



EHS BAND NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2009



From Your Director...

Thanks to all the folks that came to our February concert at Sandia High School. It was a great crowd and the students played very well. We really have a very fine band program with terrific students. I am reminded of this every time I have to test other students around our campus. Our band has some of the finest students in our school. As one parent said to me after hearing many other high school jazz bands in Durango, "We really are very fortunate, aren't we." Our students do something so very special, and I think we all take it for granted too often. Everyone can't create great music and every program doesn't create great music. We are very lucky to have a strong performing arts program at Eldorado; it is something we should be very proud of.

For those students that have decided not to join the Eldorado Band next year, you will be missed. I hope down the road you don't regret your decision. Being in one of the best programs in our state is a privilege—one not to be taken lightly. You have excelled in something that few people can master: you have the gift of music. Sharing that gift with others is something few individuals get to do. For all the students returning next year, thank you for continuing to share your gift with others, we will have a great year.

In this newsletter there are many very important announcements about events for the end of the year. The Spring Trip is around the corner and the bills are having to be paid, so please get your money in right away. Coming up, we have many festivals, concerts, the graduation, banquet, and finals. Things will be getting very hectic.

I would like to congratulate both of our jazz bands for their outstanding performances at the

Fort Lewis Jazz Festival. Golden Image received excellent ratings. Screamin' Eagles received superior ratings and were named the outstanding band of the festival. Joe Schripsema also received one of the two outstanding soloist awards given. Congratulations to all.

I would like to stop any rumors that are going around and make things official. Mr. Snowden and I will both be back next year to give the Eldorado Band Program the best we can offer. I guess it's just too early to retire and there are just too many students I would love to work with again.

Let's have a fantastic year.

John C. Sanks



Calling all Booster Board Wanna-Be's

We are looking for a few good men and women!

The band does not run all by itself . . . it does take a village. Please consider volunteering your special talents and join the board.

2009-2010 Needs:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Fundraising Chair

Please let any current board member know of your interest:



Karen Sandoval (238-1159), Chris Ezell (292-8173), Cheri Stromberg (299-8591), Kathy Wahl (237-2626)

Spring Trip to Los Angeles!

Wednesday, April 15: Leave ABQ
Thursday, April 16: Magic Mountain Amusement Park

Friday, April 17: Disneyland

Saturday, April 18: Band Competition, Beach, and Awards Dinner

Sunday, April 19: Drive home

We'll be staying at the Fullerton Marriott near California State University, 2701 East Nutwood Ave., Fullerton, CA 714-738-7800



Remember to bring food or snacks on the bus for the drive out to L.A. The buses can be cold at night

so bring appropriate clothing, pillow and blanket, if desired. We will be going straight to Magic Mountain on Thursday morning so you may want to bring a change of clothes for the day. *You will not have access to your suitcase until we arrive at the hotel Thursday night.* Remember to bring anything you need (e.g., medicines, toothbrush, etc.) for Wednesday night and Thursday **ON THE BUS WITH YOU!**

Questions? Email Cheri Stromberg at ch_aos@msn.com or call 299-8591.

From the Treasurers

The deadline to pay for the Spring Trip is April 1; therefore, students will not be allowed to attend the trip if payment in full is not received prior to Monday, April 13.

All remaining account balances are due no later than May 1. Names of all senior students whose accounts are not paid in full by May 1 will be turned into the library, and they will be unable to receive their caps and gowns.



The Boosters are holding one last fundraiser—the End-of-the-year Drawing. Please contact Tina Perseo, fundraising coordinator (507-6996 or tina@perseo.net), for tickets.

Please contact either of the treasurers with any questions or concerns at ehsbandtreasurer@gmail.com

Thank you
Tara Otero and Shannon Luce

Fundraising Update!

The End-of-the-year Drawing will be held at the Spring Band Concert on May 5th.

We have some great prizes: Grand prize is a beautiful Dan Stouffer watercolor painting of the Sandia Mountains, valued at \$1000. Other prizes include gift certificates, a beautiful stained-glass window hanging, pampering sets, and more.

Tickets are available now for students to sell at \$2 each. For each ticket they sell, students will get 50% applied toward their accounts. *Students this is a great way to pay off those accounts!*

I will be accepting donations for prizes up until the last minute. If you would like to donate, please contact me ASAP!

