

# ABB Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Arapahoe High School Band Boosters  
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## From The Podium by Dr. Cannava

Congratulations to all of you in the **Warrior Marching Band** for an absolutely outstanding performance at the **August 16<sup>th</sup> Soggy Western Welcome Week Parade!!** You guys performed admirably in the rain. **Also, congratulations for completing the 2008 field show, "Triumph of the Valiant".** This was totally finished by the end of our August Camp—Way to go Warrior Band!!

Congratulations to our Percussion Instructor, **Mr. Fred Bowlus**, and his wife, **Nicole**, on the birth of their first child—**Parker Bowlus!** Parker was born on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

***Welcome Parker!!!***

Our **Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs** had an excellent performance already this year. **Congratulations** to all of you for a fantastic performance at the **2008 Evergreen Jazz Festival.** The audience loved you guys!!

We had a very successful ABB Kick-Off Meeting Night on August 15<sup>th</sup> with a **roaring performance by our Warrior Marching Band!** ***Thank you parents, for attending and cheering your students on!!!***

We are so excited that we now have **75% of our Marching Band** joining us for a performance trip of a lifetime! The highlight of the **2008-09 Warrior Marching Band Trip to England**, will be our performance in the **2009 London 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!!! There will also be two **Arapahoe Wind Symphony** performances in London concert venues (St. John's Hall in

Smith Square and Central Westminster Hall)—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 **New Year's Eve Party, London Eye, London Dungeon, "Wicked",** a dance cruise, 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!!!

We are very fortunate to have a talented percussionist as our student teacher at **Arapahoe** through the middle of October. His name is **Mr. Iliff.** He is a student at the University of Northern Colorado and will be graduating in December.

***Welcome Mr. Iliff!!***

## ***Parents, you're our biggest fans...***

so, we want to invite you to all our **September activities and performances!** Don't miss any of these upcoming events:

- **The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Band Night and Football Game vs. Overland (9/12, 7pm game at the Stadium);**
- **Arapahoe Marching Invitational—ABB Hosts (Stadium on 9/20—our band performs in prelims and finals as an exhibition band)**
- **Homecoming Football Game vs. CCHS (9/26, 7pm game at the Stadium)**
- **Homecoming Parade (9/27 at 10am)**
- **CSU Marching Showcase (Ft. Collins on 9/27)**
- **Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs at the Summit Jazz Festival (9/28 at Four Points by Sheraton)**

- Hotel)
- **Football Game** vs. Mullen (10/3, 7pm game at the Stadium)
- **Douglas County Marching Invitational** (10/4 at DCHS Stadium)

All Concerto Competition entries are due by **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. Each entry should include a recording of the soloist with piano accompaniment (piano and percussion entries may be submitted without accompaniment), \$30, the completed application, and an original score. The finalists will be announced by **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. They will then perform on stage, starting at 7pm, on **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. All performers in November need to provide the judges with 3 original scores. **Good luck to all of you!!**

With everyone's help this year, we'll see our vision come true—

**"Be Valiant and Soar to Greatness!"**

**That's it for now, everyone. Thanks for all you do to support our hard working band students. You are what makes us so successful!**

**THANKS A MILLION for everything!!**

***Incoming Freshmen...this is especially for you!!!***

For the maximum progress in band, please plan on purchasing 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 we are currently at. *Please bring in \$30 for a*

*metronome purchase or \$25 to buy a combination tuner/metronome.* Make checks payable to **ABB** and please add your student's name.



### **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!**

### **ABB Meetings**

Just a reminder that ABB meetings are **not** just for the board members. Anyone who is an ABB member, and that means a parent of any band student, is encouraged to attend. We need your input and fresh ideas to keep the band program going and moving in a positive direction. **The next meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Band Room. See you there!!**

### **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 [ecan11@msn.com](mailto:ecan11@msn.com) 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.

## Marching Band Judging/Scoring Criteria

Several of you have expressed curiosity about the scoring criteria in marching band competitions. I borrowed a set of the scoring sheets from Fred Bowlus, our percussion instructor, and have put together a fair stab at some of the scoring definitions. The judging criteria and guidelines are quite elaborate, so my brief description below may not be completely accurate. But, it provides a basic understanding of the scoring process.

**Music Performance:** Measures the accuracy, intonation, tuning and tone quality of the music. One judge evaluates individual music performance by listening to the individuals while walking around on the field. A second judge assesses overall ensemble performance from the press box. Their scores are averaged to get to one score.

**Visual Performance:** Measures the effectiveness of movement, footwork, space management, control and balance of the program. This area looks at how well they are marching, space differences, footwork, recovery, and all the other stuff they've been practicing in front of the mirror. This area also uses two judges, one on the field and one in the press box, with the scores being averaged.

**General Effect:** This category has two separate aspects, Musical General Effect and Visual General Effect. The Music segment assesses the effectiveness of the music program, its creativity, the aesthetic and expressive qualities, and the entertainment value of the musical program. The Visual component evaluates the staging of the program, continuity, coordination between music and visual, and communication of the program. Two judges are used for the Music General Effect and one judge for the Visual General Effect. Unlike the two previous categories, however, the scores of the judges are added together, not averaged. Thus, this is a key part of the scoring process.

