

# ABB Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Arapahoe High School Band Boosters  
March 2008



From The Podium  
by Dr. Cannava

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who performed in the 2008

Continental League Honor Band and Orchestra Concert on January 14<sup>th</sup> in Boettcher Concert Hall. The band was composed of 25 Arapahoe musicians!! Both the orchestra and band were excellent!! Congratulations to all of you!!!

A special thanks goes to all our students who have been performing in the basketball game pep bands. There have also been optional pep bands this year—thank you to those dedicated musicians who have been attending those as well!!!

All State Orchestra included three of our students—Senior Matt Cullen on bassoon, Junior Wes Leffingwell on percussion, and Sophomore Kevin Matthews on principal tympani. You guys sounded like a professional symphony orchestra—Congratulations!

Our 2 jazz bands sounded great at the LPS Jazz Showcase on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Way to go guys!

Congratulations to Winter Guard for outstanding performances at your first two competitions. If you haven't seen the show, you've got to make the next competition—they are fabulous this year!

Our Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs had a very successful Fat Tuesday fundraising night for their upcoming trip to the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. St. Andrew's Church hosted our evening of traditional jazz on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Luigi's Italian Restaurant also hosted the combo for a second fundraising night on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for everyone's generosity—we

received over \$200 in tips—thank you very much!

Our Winter Percussion Ensemble is gearing up for their first competition on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The original music by Doug Rosener sounds great!!

Be sure to attend all the events, performances, and activities throughout the month of March. Parents, thank you for all your support for these outstanding and very talented musicians!

Let's all continue to work towards our vision—“All Excellence; No Bull!” Keep working hard to make this vision a reality for our band program!!

## *A High Quality Instrument Will Make 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](mailto: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.

## *Everyone Should Own a Metronome and Tuner!*

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 we 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.

### **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 Board Position and Chairperson Openings**

There will be a few board positions and several chairperson positions open after graduation in May. If you think that you may be interested, please contact a board member to ask any questions about these positions. Please

let one of them know that you may be interested in assuming one of these openings. The slate of candidates will be made public in March and will be voted on at the April ABB meeting. Names and phone numbers of board members are at the back of this newsletter.

***The next ABB meeting is Wednesday, March 12th, at 7pm in the Band Room.***

***We sincerely hope to see you there!!***

**Congratulations to all our students selected to the prestigious 2008 Continental League Honor Music Festival.** The Continental League, consisting of all Aurora, Douglas County, and Littleton High Schools along with Regis High School, presented its annual Honor Band, Choir and Orchestra Concert on Monday, January 14, 2008, in Boettcher Concert Hall.

Arapahoe High School band musicians selected to perform in this year's festival included: Emily Haller, Kelly Churchill and Lyndsey Sotwick, Flute; Tom Roberts, Oboe; Lisa Stippich (principal chair) and Matt Cullen, Bassoon; Emily Morgan, Donna Villanyi, Jordan Flatt,, and Carissa Pierce, Clarinet; Mark Weller (principal chair) and Alyssa Barton, Bass Clarinet; Eddie Lyon, Alto Sax; Matt Darling (principal chair), Tenor Sax; Nick Weiber (principal chair), Bari Sax; Josh Mackelburger (principal chair), Trumpet; Sarah Cheney and Blair Larson, Horn; David Ellis (principal chair), Billy Norris and Alex James, Trombone; Spencer Jonscher, Euphonium; Tim Chilton (principal chair) and Grant Furry, Tuba; and David Culp, Percussion. **CONGRATS to all of you!!!**

*Check out our website for the latest...*

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>

Click on Activities  
Click on Band

## ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL BAND INFORMATION SHEET

The Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs, Jazz I, and Jazz II will be participating in the Mile High Jazz Festival on Friday, March 7, 2008.