Tina Perseo
Fundraising Coordinator
505-507-6996



KBQI Big I 107.9 and **Eldorado High School Golden Eagle Marching Band** present Arista Nashville recording artist

Jason Michael Carroll

for a special acoustic performance Wednesday, April 8.

Jason Michael Carroll's performance at this benefit concert for the marching band program was given to the Eldorado Band by Big I 107.9 for winning its "Battle of High School Marching Bands" competition early in the school year. Last fall, Big I 107.9's morning show team of Tony Lynn and Myles asked local marching bands to submit their recordings of the country music hit "Online" by Brad Paisley.

Four local high schools sent their versions, which were posted on KBQI's website www.bigi1079.com for judging. After a run-off, Eldorado High School's Golden Eagle Marching Band was declared the winner and given this fundraising opportunity as the grand prize.

Jason Michael Carroll's first album, "Waitin' in the Country," debuted at #1 on Billboard's Top Country Album chart, sold nearly 500,000 copies and produced the hits "Alyssa Lies" and "Livin' Our Love Song" (Top 5) along with "I'll Sleep When I'm Dead." That same year he was named Billboard's Top New Country Artist of 2007. His current single "Where I'm From," from the album "*Growing Up Is Getting Old*" (available 4/28) is already a Top 20 hit. Jason has opened for Brooks & Dunn and Trace Adkins and in 2008 toured with Carrie Underwood and Martina McBride. He's been featured on Good Morning America and CMA Music Festival and has played multiple times on the Grand Old Opry. Jason has been kind enough to agree to do this concert at no cost, with all proceeds for the show going directly to the Golden Eagle Marching Band program.

The concert kicks off with an acoustic set by Jason followed by a performance from the Golden Eagle Marching Band. It will take place in the gymnasium at Eldorado High School, located 11300 Montgomery Boulevard, NE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The show starts at 6PM and doors open at 5PM. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for the general public. Purchase tickets in advance in the school's courtyard during the lunch hour, at the Papa Murphy's Pizza on Tramway and Montgomery, or at the door the night of the show.

ANNUAL BAND AWARDS BANQUET

The end-of-the-year Band Awards Banquet will be **SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009, from 1-4 pm**. It will be held at the Albuquerque Marriott (Louisiana and I-40). It's always a lot of fun to watch the slide show, see who gets paper plate awards, celebrate with the seniors as they leave our program and find out who is volunteering to serve on the Executive Board for Band Boosters next year. (Have you considered being one of those people? You should!) The new student officers and drum major(s) are also revealed at this banquet. Come one, come all.



YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET AND PAY IN ADVANCE. NO banquet fees will be charged to student accounts. Please see the enclosed form, fill it out and place it with your payment in the lockbox in the band room, or mail it to the address on the bottom of the form.

DEADLINE FOR DINNER REGISTRATION: APRIL 22, 2009.

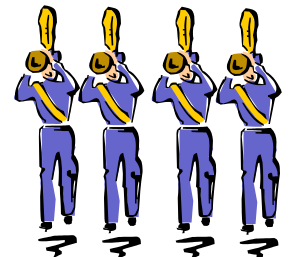
Questions? Email Cheri Stromberg at ch_aos@msn.com or call 299-8591.

PAGEANT OF BANDS NEEDS YOU!

Have you ever thought about getting involved with band, but not sure where? Have we got a deal for you! **Pageant of Bands** is our first marching festival in the fall and is put on entirely by volunteers through APS. There is a small board that prepares for the event and coordinates all the wonderful volunteers that help out on the day of the Pageant.

If you would like to find out more about serving on this board and getting to know a fun group of folks from across Albuquerque who love marching bands, please contact one of us!

Sheryl Anello, 821-3486; Karen Sandoval, 238-1159;
Cheri Stromberg, 299-8591; Anne Zeter, 237-1869



WEBSITE

Need to know what is going on? Visit us at:
www.nmeldoradoeaglesband.com



The website is up and running, and the calendar is up to date.

Visit early and visit often!

