabulous entertainment by Davis jazz ensembles including the Emerson and Harper Jazz Bands, Celia Cottle's Bands (J Street Jazz Cats, Sax by Popular Demand, and Crazy Eights), capped off by our award-winning Davis Senior High School Jazz Band. Enjoy the music while you dine on tasty light appetizers, desserts, and "mocktails". Find exciting items to bid for at the silent auction.

**Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Music begins at 7:00 p.m.
Event ends at approximately 10:00 p.m.**

This fundraiser benefits the entire band program. The money raised helps to defray the cost of this year's band trip to Victoria, Canada, for all of the DHS band students.

The form to order tickets can be found at: <http://groups.dcn.org/dhsbandboosters/an-evening-at-coconut-grove>. Advance reservations are recommended.

Any questions about reservations?
Contact Helen Kado-Fong at
757-2253 or samstro@pacbell.net



Canada Trip

**Our Canada trip is just
a little over 2 months away!**

The bands will be performing at the Parliament Building and in local venues around the city. The bands will typically perform once each day.

We will be staying one block from Victoria Harbour and will be able to walk to nearly all activities during our trip. For a few events, such as the visit to Butchart Gardens and the Pizza Pool Party night, we will hire busses to take our group around.

Just a reminder... **the 3rd installment of \$150 is due by Friday, March 11th.** Please send your check (payable to DHS Band Boosters) to:

DHS Band Boosters
Attn: Spring Trip
P.O. Box 73522
Davis, Ca 95617

Watch your email for more important trip information.

***Katie Horn,
Band Trip Coordinator***

Orchestra Competition

Margaux Filet, a flutist in the Symphonic Band, **won the DHS Orchestra Concerto Competition!** This is the first time a flutist has won the competition. Students do not need to be a member of the DHS Orchestra in order to enter this competition. Margaux won \$300 and the honor of performing the Concerto with the DHS Orchestra at the Wennburg Orchestra Festival (April 17th, 3:00 p.m., at the Mondavi Center). Congrats Margaux!

DHS Bands 2011 Calendar

March '11

3/9 Weds	<i>Band Boosters Meeting</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
3/12 Sat	Coconut Grove	TBA	Emerson MPR
3/17 Thurs	Adjudication Concert ~ Symph & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
3/20 Sun	"Battle of the Bands" ~ Jazz Band with CSUS	7:30pm	IPAB
3/28 - 3/31	Symphonic & Jazz Band Auditions	TBA	DHS PA-3

April '11

4/1-4/3 Fri-Sun	Monterey Jazz Festival	TBA	Monterey
4/13 Weds	<i>Band Boosters Meeting</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
4/16 Sat	UCD Picnic Day ~ Pep Band Parade & Parking	TBA	UC Davis
4/17 Sun	Jazz Band / Jazz Combo Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
4/19 Tues	Secondary Concert ~ Symphonic Band	7:30pm	IPAB
4/27 Weds	Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band	7:30pm	IPAB

May '11

5/3 Tues	Senior Concert ~ Symph & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
5/5 Thurs	Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/9 Mon	Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/11 Weds	<i>Band Boosters Meeting</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/15 Sun	Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/19 - 5/24	All Bands ~ Trip to Canada	TBA	Victoria, Canada
5/28 Sat	Jazz Combo Concert <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	IPAB

June '11

6/1 Weds	Picnic & Pops in the Park Concert	6:00pm	Central Park
6/3 Fri	Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert	7:30pm	IPAB

The full calendar is also conveniently
located at www.DHSBandBoosters.com

Scrip

Many thanks to those of you who are using Scrip! Please contact me at 753-4301 or lynnerumery@gmail.com if you would like a card and enrollment instructions for Nugget, Safeway or SaveMart Scrip. I can also answer any questions you may have about the programs. Thank you!

Lynne Rumery,
Scrip Coordinator



PEP BAND
at Basketball
~ Feb. 2011 ~



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Lauren Boulanger



♪ Band Booster Minutes ~ February 2, 2011 ♪

I. Approval of Minutes -

The minutes from the January meeting as published in the February newsletter were unanimously approved.



