

ABB Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Arapahoe High School Band Boosters

May 2008

From the Podium

by Dr. Cannava

CONGRATULATIONS to our **Winter Percussion Ensemble**, under the direction of **Fred Bowlus**, for winning the **Scholastic World Concert Class State Championship!** They achieved a school record **91.3 points!! Way to go Winter Percussion Ensemble!!!**

Our six musicians did a great job at **All State Band** on March 29th! **Way to go Roxy, Abbe, Matt, Dave, Katie & Wes!**

Congratulations to our **Winter Guard**, under the direction of **Kenny Bailey**, for being named **State Champion-Runner Up** in the prestigious 2008 **Scholastic Open Class!!** They won **silver medals** with a very impressive State performance!!! **Way to go ladies!!!!**

The **Winter Guard Show** hosted by our AHS Winter Guard and their parents, turned out to be a huge success! A special thanks to **Kathy and Paul Howald** for all their work in coordinating this entire event!!

A special thank you goes to all our band musicians who performed in the **Pep Band** at the April 3rd **Make-A-Wish Faculty vs. Seniors Basketball Game.**

Our concert groups did a terrific job at the April 4th **CHSAA Large Group Music Festival** at Rock Canyon H.S.—**Wind Ensemble achieved unanimous superior ratings** in performance and sight reading!! **Symphonic Band achieved a superior** in sight reading and a **high excellent rating** in performance. **Concert Band achieved excellent ratings** at the festival.

What a great show by our **Pit Orchestra** this year! **Congratulations to all of you who performed in "Beauty and the Beast."**

Congratulations to Wind Ensemble for achieving

Superior with Distinction ratings at the April 22nd **State Concert Band Festival!** We were one of only five bands statewide to receive such an honor at this year's State Festival!!

Nice job to all three groups who performed at the **UNC-Greeley Jazz Festival** on April 25th! The **Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs** received a **I rating**, while **Jazz I** achieved a **high II rating**. **Jazz II** received a **II rating**. **Congrats to Kevin Matthews and Wes Leffingwell** for receiving **soloist awards** at the Greeley Jazz Festival!!

Wow! What a terrific performance day for our soloists and ensemble members at the April 26th **Solo and Ensemble Music Festival!** This took place at the new **Prairie View H.S.** in Brighton. **Over 110 students** received **superior ratings** at the festival!!

The **May 1st Jazz Concert** was a huge success! **Congrats** to all of you jazz musicians. The **Recording Studio Session at Downtown Denver's DCPA Recording Studio** was a wonderful success!! All groups did extremely well—can't wait to hear this CD—all of our groups are included! We should have the CD's available by **May 16th**—all students get 1 free. Additional copies are available for just \$15 each.

I was so proud of **Jazz I** and the **Dixie Dawgs**, who performed on the **KUVO radio jazz show** on Tuesday, May 6th. You guys sounded great!! And what a wonderful **Spring Band Concert** on May 7th! **Congratulations** to Senior flute soloist, **Roxy Steinberg**, for an incredible performance of the "Carmen Fantaisie!"

A special thanks goes to **Mr. Hinman** for his **wonderful contributions as our student teacher!** Good luck at your first teaching job—at **Thunderidge Middle School** in the **Cherry Creek School District.**

Thanks to **all the parents** who responded to our volunteer plea last month. We really appreciate your willingness to **chaperone and help out!**

May is always an exciting culminating performance month for all our bands. Be sure to attend these upcoming performances: **End-of-the-Year Band Student Picnic (May 16th, 3-6pm, Arapaho Park); Dixie Combo at QCJB Traditional Jazz Concert (May 17th, 7:30 Dixie performance with John Royen (New Orleans Piano Virtuoso) at First Church of Divine, 14th and Williams in Denver), (Tickets \$15/\$12); Dixie at Denver Jazz Club's May Jam Session (May 18th, Westminster Elks Lodge, 2-5pm \$7 tickets); Jazz I at Senior Awards Convocation (May 19th, AHS Theatre, 6:15pm); and All Concert Bands at AHS Graduation Ceremony (May 22nd, LPS Stadium, 9am Pre-Ceremony Concert, 10am Ceremony); Dixie @ O'Shea's Tavern (May 21st, 5117 S. Yosemite, 6:00-8:00pm); Dixie @ Sacramento Jazz Jubilee (May 22-26).**

This is our last month to keep shooting for our 2007-08 vision everyone—
"All Excellence! No Bull!"

