



EHS BAND NEWSLETTER

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From Your Director...

It was great to see so many parents and friends at the marching competitions and at our awards ceremony. It is a terrific way to show our students that what they are doing is meaningful and important. They had a great marching season with a show that is hard to compete with. We were very proud of them throughout the season. I must say that it is nice to be done with marching and to be inside at 6:30 am. It's a very nice change to be working on regular concert band music.

I had a huge surprise the other day when a lady walked into the band room asking for me. She said she heard a great band at the UNM Volleyball game and thought it was the UNM Band. To her amazement, it was the EHS Marching Band. She and her husband were so impressed by how the band played, how much fun they had, the excitement they added to the game, and the professionalism and attitude they displayed in the stands, they donated \$1000 to our program. This is just another testament that our students know how to act and present themselves in a very positive and respectful manner. Parents, you should all be very proud of these students.

Thank you for your continued support of the Eldorado Band Program.

Go Eagles!

Mr. Sanks



From Your Booster President

We had a great marching season with so many awards for our band. As Mr. Sanks has stated, though, our band behavior is more important than any award we can take home from a competition.

This year has been no exception, and our students make us proud parents at every event they attend. Whether it is a school assembly, football game, fundraiser or competition, these students hold themselves to a very high standard and conduct themselves with kindness and respect for others. In addition to our students, we have numerous parents volunteering in multiple ways to keep the band running smoothly. Many are thanked by name in this newsletter, but if we have accidentally left anyone out, please know we appreciated all your help. Yikes, with zero hours and raising teenagers it takes a toll on our memory and brains!

We are beginning our concert season, and I'm sure this will also prove to be a wonderful time for students and parents alike. A special thanks to Mr. Sanks and Mr. Snowden for all the hours they have devoted to our band so far this year. Also, I'd like to thank Mrs. Sanks and Mrs. Snowden for sharing these men with us. We sure appreciate all our Band Staff who have helped us this fall as well. It's heartwarming to see so many people working with our students to bring them up to a higher level with their music, marching and character.

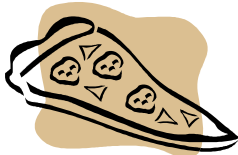
On a personal note, I just want to thank our Officers for all the help and support they have given me. These ladies are up late at night and back checking emails at 5:00 am almost every day. They keep this band running behind the scenes and make the work easy and enjoyable for us all. They are a true blessing to me, and I am so grateful for each one of them: Jennifer Beck-Herrera, Chris Ezell, Karen Lubertazzo, Tara Otero, Carol Siegrist, Cheri Stromberg, and Kelly Whippo.

Please keep checking our Yahoo group, as there are updates on a regular basis. You can always contact me at home: 275-3442, or email: at jkoleske@msn.com. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Juli Koleske

THANKS!

We would like to thank **Dion's** on Montgomery for helping feed the band students before POB. **Amelie Wright**, the general manager, was very helpful with our huge pizza order. We appreciate **Dion's** support of Eldorado.



UNIFORM REMINDERS

- **PANTS** - There is a mandatory cleaning for the uniform pants only. They have been worn several times since the last cleaning and will be worn throughout the concert season. The cleaning receipt is due **Wednesday, December 8**. Please remember to put the student's name on the receipt and place it in the black mesh basket that hangs outside Mr. Sanks' office.
- **CONCERT UNIFORMS** - Please wash your tux shirt before the concert on December 8. If you purchased a new shirt, washing it will help the folds fall out. If you have a tux shirt from last year, wash it so it will be fresh for the concert. The tux shirt may need a little pressing if it appears wrinkled. Also, remove the black buttons if you have a new shirt. **Make sure you wear long black socks.** You will be sitting on stage and the black socks should cover the bottom of your leg as the pants draw up while sitting. Wear polished black shoes. You may use your marching shoes or other nice black shoes, but *no sneakers*.
- **MARCHING UNIFORMS** - The marching jacket, black gauntlets, collar liner, garment bag, hat (or beret), and hat box will be collected immediately after the concert on **December 8**. You may keep the shoes, white gauntlet and gloves because you purchased those items and they will be used again next year. The student accounts will be charged \$10 for the final cleaning. Carol Siegrist will need several volunteers to help with this collection. If you are willing to help, please contact her at 328-2728 or bc siegrist@aol.com. THANKS!

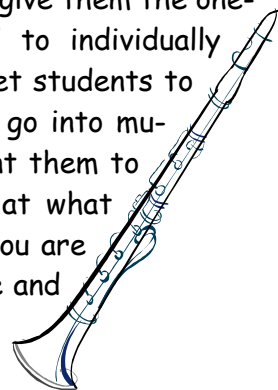


Private Lessons

We strongly encourage students to take private lessons. We have some very talented students with great potential. If they want to tap that potential and constantly improve to be the best they can be, then lessons are what they need.

The band directors can't give them the one-on-one attention they need to individually excel. We aren't trying to get students to be professional musicians or go into music education. We simply want them to become more proficient at what they are doing. The better you are at something, the more pride and enjoyment you have.

We can even arrange 1/2-hour lessons to be taught during 1st period concert band. Please let Mr. Sanks know if you are interested in 1st period or need names of private instructors.