II. Music Director's Report -

Mr. Lange says many students are participating in the NorCal Honor Band, and a few more students are participating in the All-State Honor Band. Spencer Park is playing with the All-State Orchestra. The Symphonic Band will be performing with CSUS and UCD bands at DHS in the Festivity of Bands; Jeanette Vance is working on advertising for this performance. Coconut Grove and the Adjudication Concert occur in March. Les Lehr will be the adjudicator.

III. Student Report -

Pep Band—The pep band is playing as a basketball game tonight and Friday night.

IV. Treasurer's Report -

Joyce has a recap for the year. For details contact the Treasurer. Very good cash position. Paid \$33,000 in airfare and we still have \$67K to cover upcoming expenses.

V. Committee Reports -

A. Direct Donations - Another \$25 trickled in. My records show \$17,576 collected.

B. Rent-a-Band Close Out - Maki said the actual events ran much better this year with larger ensembles of 6-8 students. Events were better quality and better organized. The television publicity was fun but not accurate. The student leaders did a good job. The rehearsals were not at a very convenient time for many students.

C. Pizza and Yogurt - We have a pizza fundraiser at Lamppost on 2/15. Mr. Lange encouraged Katie to pass out flyers at the elementary concert next Wednesday.

D. Play-a-Thon Feedback - The event went well. The venue seemed to work better at Emerson with an enclosed patio, inside bathrooms, and break room. However, the stage was dark. Sandra will send Mr. Dupertis something to thank him for using his space. We had four directors, two who did a huge amount of work and two who did a lot of work. Mr. Lange will send them thank you gifts. Sandra will provide Mr. Lange with ideas for the two female conductors.

E. Coconut Grove 3/12/11 - The students have signed up for nearly all the jobs. Karen has been doing a really good job getting all the pieces pulled together. Decorations are being collected. New decorations are being purchased to replace the tired and mold-exposed decorations.

F. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales - Nothing to report.

G. Jazz Band Update - Capital Jazz Project is only available one date, but the IPAB is not available, so David will need to contact them and cancel the concert with them this year. David will contact them earlier in our school year to put a date on the calendar for 2012. If we get into Monterey, David will need to contact Portola Hotel for reservations and submit all the DJUSD forms. Mr. Lange will think of other groups to contact that may be able to play with the Jazz Band instead of CJP. 4/17 Jazz Band and Jazz Combo concert for sure.

H. Victoria Spring Trip - The airline tickets have been purchased. Interested students need to submit t-shirt designs for contest by Friday 2/4/11. Third installments are due beginning of March. Balance will be collected beginning of April. Katie will not be able to finalize the itinerary until a few weeks just before the trip.

I. Scrip - Lynne can email friends and alumni if they are interested in participating in the Scrip program. The Target credit program supports schools generally. Individual groups may be able to receive a portion of this. Lynne will investigate.

J. Others - Mark Stephens will be building a shelf for a cost of about \$200.

K. Snacks - John Horn will contact Peggy about serving bottled water and refreshments at the Festivity of Bands concert.

VI. Old/New Business -

A. An old concert of the Davis High School Jazz Band was broadcasted on the local television.

B. A group of DaVinci students has devised a solar powered blender for a "green" restaurant in Nicaragua. They are having a pasta feed on Sat 2/5 as a fundraiser for the trip to deliver the blender. An announcement will be sent to band families announcing the pasta feed.

C. Mr. Lange requests any input on calendar dates for next school year. Event requests should be sent to John Horn who will submit them to Mr. Lange by March 17th. We may want to consider a change in dates for the Play-A-Thon. John Horn will coordinate with Sandra Weisker and Jeanette Vance for ideas with the Play-a-thon for next year, including a student survey.

D. Coconut Grove used to include dancing and was just the DHS Jazz Band. Now with more bands performing there is not the opportunity for dancing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary