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2008!!

<i>Lizzie Adinoff</i>	<i>Joe Applebaum</i>
<i>Mohammed Awad</i>	<i>Lizzie Bolton</i>
<i>Robin Brohs</i>	<i>Katie Cassara</i>
<i>Matt Cullen</i>	<i>Kelly Edwards</i>
<i>Sean Egan</i>	<i>Tyler Elliott</i>
<i>Dave Ellis</i>	<i>Nichole Fabrizio</i>
<i>Dustin Flaum</i>	<i>Abbe Haller</i>
<i>Mike Hargreaves</i>	<i>Marielle Hendry</i>
<i>Aaron Hill</i>	<i>Kevin Jones</i>
<i>Jake Kilbarger</i>	<i>Joe Kosse</i>
<i>Jaime Liljegren</i>	<i>Eddie Lyon</i>
<i>Josh Mackelburger</i>	<i>Emily Morgan</i>
<i>Steven Mumblo</i>	<i>Billy Norris</i>
<i>Carissa Pierce</i>	<i>Chase Piker</i>
<i>Lyndsey Sotwick</i>	<i>Roxy Steinberg</i>
<i>David Tetley</i>	<i>Bryce Turner</i>
<i>Zach Walker</i>	<i>Kevin Walters</i>
<i>Nick Wieber</i>	<i>Mike Wilson</i>

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!!!
WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU SO MUCH!!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED
2008-09 LEADERSHIP**

Emily Haller, Flute Section Leader
 Kelly Churchill, Flute Squad Leader
 Nicole Jensen, Clarinet Section Leader
 Donna Villanyi, Clarinet Squad Leader
 Jordan Flatt, Sax Section Leader
 Tyler Gehring, Sax Squad Leader
 Vikky DeLaTorre, Trumpet Section Leader
 Blair Larson, Mellophone Section Leader
 Jordan Leak, Mellophone Squad Leader
 Vince DeLaTorre, Low Brass Section Leader
 Molly Phenix, Percussion Section Leader
 Ashley Howald, Color Guard Section Leader
 Krissy Cloyes, Color Guard Squad Leader
 Sarah Churchill, Color Guard Squad Leader
 Melanie Brown, Drum Major
 Alyssa Barton, Drum Major

Congrats to all of you!

**CONGRATULATIONS ARAPAHOE COLORGUARD
2008/2009!!!**

Ashley Howald, Section Leader	
Krissy Cloyes, Squad Leader	
Sarah Churchill, Squad Leader	
Caitlin Almer	Morgan Ilg
Addison Barlet	Taylor Kaiser
Jill Bayard	Meghan Kamps
Jeni Caldara	Elaine Kwan
Charlotte Cunningham	Chelsea Larson
Megan Dries	Erin McClintock
Meagan Durfee	Ashley Moran
Stephen Field	Jordan Russell
Chelsea Flaum	Ashley Thorp

CONGRATULATIONS to a record number of Warrior Band members selected to this year's Masonic Band Camp!! Alyssa Barton, Sarah Cheney, Kelly Churchill, David Culp, Vikky DeLaTorre, Vince DeLaTorre, Jordan Flatt, Chelsea Flaum, Denae Hill, KeKe Kosse, Maureen Kosse, Hannah Sabo, Donna Villanyi and Zach White.

Wow!! 14 Selected Students!!!

NEEDED INSTRUMENTATION FOR 2008-2009

- 1 Concert Band Oboe
- 1 Symphonic Band Bassoon
- 1 Concert Band Bassoon
 - 3 Jazz II Trumpets
 - 1 Jazz I Trumpet
- 1 Symphonic Band Horn
- 2 Concert Band Horns
- 1 Symphonic Band Trombone
- 2 Concert Band Trombones
 - 3 Jazz II Trombones

We will offer **free instruction** and **free instruments**--please see Dr. C. as soon as possible!