### TIME SCHEDULE:

10:00 am	Meet at AHS/Get in uniform-Load buses-2 <sup>nd</sup> bus is equipment bus
10:45 am	Leave AHS
Noon	Enjoy Dennis DiBlasio and the D .U. Lamont School of Music Jazz Ensemble concert.
1:00 pm	Enjoy food at the concession stand
1:30 pm	Listen to jazz group in the theater
2:00 pm	Attend Dennis DeBlasios Clinic
3:00 pm	Depart for Lunch/Dinner
4:40 pm	Return to Ralston Valley High School/Unload buses
5:00 pm	Jazz II prepares for warm-up
5:10 pm	Jazz II official warm-up time
5:15 pm	Jazz I attends concerts in theatre
5:40 pm	Jazz II's performance of their lives (so far)!! Jazz I enjoys Jazz II's performance in theatre.
6:05 pm	Jazz II's Clinic/Jazz I continues to listen to groups in theatre
6:15 pm	Dixie prepares for warm-up
6:25 pm	Dixie's official warm-up time/Jazz I & Jazz II hear additional groups in the theater
6:55 pm	Dixie performance of their lives (so far)!! Jazz I & II enjoy Dixie's performance
7:20 pm	Dixie's Clinic/Jazz I & II prepare for photo
7:45 pm	All 3 groups get photos taken
8:05 pm	Jazz I's official warm-up time
8:35 pm	Jazz I's performance of their lives (so far)!! Jazz II enjoys Jazz I's performance.
9:00 pm	Jazz I's clinic. Jazz II loads buses
9:30 pm	Depart Ralston Valley High School
10:15pm	Arrive AHS/Unload/put everything away
11:00 pm	Dismissal

### PERFORMANCE SITE:

Ralston Valley High School Theatre  
13355 West 80<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Arvada

### OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- Bring lunch,/dinner/dessert money (or sack meals).
- No individual is to be away from the group at any time
- Everyone needs to stay in full uniform from the time we leave AHS until we return to the buses at 9:00 pm
- Good Luck!!!

## 2008-09 ENGLAND BAND TRIP

We hope all you 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> 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!!!

### 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 49 students are traveling to England in December, 2008!!

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

We already have 4 family members accompanying the band to England!

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# 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. We also offer Romano's Restaurant Nights on the first Tuesday of each month. Romano's will donate 20% of your check to the Arapahoe Band Boosters. Please visit the Romano's in Highlands Ranch at 32 W. Springer Drive. Don't forget to take a coupon, posted on the website, the last page of this newsletter, and also on the table in the Band Room. You **MUST** have a coupon to have the funds donated to Arapahoe Band.

*The next Romano's Night is Tuesday, April 1st.*

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. 5% of your purchase price is immediately deposited into your share account.**

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

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

Kellie Bridges  
Liberty Hills  
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!  
Hope to see you on March 12th at 7pm in the Band Room.**

## 2007-2008 ABB Board Members

President:	Tom Haller	303-770-5836
VP-Chaperones	Joan Berres	303-795-6624
VP-Color Guard:	Paul/Kathy Howald	303-694-9051
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Bingo Treasurer:	Rebecca Steinebrey	303-347-0474
Secretary:	Beth Cassara	303-771-3246
Bingo GM of Record:	Linda Haley	303-221-4625

## Committee Chairpersons

Uniform Coordinator:	Susan James	303-741-2424
England Trip Coordinator:	Susan James	303-741-2424
Grocery Certificates:	Ellen Strom	303-773-3623
Fundraising:	Steve Sotwick	720-489-9118
Hospitality:	Mary Hargreaves Sandy Larson	303-347-2667 303-773-6872
Volunteers/ Transportation:	Beth Kosse Judy Kilbarger	303-741-5136 303-794-7599
Webmaster:	Terry Cassara	303-771-3246
Propmaster:	Eric Urban	720-283-8161
Communications:	Beth Cassara	303-771-3246
Historian:	Steph Mackelburger	303-795-3653

Join us...

# Romano's Italian Restaurant



32 W. Springer Dr.  
Highlands Ranch  
720-344-9530

Enjoy Romano's delicious dining or take out  
and help raise funds for:

## ARAPAHOE BAND BOOSTERS

Dine-in or take out every  
1st Tuesday of the month!  
(Except December)

Bring this flyer to

# Romano's

1st Tuesday  
Of every month!  
(Except December)

Give this coupon to  
your server and 20%  
of your check will  
be donated to:



Total of Your Bill

4 pm - Close  
Dine-in or Carryout