A memorial service in honor of

Alex Ogburn

(February 5, 1992-March 19, 2009)

will be held Saturday, April 11, 2009, from 3:00-4:30 pm at the Domenici Auditorium, UNM School of Medicine. There will also be a reception from 4:30-5:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Children's Cancer Fund of NM. More information on the Band Yahoo home page.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, April 7

Booster Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 8

Benefit Concert w/Jason Michael Carroll 6 pm

Friday, April 10

Vernal Holiday—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday - Sunday, April 15-19

Spring Trip to Los Angeles

Friday, April 24

Teacher Inservice Day—1/2

DAY OF SCHOOL

Saturday, April 25

NMAA State Band Festival (for Wind Ensemble)

Los Lunas HS

Tuesday - Wednesday, April 28-29

District VII Large Group Festival

LaCueva HS



Thursday, April 30

Application due for Band Scholarship (Seniors)

Friday, May 1

All Band Fees Due

Sunday, May 3

EHS Band/Color Guard Awards Banquet 1-4 pm

Marriott Hotel

Tuesday, May 5

Band Concert 7 pm

Thursday, May 14

Class of 2009 Graduation Ceremony 3:30 pm

Tingley Coliseum

Report time 1:30 pm

Wednesday, May 20

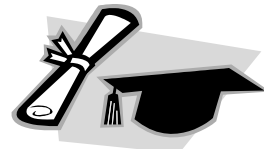
8th Grade Parents Night Details TBA

Thursday, May 21

Band Family Picnic Details TBA

Tuesday, May 22

Last Day of School



2008-2009 Band Yearbook

Work will begin soon on the band yearbook. I will send out a Yahoo broadcast message with details on when, where & how, including how to submit a senior page for those who are graduating.

What are needed now are pictures of out of town/off campus events: Durango Jazz Festival, Southwest Honor Band in Las Cruces, Spring Trip to Los Angeles, Tournament of Bands in Las Cruces, Tuba Christmas at the Botanical Garden, Duke City Drum-Off, UNM Jazz Festival, Band Picnics, Band Camp activities & section parties. This list is not all inclusive, and any pictures you have would be appreciated. We usually include a siblings page of brothers and sisters that are in band together, so I will need pictures of them, too.

Please consider the pictures to be a donation as we receive a lot and it's very difficult to return them. Plus, the yearbook is set up in a scrapbook format, so the pictures may be cropped. The pictures from the senior pages are the only ones we return.

If you have pictures to donate, we accept photographs, CD's with photos on them, or you can e-mail them to me at kamgwahl@comcast.net. Please use Band Yearbook for the subject line. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering to help with the yearbook, please e-mail me at this same address. Photos and CD's can be placed in the Band Yearbook Box which is next to Mr. Sanks' office in the Band Room.

Thanks! Kathy Wahl



What's Inside?

Read about . . .

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- *tickets for the End-of-the-year Drawing!*
- *results from the jazz festivals!*
- *volunteer opportunities!*
- *the Band Banquet!*
- *how to help with the Band Yearbook!*
- *and lots more!*



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ELDORADO HIGH SCHOOL BAND AWARDS BANQUET

The Eldorado High School Band's Annual Awards Banquet will be held **Sunday, May 3, 2009**, at the Marriott Hotel (Louisiana and I-40). **The festivities will begin at 1:00 pm.** The Band Boosters will pay for the students' meals. The cost for family members is \$25.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please indicate the band student(s) from your family who will be attending the banquet so that we have an accurate count for the hotel. Please also indicate other family members who will be attending the banquet. After completing the form, insert your payment and this form into an envelope and either deposit it in the lockbox or mail to the address listed below. **NOTE: PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS ORDER FORM. BANQUET COSTS CANNOT BE CHARGED TO ANY STUDENT'S ACCOUNT!**

Completed form and payment MUST be received by Wednesday, April 22, 2009

A. LIST BAND STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING

(There is no cost for band students)

(Please indicate if a vegetarian meal is desired)

_____ Vegetarian Meal
(Print Name)

_____ Vegetarian Meal
(Print Name)

B. LIST PARENTS AND SIBLINGS WHO BE ATTENDING

(The cost for parents and siblings is \$25 each)

_____ Vegetarian Meal
(Print Name)

_____ Vegetarian Meal
(Print Name)

_____ Vegetarian Meal
(Print Name)

PLEASE ENCLOSE CHECK FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE PAYABLE TO:
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Deposit in the lockbox in Band Room *or* mail to:

Cheri Stromberg
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