A High Quality Instrument Makes a Difference!

Parents always ask me how they can best support their student musician. I **recommend purchasing an upgraded instrument--either intermediate or professional in quality**. This is really more important than private lessons in many respects. Please contact me at 303-347-6031 or ecannava@lps.k12.co.us if you need help in upgrading your student's instrument. Brad Brickley of Kolacny Music and Al Davis of Flesher-Hinton Music can be very helpful in getting you the best discounts possible.

Private Lessons

Private Lessons are strongly encouraged for all our band students. You can **use your share account funds to pay** for approved private instruction! All students studying privately receive 3 Letter Award Points. **This is the way our instrumentalists will make maximum progress on their instruments**; please see the listing of private teachers on our website, or Dr. Cannava can recommend teachers for your student--please contact him at 303-347-6031. The students who study privately usually make the highest band chair placements, honor/all-state groups and music scholarships!

You've got to have a Metronome and Tuner for maximum performance!!!

For the maximum progress in band, please purchase a **tuner** and **metronome** if you play an instrument, and a **metronome** if you are in Color Guard. Tuners will help your **pitch development** on a consistent basis. You can put the tuner on your music stand as you practice, and check the various troublesome pitches as you go. *What a difference this will make in your playing!!!* **Metronomes will help everyone's ability to keep time and maintain tempo**. These are great for Color Guard members to practice their flag, rifle, dance and sabre routines. Musicians can work on their basic time, as well as musical subdivisions. Metronomes will assist all of us in our musical development, no matter what level are currently at. *Please Bring in \$30 for a metronome purchase and \$25 to buy a tuner/metronome combination*--make checks payable to **ABB** and please add your student's first and last name.

LITTLETON SCHOOLS EARN MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD

The walls of the band room at Arapahoe High School are lined with accolades. However, Dr. Ed Cannava says his latest recognition is even more important because it's for the entire community. "This award is huge," said Cannava, the director of bands at Arapahoe High School.

The Littleton School District won recognition from the National Association of Music Merchants as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education." For the last nine years, NAMM has commended communities around the country for supporting music because the organization feels it is necessary to produce well-rounded students.

"Children engaged in music will be the innovation leaders of tomorrow, and there is no better way to build life-long participation in music than with a solid base of music education," said Mary Luehrsen, executive director of the NAMM Foundation in a released statement.

Cannava says Littleton Schools tries to infuse music into the education of students from kindergarten to 12th grade. For example, at Centennial Academy of Fine Arts Education, every student participates in some sort of music program.

"This community is so into making the arts very much valued," said Cannava.

He says one of the key components of Arapahoe's programs is small group instruction and the use of music professionals to teach students once-a-week.

"It's amazing because the progress that can happen with kids learning from professionals just on their instrument and gaining that on a weekly basis," said Cannava.

"You kind of learn what being professional is like," said Dave Ellis, a senior who plays trombone. "I mean I've learned more from this band program than I think I could have anywhere else."

Senior Roxy Steinberg plays the flute. She says the music programs in Littleton try to foster the emotional component to music and performing.

"The hours we put in, you can't help but have a passion for it," said Steinberg. "We wouldn't be here if we didn't."

Cannava says he tries to take his student on as many trips as possible to venues like Carnegie Hall. He believes the trips are not only fun, but are a valuable learning experience.

"That kind of growth for kids, you cannot, I mean it's incomparable," he said.

Only two districts in Colorado won the "Best Communities for Music Education" award. The Academy 20 District in Colorado Springs also won. Nationwide, 110 school districts received recognition.

Though, Littleton is one of the smaller districts in the Denver metro area, this is the third time in the last 10 years it has won this distinction.

It's pretty sweet to win an award like this in a district like this," said Cannava.