**Percussion:** Although the performance of the percussion is included in the other scoring sections, a small (5%) part of the total potential score is devoted to the quality of the percussion group.

**Auxiliary:** Similarly, a portion of the overall potential score (5%) is devoted to the color guard, or auxiliary. The performance of the color guard is included in the other scoring sections.

**Penalties:** I'm not entirely sure of the breadth of reasons for penalty points to be deducted from the total score. Everything must be set up on the field, and the crew off the field, in three minutes from being given the signal to proceed. Similarly, we must have everything off the field in three minutes after completion of the show.

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# The 2008 Arapahoe Band Concerto Competition

## Rules for the Recording Entries Due September 24<sup>th</sup>

1. The applicant must be a band student enrolled at Arapahoe High School, or a middle school band student who will be joining the Arapahoe Band.
2. The performance will consist of a technical movement of a concerto with piano accompaniment.
3. Pianists and percussionists do not need to provide piano accompaniment, unless they would like to be considered as a senior featured soloist.
4. Senior featured soloist applicants must confirm the published band accompanied work is available for their selected piece.
5. The entry fee of \$30 and an original score must accompany the application and recording. This is due to the Arapahoe High School Band Office by September 24<sup>th</sup>.
6. The Arapahoe Band Instructional Staff will listen to the recordings and select up to the top 3 performances in each category (WW, Brass & Percussion).
7. CD or cassette tape recordings will be accepted.
8. Up to 9 finalists will be announced on October 22, 2008.

## Rules for the Finalists Who Will Perform in the AHS Theater on November 17, 2008

1. Each performer will provide their own piano accompanist.
2. Pianists and percussionists do not need to provide piano accompaniment, unless they would like to be considered as a senior featured soloist.
3. All finalists must provide 3 original scores for the judges.
4. A complete technical movement of a concerto will be performed by each finalist.
5. Professional musicians will judge the finalists.
6. All finalists in each division (WW, Brass & Percussion) will be announced at the end of the evening, along with the Grand Prize 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.
7. A maximum of 3 seniors will be selected to perform their concerto movement with the Arapahoe Wind Ensemble at the December, March or May Concerts.
8. All finalists will receive a professionally recorded CD and DVD of their performance on 11/17/08.
9. Each finalist will receive a framed certificate award.
10. The top 3 finalists will receive an engraved medal commemorating the even.
11. Cash prizes will be: \$100.00 1<sup>st</sup> Place; \$75.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; and \$50.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
12. Admission tickets for the November 17<sup>th</sup> Concerto Performance will be \$5.00.

# 2008 ARAPAHOE BAND CONCERTO COMPETITION APPLICATION

This completed application, along with your \$30.00 entry fee (payable to Arapahoe Band Boosters), an original score, and your CD or cassette tape recording, is due by September 24, 2008.

Name\_\_\_\_\_Instrument\_\_\_\_\_

School\_\_\_\_\_Grade (Fall, 2008)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Name of Concerto\_\_\_\_\_

Composer/Arranger of Concerto\_\_\_\_\_

Seniors Only-Publisher of the Band Accompaniment of your Concerto\_\_\_\_\_

Technical Movement you are Performing\_\_\_\_\_

Piano Accompanist's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher\_\_\_\_\_

## 2008-09 ENGLAND BAND TRIP

We are just 4 months from our exciting trip to England to perform in the London New Year's Day Parade. Check out our amazing trip itinerary (may be subject to change):

**Saturday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>:** Fly out of DIA for London on British Airways and United. Both flights fly out of Denver at approximately 6pm and get into London at noon the next day. They serve dinner and breakfast outbound and lunch and afternoon tea are served on the return flight. The flight is nine hours long.

**Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Arrival Day. Walk to the London Bridge and visit the Tower of London, followed by dinner at 6:30pm. The tour group will meet with us and provide a trip orientation. The students will have access to a party room.

**Monday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>:** Full breakfast buffet in hotel. London City Tour (4 hours) or the Windsor Tour (8:30am to 1pm). Lunch is at leisure and then the students will rehearse at the Gala. The next activity is the London Eye. The tour operator suggests that we conduct a self-guided tour of the London Parade route to familiarize ourselves with the course (although this is optional). Then the students go to rehearsal, followed by dinner at leisure (paid with vouchers). We then depart for the performance (7:30pm concert).

**Tuesday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>:** City Tour?? Go to the Tower of London at 1pm. Then travel by the tube to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. Dinner at leisure and head for the Apollo Theater to see "Wicked".

**Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>:** Stonehenge and Bath (8am to 6pm). Then, the Jack the Ripper Tour and go see the fireworks at 11:30pm. Return to the hotel for the New Year's Eve Party.

