

ABB Newsletter

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!
We have the best parents anywhere!! Thanks to all of you for your dedication. We had an extremely successful **Third Annual Arapahoe Marching Invitational** on September 20th!! On behalf of all the Warrior Band students and staff—**thanks a million for all your help and support** with the Invitational!! We are all so lucky to have **Tom Haller** as our festival coordinator--Tom, thanks for everything!!!!

I would like to thank a very special parent who made a trip back to Ft. Collins to retrieve our P.A. equipment, which we left in the warm-up area at the CSU Marching Band Showcase on September 27th. **Mrs. Susan Bassett**—thanks a million times over!!!!

Thank you to Susan James, Russ Furry and all the wonderful parents who helped out at the **Dr. Tim Leadership Workshop** on September 9th.

What a wonderful evening for all our incoming 7th and 8th grade band students on Friday, September 12th!! Thank you to all the parents who helped make our **Middle School Band Night** so successful. Our **Warrior Marching Band** had a terrific first show performance, as well, on the 12th of September.

Congratulations to the Warrior Marching Band for an excellent performance at **Back-to-School Night** on August 27th.

Congratulations to the Warrior Marching Band for placing 2nd in Prelims and 3rd in Finals at our September 20th **Arapahoe Marching Invitational**—great job guys!! What a nice halftime show at the **September 26th Homecoming Football Game**—it was an outstanding performance. The **Homecoming Parade** was a great performance for our band on the morning of Saturday, September 27th! The Warrior Marching Band then went up to **CSU in Ft. Collins**. Congratulations for placing 1st in **5A**—it was truly our best marching band performance so far this year!!!

Congratulations to the Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs for a wonderful performance at the **Summit Jazz Festival** on Sunday, September 28th—way to go jazz musicians!

Our band was quite busy during Homecoming Week—congratulations to all of you for your fine performances at the **Royalty Assembly, Bonfire and Pep Assembly**.

Turn Up The Volume!

October is our **BIG** competition month. We hope you can make all the Marching Band Events. Your attendance and support (**volume!!**) at these competitions mean so much to our band members. **Thank you for always being there for our band.**

Parents, we love your support at all our performances—Don't miss any of these upcoming events!

- **Douglas County Marching Invitational**—10/4 at DCHS Stadium (prelims-4:45, finals-TBA)
- **Friendship Cup**—10/11 at Longmont HS Stadium (prelims-3:30pm, finals-9:30pm)
- **5A Metro Qualifying State Marching Band Festival**—10/16 at LPS Stadium (8:30pm performance)
- **Pomona Marching Invitational**—10/18 at NAAC Stadium in Jeffco (prelims-3:30pm, finals-TBA)
- **Pikes Peak March of Champions**—10/21 at Garry Berry Stadium in Colorado Springs (4:45pm performance)
- **State Marching Band Championships**—10/25, Prelims around noon at Northglenn's 5 Star Stadium, Finals at Invesco around 9pm
- **Marching Band Awards Banquet**—10/30 in cafeteria (5:30pm) Dinner included.
- **Fall Concert Classic** performances by Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band—10/31 at Palmer Ridge HS in Monument

This is turning out to be a great year everyone! Let's continue to go for our vision—

"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, October 8th, 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 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.

2008-09 ENGLAND BAND TRIP

We are just 3 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. 27th: 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. 28th: 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. 29th: 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. 30th: 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. 31st: 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 1st: 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. 2nd: 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. 3rd: 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!

“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 6th and December 10th 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 6th. 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, Linda Haley and John Thurmond.

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

Barton, Alyssa	Bassett, Joyce	Blanchard, Drew	Bridges, Jordan	Brown, Cameron
Brown, Melanie	Caldara, Jeni	Cheney, Brian	Cheney, Sarah	Churchill, Kelly
Churchill, Sarah	Cloyes, Krissy	Culp, David	Darling, George	Darling, Matt
DeLaTorre, Vikky	DeLaTorre, Vince	Denman, Paul	Dixon, Cady	Dries, Megan
Durfee, Megan	Fedde, Duncan	Fitzgerald, Matt	Flatt, Jordan	Flaum, Chelsea
Flynn, Phoebe	Furry, Grant	Furry, Lauren	Gardner, Jaden	Gehring, Jordan
Gehring, Tyler	Gordon, Dylan	Haller, Emily	Haley, Chris	Haskins, Emily
Hicken, Talon	Hiler, Matt	Hood, Karly	Howald, Ashley	Ilg, Morgan
Jensen, Nicole	Jonscher, Raleigh	Jonscher, Spenser	Kaiser, Taylor	Kopischke, Nick
Kosse, KeKe	Kosse, Maureen	Krantz, Jordan	Larson, Blair	Lay, Matt
Leak, Jordan	Lundgren, Erik	Mackelburger, Jordan	Matthews, Dan	Matthews, Kevin
McCandless, Con	Mirow, Jake	Mulhern, John	Munn, Madison	Phenix, Molly
Prasertsin, Karin	Pye, Lucy	Reed, Haley	Roberts, Tom	Sabo, Hannah
Stogsdill, Cody	Strom, Phillip	Tetley, Kathryn	Villanyi, Donna	Wait, Nathan
Walworth, Martin	Wharry, Alex			



HELP WANTED:

Chaperones Needed. Chaperone help is needed for the following activities during 2nd semester: Concert band festivals -- Usually during weekdays. Winter Percussion -- usually Saturdays. Winter Guard -- usually Saturdays. We also need help during concerts monitoring hallways. Please contact Russ Furry at 303-263-8542 or at furrys01@msn.com if you are interested."

MB Pit Pushing Help Needed. We still need 4 or 5 parents who can help us push pit for the following events:

Oct-11 (Saturday): Friendship Cup (Longmont HS Stadium)- 3:30pm Prelims, plus Finals

Oct-16 (Thursday): 5A Metro Qualifying MB Festival (Stadium) 8:30 Performance

Oct-17 (Friday): Stadium Practice No School

Oct-18 (Saturday): Pomona Marching Festival (NAAC Stadium-Jeffco) 3:30 Prelims, plus Finals

Oct-21 (Tuesday): Pikes Peak March of Champions (Garry Barry Stadium-Colorado Springs) Times TBD

Oct-24 (Friday): FB Game (Stadium), 7pm game: halftime show

Oct-25 (Saturday): State Championship (Northglenn, Invesco) Prelims and Finals

If anyone can help please contact me. Mike Matthews 303-522-3750 mike@webtiers.com

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.

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 **October 7th and November 4th.**

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:

Ellen Strom
Homestead Farm II
Holly & Dry Creek
7862 S. Ivy Ct.
303-773-3623

Joan Berres
Highlands 460
Dry Creek & Adam
2903 E. Otero Cir.
303-795-6624

Kellie Bridges
Liberty Hills
Easter & Eudora
7005 S. Dahlia St
303-771-2250

Denise Reznicek
S. Suburban Ice Arena
Arapahoe & Univ.
2121 E Panama Dr
303-794-3420

Sondra Durfee-Peugh
Arapahoe High School
4 blocks W. of AHS
7454 S Downing Cir E
Cell - 303-241-9238

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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