Arapahoe Wind Ensemble Awarded Superior Ratings at the CHSAA Large Group Music Festival

The Arapahoe High School Wind Ensemble was awarded superior ratings in performance and sight reading at the CHSAA Large Group Music Festival, held at Rock Canyon High School on April 4th. The Symphonic Band achieved a high excellent rating in performance, and a superior rating in sight reading. The Concert Band received unanimous excellent ratings in performance. Student teacher, Mr. Nicholas Hinman, conducted the Concert Band, and also performed one selection with the Symphonic Band.

Instructors include: Fran Piazza, Flute; Michael Vigliotti, Oboe; Debbie Torp, Bassoon; Heather Davis, Clarinet; Tait Solberg, Saxophone; Missy Steinbock, Trumpet; Ron Torp, Horn; Jeff Craig, Low Brass; and Fred Bowlus, Percussion.

Arapahoe Warrior Winter Guard Named State Champion Runner-Up

The Arapahoe High School Warrior Winter Guard was named the State Champion Runner-Up at the Colorado State Winter Guard Championships held at The C.U. Events Center on April 5th. They competed in the Scholastic Open Class, under the direction of instructor, Mr. Kenny Bailey.

Members of the Arapahoe High School Winter Guard include: Nichole Kamps, Captain; Ashley Howald, Sarah Churchill, Krissy Cloyes, Megan Dries, Jordan Krantz, Ashley Thorp, Kaitlin Almer, Addison Barlet, Jill Bayard, Ilg Morgan, Megan Kamps, Taylor Kaiser, Chelsea Larson, and Jordan Russell.

Arapahoe High School Jazz Musician Selected to 2008 All Star Jazz Band

Junior Arapahoe High School, Lead Trumpeter, Melanie Brown, has been selected to perform in the prestigious 2008 Mile High Jazz Festival All Star Band. The All Star Band will perform at the annual Colorado Bandmasters Association Convention in July, and will be featured on KUVO's "Live at the Oasis: High School/Collegiate Jazz Showcase Radio Show sponsored by Flesher-Hinton Music Company.

Melanie also received a plaque award for being selected as one of the most outstanding jazz trumpeters at the 2008 Mile High Jazz Festival.

Arapahoe Winter Percussion Ensemble Named State Champion

The Arapahoe High School Winter Percussion Ensemble was named the State Champion at the Colorado State Winter Percussion Championships held at the Budweiser Events Center on April 12th. They competed in the prestigious Scholastic Concert World Class, under the direction of instructor, Mr. Fred Bowlus. Arapahoe scored a school record 91.3 points.

Members of the Arapahoe High School Winter Percussion Ensemble include, Marielle Hendry, Senior, Michael Hargreaves, Senior, Katie Cassara, Senior, Mike Wilson, Senior, Ryan Foley, Senior, Cameron Brown, David Culp, Joe Leadbeater, Kevin Matthews, Dan Matthews, Jake Mirow, Molly Phenix, Cody Stogsdill, Martin Walworth, and Zach White.

Arapahoe Wind Ensemble Achieves Superior State Festival Ratings

The Arapahoe High School Wind Ensemble was awarded a superior rating with distinction (superior ratings from all 3 judges) from a national panel of adjudicators at the Colorado Bandmasters Association's State Concert Band Festival. 24 out of more than 70 bands were selected to this year's State Festival. The performance took place at Griffin Concert Hall, within the CSU Performing Arts Center, in Fort Collins, on April 22, 2008.

Band Staff includes: Fred Bowlus, Percussion; Fran Piazza, Flute; Michael Vigliotti, Oboe; Debbie Torp, Bassoon; Heather Davis, Clarinet; Tait Solberg, Saxophone; Missy Steinbock, Trumpet; Ron Torp, Horn; and Jeff Craig, Low Brass.

Arapahoe High School Jazz Musicians Achieve Awards at UNC-Greeley Jazz Festival

The Arapahoe High School Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs were awarded an Excellent-I rating at the UNC-Greeley Jazz Festival on April 25, 2008. Arapahoe's Jazz I achieved a II+ rating, and Jazz II received an overall II rating at the festival.

The following musicians were awarded Outstanding Musicianship Certificates: Wes Leffingwell, Junior Pianist; and Kevin Matthews, Sophomore Drummer.