**Thursday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>:** Sleep in a little. Full breakfast buffet served. The students can line up at the parade route from noon to 2pm. The official group photograph will be taken at that time. Sack lunches will be provided, as there is no place to eat while waiting for the parade to start. Dinner is at 6pm and then we depart for the Disco Cruise Boat. Back to hotel by 10:30pm.

**Friday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Canterbury and Dover (6:30am breakfast) with visits to Canterbury Cathedral and Dover Castle. Back at the hotel by 4:30pm, dinner at 5pm and rehearsal at 6pm. Our concert begins at 7:30pm.

**Saturday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Travel home with great memories!!!

**If this sounds like an opportunity to go on the trip of a lifetime and you haven't signed up yet, there is still time.** The longer you wait, the more risk there is that the price of the trip will increase. We are sending in the manifest with the names of trip participants very soon to avoid possible price increases.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR NAME ON THAT LIST!**

**PASSPORT INFORMATION NEEDED:** Many thanks to those of you who have provided us with **copies of your passports**. We are still lacking the required information from a few trip participants. **PLEASE** get a copy of your passport to Susan James, 5454 E. Hinsdale Cir., Centennial, CO 80112, if you have not already done so. **NOW IS THE TIME!!**. Contact Mrs. James at 303-741-2424 if you have any passport questions.

**“EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ENGLAND TRIP BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK”**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TWO VERY IMPORTANT TRIP MEETINGS** on November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Band Room. The meetings are for all parents, students and shadow trip participants. A London Trip Travel Facilitator will be present to go over all the required information about the trip and to answer any questions you may have on November 6. The December meeting will include expectations and final packing instructions, among other things. **Please don't miss these important meetings!**

**Trip Chaperones:** We thought you'd like to know who will be chaperoning our trip to London. Joining Dr. and Mrs. (Pat) Cannava are: Phil and Mary Gottlieb, Kenny Bailey and Linda Haley. With our increased number of participants, we will be adding at least one more chaperone and will let you know when that person is selected.

**We are SO EXCITED that these 72 students plus 17 family members are traveling to England in December, 2008!!**

Barton, Alyssa  
Brown, Melanie  
Churchill, Sarah  
DeLaTorre, Vikky  
Durfee, Megan  
Flynn, Phoebe  
Gehring, Tyler  
Hicken, Talon  
Jensen, Nicole  
Kosse, KeKe  
Leak, Jordan  
McCandless, Con  
Prasertsin, Karin  
Stogsdill, Cody  
Walworth, Martin

Bassett, Joyce  
Caldara, Jeni  
Cloyes, Krissy  
DeLaTorre, Vince  
Fedde, Duncan  
Furry, Grant  
Gordon, Dylan  
Hiler, Matt  
Jonscher, Raleigh  
Kosse, Maureen  
Lundgren, Erik  
Mirow, Jake  
Pye, Lucy  
Strom, Phillip  
Wharry, Alex

Blanchard, Drew  
Cheney, Brian  
Culp, David  
Denman, Paul  
Fitzgerald, Matt  
Furry, Lauren  
Haller, Emily  
Hood, Karly  
Jonscher, Spenser  
Krantz, Jordan  
Mackelburger, Jordan  
Mulhern, John  
Reed, Haley  
Tetley, Kathryn

Bridges, Jordan  
Cheney, Sarah  
Darling, George  
Dixon, Cady  
Flatt, Jordan  
Gardner, Jaden  
Haley, Chris  
Howald, Ashley  
Kaiser, Taylor  
Larson, Blair  
Matthews, Dan  
Munn, Madison  
Roberts, Tom  
Villanyi, Donna

Brown, Cameron  
Churchill, Kelly  
Darling, Matt  
Dries, Megan  
Flaum, Chelsea  
Gehring, Jordan  
Haskins, Emily  
James, Alex  
Kopischke, Nick  
Lay, Matt  
Matthews, Kevin  
Phenix, Molly  
Sabo, Hannah  
Wait, Nathan



## 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, Entertainment Books, 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.

**Romano's Italian Restaurant in Highlands Ranch** will donate 20% of your dinner check to the band. Romano's Night is the **1st Tuesday of the month.** Make a copy of the coupon from our website (see below) and have dinner at Romano's on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Province Car Wash,** south of County Line on Colorado, will donate \$1 to the band for every \$8 or \$9 car wash purchased through their automated bays. Just enter the **Code: 43210.** Pass this on to family and friends!

### 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:**

<b>Ellen Strom</b>	<b>Joan Berres</b>	<b>Kellie Bridges</b>	<b>Denise Reznicek</b>	<b>Sondra Durfee-Peugh</b>
Homestead Farm II Holly & Dry Creek 7862 S. Ivy Ct. 303-773-3623	Highlands 460 Dry Creek & Adam 2903 E. Otero Cir. 303-795-6624	Liberty Hills Easter & Eudora 7005 S. Dahlia St 303-771-2250	S. Suburban Ice Arena Arapahoe & Univ. 2121 E Panama Dr 303-794-3420	4 blocks W. of AHS 7454 S Downing Cir E Cell - 303-241-9238 Home - 303-347-9916

**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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