



EHS BAND NEWSLETTER

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From Your Director...

I was very impressed with the attendance at the Marching Band Awards Ceremony last month. We had a great season with a bunch of great students, and it was nice to see so many people come to celebrate with their achievements. The dodge ball game was fun also, and I think I saw more parents participating than usual.

I hope you had the chance to go see the musical "Grease". It was a very fine production put on by the EHS Performing Arts department. The singing, acting, and pit orchestra did a terrific job. Congratulations go to Tyler Carlson, Michael Christmas, Alejandro Gonzales, Scott Pinney, Cathryn Seigrist, and Brian Whippo for doing an outstanding job in the pit.

We are very pleased with the results of the All State auditions. We had 18 students selected to the NMMEA All State Convention. Michael Sandoval and Joe Schripsema made first chair in the state, which is very impressive. We also had 12 students selected to the NMJE All State conference, more than any other school in the state. Please check the student lists in this newsletter.

The first semester is coming to a close very rapidly which has caught me by surprise. We need to start thinking about 2nd semester and the activities we have coming up. In **January**, we have All State and All State Jazz. In **February**, we have Southwest Honor band, our concerts, and the Albuquerque Jazz Festival at EHS. **March** has the Jazz Band trip to Durango, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Spring Break, and the UNM Jazz Festival. **April** is Large Group Band Festival, Spring Trip to Branson, Drum Major auditions, and the State Band Contest.

May will be our last concerts, banquet, and graduation. Please check your calendars; we seem to stay pretty busy. Before you know it school will be out for the summer.

Thank you for a great first semester.

Have a happy holiday season and enjoy a well deserved break.

Mr. Sanks



Treasurer's Report

Two statements have been sent out, on 9/7/09 and 10/12/09. Many of you confirmed receipt as requested. (THANK YOU!) However, many did not. I still have not received contact from many parents.

Please email or call me so I know that statements are being received. I prefer to email the statements to save money on postage and paper. *Payment arrangements can be made.* Please call me to set something up.

The next statement will be sent in December and will reflect earnings from sales of entertainment books, magazines, Dodge raffle tickets and poinsettias.

Thank you,
Tara Otero

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Basketball Schedule

The Pep Band will be supporting EHS Basketball at the following games:

January 18, 21, 26, and 28
February 2 and 9

We will be splitting the Pep Band in two, and each band will be responsible for attending three games. Each game is a performance grade, and extra games will count as extra credit. The bands will be split up evenly so they both sound as equal as possible. I will be asking students to get in bands with their carpool rides so there won't be any transportation issues.



GO EAGLES

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

from Carol Siegrist, Uniform Mom

A huge **thank you** to all the parents who have helped with uniforms during the marching season. To those of you who volunteered to issue and collect marching uniforms, you are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the ladies who hemmed and repaired uniforms for sharing their sewing talents. Cheri Stromberg and all the chaperones were a great help as they dealt with plumes and dusting off shoes prior to each performance. Thanks also goes to all of the great people who helped collect and organize the marching uniforms for storage.

Keeping the students properly clothed for marching season is a huge job and I could not have done it without the army of wonderful volunteers.
THANK YOU!

Congratulations to these Eldorado Band Members selected for the following All-State Jazz Bands:

Band I

Colleen Gross (trombone)
Alejandro Gonzales (aux. percussion)
Stephen Lanza (trumpet)
Michael Sandoval (trumpet)
Joe Schripsema (trombone)

Band II

Kevin Morris (trumpet)
Brian Whippo (bass)

Band III

Tyler Carlson (aux. percussion)
David Denman (trumpet)
Beau Foster (trombone)
John Walker (tenor)



Brett Reece was selected as one of the three top drummers, and he will audition for band placement at the convention.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The dates for the **Large Group Band Festival** have been changed. Festival is now on *Saturday, April 10*, at Eldorado High School. Please make note of this date change.

All students are required to attend.

REMINDER

Senior Students: Your student account *must* be paid in full by **May 1, 2010**. If any funds remain due after that date, a hold will be placed on your cap and gown, and they will not be released until full payment is made.

Congratulations to the following students chosen for this year's NMMEA All-State!

Symphonic Orchestra

Michael Sandoval (trumpet)
Joe Schripsema (trombone)
Cathryn Seigrist (oboe)

Symphonic Band

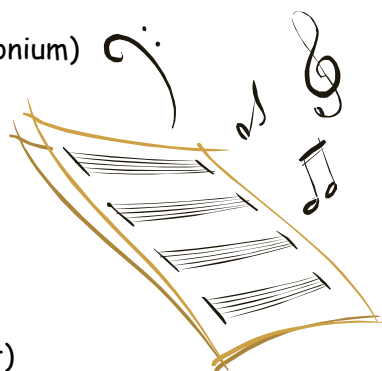
Sam Carr (oboe)
Colleen Gross (trombone)
Stephen Lanza (euphonium)
Kevin Morris (trumpet)
Maris Morrow (flute)
Harry Simmons (euphonium)
Kyle Walker (horn)

Concert Orchestra

Aja Watkin (horn)

Concert Band

Rachel Bailey (clarinet)
Andrew Coles (tuba)
Hannah Drumm (horn)
Shannon Murray (clarinet)
Daniel Phelps (percussion)
Julie Stuart (oboe)
Brian Whippo (tuba)



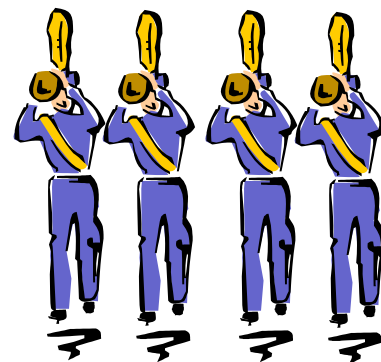
Help Keep the Band Flea Market Tradition Alive!