Arapahoe's Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs to Perform in May 18th Benefit

The Arapahoe High School Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs will be performing along with the UCD Claimjumpers and New Orleans Piano Virtuoso, John Royen, at the Denver Jazz Club's May Jam Session. All Advance ticket sales will benefit the Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs upcoming trip to the 2008 Sacramento Jazz Jubilee from May 22-26. The performance will be held at the Westminster Elks Lodge (3850 Elk Dr.) from 2-5pm on Sunday, May 18th.

For advance \$7.00 ticket purchases, call Dr. Ed Cannava, Arapahoe High School Band Director, at 303-347-6031. Dry Creek Dixie Dawg members include: Madison Munn, Clarinet; Eddie Lyon, Tenor Sax; Melanie Brown, Cornet; Dave Ellis, Trombone; Alex James, Tuba; Nicole Jensen, Banjo; Wes Leffingwell, Piano; and Kevin Matthews, Drums.

EXCITING MARCHING BAND NEWS

Be sure to be a member of our award winning **Warrior Marching Band** and join in all the fun next year!

Our show is "Triumph of the Valiant"

This is going to be a very entertaining show—we know it will be a terrific crowd pleaser!!!

The rehearsal schedule next year will continue to be **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**. Tuesdays are sectional days for woodwinds and brass, and Thursdays will be percussion sectional days. The Color Guard sectionals will be announced soon. Also, there are two Tuesday Festival performances, and one Thursday football game.

What a **GREAT TIME** to be joining the Warrior Marching Band!! **Freshmen—don't worry about the challenges of memorizing music—we'll be there to help you along the way.** We're looking forward to a fantastic band next year everyone—**be a member of the Pride of Arapahoe!!**

Marching Band Summer Camp Schedule and Information

All Sessions at AHS this summer!

June 2—7:30am-3pm—**Bring All Forms and Fees**

June 3-6 and 12-14—8am-3pm

August 4-8 and 11-12—8am-3pm

August 13—3pm-8pm—**Photo Day and "Chipotle Day"**

August 14-15 and 18th—5pm-8pm

Color Guard attends the above schedule

The **June Camp** is required of all our **Marching Band students**. Remember, all students planning to go on the England Band Trip are required to be continuously enrolled in our **Marching Band**. **Anyone not able to attend any part of our camp needs to contact Dr. Cannava in writing** so that the student's section leader can meet with, and instruct, them before his or her absence.

What to bring to Camp:

Required paperwork and fees

Pencil

Music

Instrument/Color Guard equipment

Ice-cold water bottle

Wear/bring sunscreen

Dress for the weather, but you **MUST** wear tie tennis shoes and socks at all times.

What do we do at Camp?

Music: You'll learn basic tunes and all the field show music. There are extra teachers to help with sectionals.

Marching: You'll learn basic marching fundamentals to become consistent in style and have the field show completed, both design and music!

Heads Up: 2008 Band Camp Fee (\$325) Due on June 2nd... (If you have not already paid).

Any questions regarding fees, please contact ABB Treasurer, Rebecca Steinebrey at 303-347-0474 or rsteinebrey@msn.com

Ways to Max Your Camp Experience...

Before camp begins:

1. **Practice, Practice, Practice!!!** It doesn't matter whether you play an instrument or spin a flag, pre-camp preparation will DEFINITELY help maximize your camp experience.
2. **Set Goals.** People don't plan to fail, they fail to plan. Don't let your camp experience be less than the ultimate. Know what you want to get out of camp before you go into it. Whatever your goals, set them now, so you know what to work for.
3. **Prepare Physically.** Camp can be physically strenuous. Make sure you are eating properly before you come to camp. **Get plenty of rest and drink lots of water.** If you are physically prepared for long days, you'll be able to be attentive and participate fully in everything.
4. **Make a List.** Don't forget to include instrument or equipment accessories, such as reeds, valve oil, and flag tape. And remember, the **first item on your list is a positive attitude!**
5. **Repairs/adjustments.** Do any repairs need to be made? Are there any adjustments that should happen so problems don't? This is something that should be done before you leave for camp. This way, if any repairs need to be made, there is time!

During camp

6. **Attitude is Everything.** Make a commitment to give 110% effort to having an awesome camp experience. If you give that extra effort, you'll be surprised how many other people will as well. **Remember that attitudes are contagious. Make yours worth catching!!**
7. **Follow Instructions.** Camps bring in the best faculty for YOU! Take advantage of the knowledge and experience of these great folks. Listen carefully and remember that they are there to help and teach you all the field show music. There are extra teachers to help with sectionals.
8. **Take Care of Yourself.** Summer heat can do a number on even the best of us. Get plenty of rest and remember to drink lots of water, even if you don't think you are thirsty. Also, camp is not the place to try to lose weight. Eat sensibly and healthy, and don't skip breakfast. A piece of fruit and a glass of juice or milk, are better than nothing at all!

After camp is finished:

9. **Have Fun!** Things to do, places to go, people to meet! Take advantage of all of the incredible opportunities offered by your camp. Do whatever it takes to meet, learn from and interact with, as many people as you can!
10. **Review.** Sharing what you learned with others can be a great tool for you. Teaching is a great way to learn!
11. **Continue Being Contagious.** Remember that positive attitude? It's easy to slip back into old habits. Don't let that happen to you! Continue to give 110% and you'll be surprised how much you learn, and how much more fun you can have!
12. **Set New Goals.** Did you meet your pre-camp goals? Review what you wanted to learn and revamp them, if necessary. Always having a goal in mind will help you reach higher. Maybe your goals are more group-oriented now, but they should be just as important as individual goals.
13. **Share Your Experience.** Be so enthusiastic about your awesome camp experience that others will want an awesome camp experience of their own! Share information on the camp and next year, help others reach for excellence and your program will benefit!

Frequent Flier Air Ticket Donations Needed

The Arapahoe Warrior Band is looking for anyone who is in a position to **donate Frequent Flier Mileage Air Ticket Coupons**. We would like to bring in 4 national judges for our September 20th Arapahoe Marching Invitational. Your contributions would help us out greatly. The band's costs would then only involve food and judging fees-the transportation would be taken care of. We have a donor already for the hotel accommodations through Marriott Corporation). Please contact Dr. Cannava at ecan11@msn.com as soon as possible if you can donate any Frequent Flier Mileage Air Ticket Coupons.

THANKS for all your support!

2008-09 ENGLAND BAND TRIP

We hope all you 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders join us on this band concert tour of a lifetime! Remember, all band members who started making the \$200 monthly trip payments in August, 2007, and continue to make payments on time through October, 2008, will have the final November, 2008, payment reduced by \$50.00. But, anyone can join us and get caught up on trip payments in the next few months.

The highlight of the 2008-09 Warrior Marching Band Trip to England, will be our performance in the 2009 London, England New Year's Day Parade! This is the Macy's Parade of England and all of Europe!! Millions of foreigners will watch us perform in this world famous parade!!!

We now have posted sign-ups for room assignments and work crew throughout the England trip. You must be current on all payments in order to sign up for either list. Also, if you're auditioning for the 2008 Leadership team, you must be current on all trip payments in order to participate in any leadership sessions or auditions!

There will also be an Arapahoe Wind Symphony performance in a London concert venue—this is part of the Annual Concert Gala Series. Our Marching Band has also been invited to perform in Dover, England. This will be a mayor gift exchange performance.

Many activities will take place during our 2008-09 England Band Trip. We'll be traveling to Stonehenge, Bath, and Windsor, among other places. You're going to love the jazz club, London Eye, London Dungeon, a West End musical, a classical orchestra concert, the Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, and many other fun excursions throughout our 8-day concert tour. Be sure to check out our website for all the details on how to sign-up for this band trip of a lifetime!!!

Update on the London Trip---December, 2008

The time is approaching for the big trip!! In fact, unbelievably, we are less than 8 months away from the departure date!!

It is time to sign up.....anyone who wishes to be included on the trip needs to get their forms completed and call us for payment arrangements. On May 1, the price will go up for students and shadow trip travelers. So, save your money and sign up today!!!