The Band Flea Market, held at EHS each year in August, is a fantastic fundraiser for the Band General fund – raising several thousand dollars each year. The Flea Market provides a wonderful social and money-making start to each school year!

The event is made possible by the generous time and efforts of many volunteers staffing the event, as well as band families donating items to sell.

We've led the Band Flea Market for three years and it has been great fun for us. Our Band student is graduating, so another family or a pair of families is needed to take over as Flea Market leaders for next year so the event can continue!

Please consider helping the band in this way, especially if you will be a band family for the next few years and can continue leading the event for that time.



Most preparation for the event occurs in the summer and during Band Camp; however, the Flea Market leader family or families will need to be established in the spring so that everything can be lined up for success.

New Flea Market leaders will inherit the in-depth “Band Flea Market advertising, planning and supplies kit” and we'll be happy to meet with you and give you a detailed walkthrough of the materials and the steps that have been used over many, many years for making the Flea Market a success and great fun.

If you think you may be interested, just let us know and we'll give you more information (no pressure!).

Thank you,

Shelley and Bill Kleinschmidt
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WEBSITE

Need to know what's going on?
Visit us at:

www.nmeldoradoeaglesband.com

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

Visit today and everyday!



Schedule of Events

Wednesday-Friday, December 16-18
Final Exams

Monday, December 21-Friday, January 1
Winter Break—No School

Monday, January 4
Inservice Day—No School for Students

Tuesday, January 5
Band Booster Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday-Saturday, January 6-9
All State Rehearsals and Concerts
UNM

Friday-Sunday, January 22-24
All State Jazz Rehearsals and Concerts
UNM

Tuesday, February 1
Band Booster Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday-Sunday, February 12-14
Southwest Honor Band Rehearsals & Concerts
Las Cruces

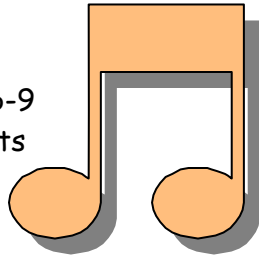
Tuesday, February 16
Band Concert 7 pm

Thursday, February 18
Jazz Band Concert 7 pm

Friday-Saturday, February 19-20
Albuquerque Jazz Festival

Wednesday, February 24
Pre-Festival Concert 7 pm
Wind Ensemble (& Middle Schools)

Tuesday, March 2
Band Booster Meeting 6:30 pm



Thursday-Saturday, March 4-6
Jazz Festival in Durango, Colorado

Saturday, March 6
Solo & Ensemble All Day
Volcano Vista High School

Saturday March 27
UNM Jazz Festival All Day

Tuesday, April 6
Band Booster Meeting 6:30 pm

Saturday April 10
District VII Large Group Band Festival All Day
EHS
Cleaning receipt due

Wednesday-Sunday, April 14-18
Spring Trip to Branson, Missouri

Tuesday, April 20
Drum Major Tryouts Begin

Saturday, April 24
NMAA State Band Contest
Los Lunas

Sunday, May 2
Band Banquet

Tuesday, May 4
Jazz Band Concert 7 pm

Thursday, May 6
Band Concert 7 pm

Friday, May 21
Graduation Ceremony 7:30 pm

Friday, May 28
Last Day of School



**Congratulations to the EHS Drumline and Pit for
achieving 6th Place at the Duke City Drum-off!**

MANDATORY SPRING CLEANINGS

Listed below are the dates for mandatory cleanings for the concert jackets and pants:

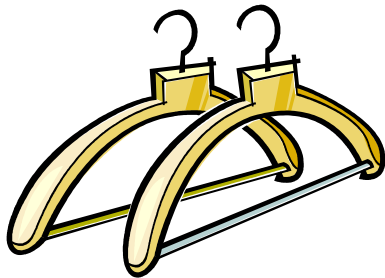
APRIL 9
APRIL 23

Cleaning receipts must be placed in the black basket at the end of the orange cabinets. Make sure the student's name is on the receipt.

Please wash the tux shirt after each wearing.

Concert jackets and pants will be collected on **May 6** after the concert.

If you have any uniform questions or concerns, contact Carol Siegrist bc siegrist@aol.com or 328-2728.



EHS MARCHING EAGLES BAND HONORS 2009

Pageant of Bands (AAAAA)

- 3rd Place!
- People's Choice!
- Best Brass Section!

Zia Marching Band Fiesta

- 7th Place in Prelims with a score of 83.75
- 7th Place in Finals with a score of 85.4

"What Albuquerque-area band has been to finals most often at Zia? Eldorado!"

Tournament of Bands

- 7th Place in Prelims with a score of 88.4
- 5th Place in Finals with 87.7!
(1st in the city, 3rd in the state and 3rd in music performance)



Congratulations to Michael Sandoval for making it to the next round of the Phantom Regiment Auditions. You are on your way "Into the Light!"



FOUND: Tournament of Bands patch on the night of the Marching Band Awards Ceremony. If it belongs to you, contact Samantha Phelps.

What's Inside?

Read about . . .

- *NMMEA and NMJE All-State chosen participants!*
- *Marching Band honors for 2009!*
- *Basketball Pep Band schedule!*
- *and lots more!*



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