Please be sure to send your passport copies to Susan James at 5454 E. Hinsdale Cir., Centennial, CO 80122. All passport copies must be turned in by October 1, 2008. We must provide passport information to the airlines, hotels, etc. by mid-October. You can send your sign-up paperwork, with your first check, and all subsequent checks to ABB, P.O. Box 2612, Littleton, CO 80161.

Passport note: Important. All passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of re-entry into the U.S. This is important. You cannot travel if you do not take care of renewal, if applicable.

Personal luggage: Every student, shadow tripper, etc. is allowed one piece of checked luggage. The piece cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight and combined total dimensions cannot exceed 62 inches. A traveler is usually allowed two pieces of luggage to be checked. However, when traveling in a group, the second checked piece for each person is used for instruments, uniforms, and band equipment. The work crew and trip committee are in charge of determining the items to be packed in these boxes,

bags, cases, etc. Each traveler will be in charge of one of these boxes, bags, cases, etc. for check in and collection, both on the outbound and inbound flights.

Carry on baggage: The UK has very stringent rules for carry on luggage for outbound and inbound flights. One carry on piece is allowed per traveler, not to exceed 22 inches x 17.5 inches x 9.85 inches. Purses count as a carry on, and must be placed in a bigger carry on, if you wish to take both pieces.

All liquids and gels should be packed in checked luggage. If brought on board, these liquids/gels must be in containers with capacity of 3 oz. or less. All liquids/gels must be placed in a zip-lock plastic bag, not to exceed 8" x 7.5".

Special Dietary Needs: If any student, etc. has special dietary needs (allergies, vegetarian, etc.), please send an email to Susan James, jbspei@aol.com, explaining the necessary changes for meals.

A bit about **hotel accommodations:** All hotel rooms should be of very high standard. They will all include private bathrooms, including shower and bathtub, cable or satellite tv with radio, and central heating. Telephones, in the rooms, are available for room to room calls and can receive calls. Students who need to make outgoing calls can bring cell phones which are internationally capable. Please check your carrier's international prices, before authorizing your student to make international cell phone calls. Some carriers charge as much as \$10.00 per minute!!! There will be several internationally capable cell phones within the chaperone/tour guide group for emergencies. Most hotels will have public telephones for students to use to call home. Students can purchase phone cards in the hotels to use on the pay phones. Or, students can call collect to their homes, which can be quite expensive.

Fun fact: British hotels do not furnish face cloths!!!! You can bring your own cloths, though!!!

Some exciting notes about the itinerary:

A tour of the **Tower of London** is now included in the itinerary!!! This will include tours of the Royal Palace, fortress, prison, place of execution, arsenal, mint, menagerie, and jewel house (where the crown jewels of England are kept).

The London Eye is the world's largest "Ferris wheel". It is 450 feet high and you can see over 25 miles from the top on a clear day. Everyone will be riding the London Eye on this trip !!!

Outside of the residence of Her Majesty the Queen of England, at 11:25 a.m., the **royal guard changes** each day. AHS Band will watch this pageantry in front of the Palace railings or by the Victoria Memorial!!!

The **London Dungeon** is the place where horrifying events in British history are reenacted: Jack the Ripper's tortures, the plague of 1665, and the 1666 Great Fire of London. Not only will the AHS group see all of those horrors, but they will also continue with the Boat Ride to Hell---a terrifying journey ending with the uncertain fate of the axe man!!!!

On the evening of January 1, the entire group is invited to a **reception**. This is the culmination of the wonderful **New Year's Day Parade** and will be hosted by many British dignitaries!!!!

Tickets for the West End musical, "**Wicked**", have been requested and booked!!!

There will be **shopping**!!!!

England Band Trip PASSPORT

If you are going or are *even still considering going* with us to England, it is NOW time to apply for your passport. This process takes up to several months.

Applications for new passports can be obtained at the **Highlands Ranch post office**. You need proof of US citizenship, (a driver's license or school photo ID), proof of identity, (an **official birth certificate**, with a **raised seal**, not the certificate issued by the hospital), two 2" x 2" passport photos and applicable fees.

If your passport is due to be renewed within 6 months of our travel dates, the travel agency has advised us that you should **definitely renew before** the England trip. Renewal applications are also available at the Highlands Ranch post office.

The England Trip Committee should have a **photocopy of your current passport**, for information transmittal to the travel agency. If you have not sent your passport copy, please do so without delay. Please send your copy to:

Arapahoe Band Boosters
PO Box 2612
Littleton CO 80161-2612

If a student wishes to travel and holds dual citizenship, or a Visa, please take a moment to apprise us, so that we may avoid any problem.

So far, these 61 students are traveling to England in December, 2008!!

Barton, Alyssa	Furry, Grant	Larson, Blair
Bassett, Joyce	Furry, Lauren	Lay, Matt
Bridges, Jordan	Gardner, Jaden	Leadbetter, Joe
Brown, Cameron	Gehring, Jordan	Leak, Jordan
Brown, Melanie	Gehring, Tyler	Mackelburger, Jordan
Cheney, Brian	Haller, Emily	Matthews, Dan
Cheney, Sarah	Haley, Chris	Matthews, Kevin
Churchill, Kelly	Haskins, Emily	Mirow, Jake
Churchill, Sarah	Hicken, Talon	Mulhern, John
Cloyes, Krissy	Hiler, Matt	Munn, Madison
Culp, David	Hood, Karly	Phenix, Molly
Darling, Matt	Howald, Ashley	Prasertsin, Kanin
DeLaTorre, Vikky	James, Alex	Pye, Lucy
DeLaTorre, Vince	Jensen, Nicole	Roberts, Tom
Denman, Paul	Jonscher, Raleigh	Strom, Phillip
Dixon, Cady	Jonscher, Spenser	Tetley, Kathryn
Fedde, Duncan	Kopischke, Nick	Villanyi, Donna
Fitzgerald, Matt	Kosse, KeKe	Wait, Nathan
Flatt, Jordan	Kosse, Maureen	Walworth, Martin
Flaum, Chelsea	Krantz, Jordan	Wharry, Alex
Flynn, Phoebe		

We already have 6 family members accompanying the band to England!

FUNDRAISERS

Each band student receives semi-private instruction from one of at least 12 sectional instructors whose salaries are ENTIRELY paid by our fundraising proceeds. The Arapahoe Band Boosters must fundraise to maintain our *outstanding* music program.

Bingo, the Student Car Wash, phone book delivery, and the Silent Auction, are the major fundraisers benefiting the entire band program. There are also several fundraising opportunities to enable each student to secure their own funds, in their share account, and use that money to help pay the various program fees. These fundraisers include Grocery Certificates, Scrip, Butter Braids, and Cookie Dough sales. See's Candies is a new fundraiser for share accounts that students worked on in February. This fundraising opportunity will be offered periodically throughout the year.

ARAPAHOE BAND GROCERY CERTIFICATES

This is probably the easiest way to earn money for your share account. Use the proceeds to make trip payments, pay for private lessons and pay yearly fees. King Soopers, Tony's Meats and Sunflower Market grocery certificates are available. For every \$100 you buy, \$5.00 goes directly to your student account. Sell certificates to your friends and neighbors and earn even more!

Contact one of the following ABB members to purchase Grocery Certificates:

Ellen Strom

Joan Berres

Kellie Bridges

Homestead Farms II

Highlands 460

Liberty Hills

Holly & Dry Creek
7862 S. Ivy Ct.
303-773-3623

Dry Creek & Adams
2903 E. Otero Cir.
303-795-6624

Easter and Eudora
7005 S. Dahlia St.
303-771-2250

We are always looking for lucrative fundraising opportunities. Please contact a board member with any ideas you may have. Better yet, attend the monthly ABB Board Meetings!

Check out our website for the latest and greatest...

There is a lot of information about the band program, fundraising details, England Band Trip information, band awards and history, and quite a few very cute musicians (check out the section photos!) on our band pages of the AHS Website. The link is below:

<http://arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net>

To Access the AHS Band Website:

Click on Activities
Click on AHS Band

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