From the Treasurer

There have been three statements sent for this school year. The most recent one went out on November 7. Many of you confirmed receipt as requested (THANK YOU!); however, many did not, and I still have not been able to contact parents due to incorrect information.

Please email me or call me so I know that statements are being received. I prefer to email the statements to save money on postage and paper, but if you need them mailed please let me know. If payment arrangements need to be made, please call me to set something up.



Thank you,
Tara Otero
ehsbandtreasurer@gmail.com
859-2944

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

Symphonic Band

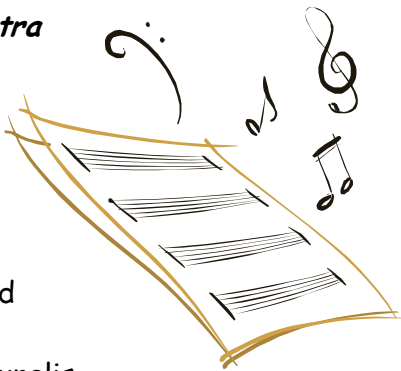
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| Sam Carr | Brenden Mulkern |
| Colleen Gross | Shannon Murray |
| Garrett Jones | Cathryn Siegrist |
| Derek Manteufel | Harry Simmons |
| Hope Mielke | Julie Stuart |
| Kevin Morris | Aja Watkins |
| Maria Morrow | Brian Whippo |

Concert Orchestra

- Sarah King
- Natalie Smith

Concert Band

- Andrew Coles
- Jamie Greenwood
- Jacob Lizweski
- Emma Petton-Counelis
- Evan Roche
- Ali Watkins
- Ken Weisgerber
- Luke Winter
- Mac Winter



**We have 25 students selected.
Congratulation to all!**

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

Band I

- Alex Interrante
- Brendan Mulkern
- Michael Rogers-Oty
- Harry Simmons

Band II

- Kevin Morris
- Cathryn Siegrist

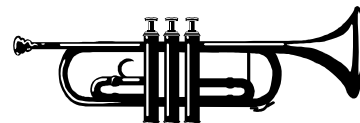
Band III

- Clarissa Anello
- William Berlin
- Sam Carr
- Colleen Gross
- Whitney Harris
- John Walker
- Aja Watkins

Drummers

Alejandro Gonzales, TJ Highland, and Brett Reece will audition for band placement at the conference.

**We have 16 students selected this year.
Congratulations to all of you!**



JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Jazz Festival will be February 18 and 19. We need lots of volunteers to help with this event. We will be scheduling volunteers in block of times like last year but do not have the exact times of each block yet. More details will be posted via the Yahoo group. Please contact Sara Frederick at nmsara7@aol.com or 238-4699 to sign up to volunteer.

Thank you!

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!

WOW! Way To Go Band!

What a great marching season you had after a somewhat rocky start. You really came around and did a **super** job and we are all so very proud of you! You put on a fun and entertaining show. Thanks for all your hours and hours of hard work.



Thank you!

We certainly couldn't have had the very successful season we had without the help of a LOT of parents. Rhonda Davis, Lisa Childress, Dorthie Carr, Sara Davoudzadeh, Fran Kalson, Debbie Eggleton, Barb Berlin, Kathy and Brian Britain, Jeanette Bundy, Janet Fairbrother, Nicole Kelly, Julie Morris, Elisabeth Mulkern, Debbie Sleeter, Sue and Sarah Shaffer, Sheryl and Ben Anello, Annette Roach and Jeanette Reece were all instrumental in helping as chaperons for the band. They diligently carried water bottles, backpacks and any other items the students needed to make sure they had whatever it took for them to be successful. They dried off bleachers, helped serve food,

helped with minor medical issues, cleaned shoes, dried tears, helped move backdrops (and sometimes fought to KEEP them from moving!) and jumped in at the last minute when needed. Several of the booster board officers also served as chaperones for every football game and competition. That's a HUGE time commitment and so a very special thanks goes to them...Juli Koleski, Chris Ezell, Karen Lubertazzo, and Tara Otero. I really appreciate each and every one of you and your willingness to help us out in this capacity.



A special thanks also goes to Tim Marrs and Fay Starks who helped us out by serving as "ropers" who helped mark off the band section for the football games. We really need help keeping the kids' instruments and personal belongings safe in the stands, so this is a highly appreciated job you did. Carla Longfellow, Kendra Longfellow, and Lyle Hart were also very helpful in serving as ropers in addition to the great job they did providing drinks for the band at all the games, meals and competitions.



Jake Jacobson was such a big help to us also. In addition to all his work around the band room and helping with the backdrops for the show, he also designed and built our terrific new rope holders which helped us keep the band section better protected from people wandering through it. Thanks so much Jake! All that, and he's always happy too!

Besides the students, we of course need to thank Mr. Sanks, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Owens, Mr. Nordine and all the assistant directors and drum techs who spend so much time helping the kids be so successful. They put up with a lot of nagging from us parents and spend a lot of hours devoted to the kids outside of school time. You are a huge part of why this program continues to enjoy the success it has, year after year. Thanks for all you do!



Cheri Stromberg
Co-VP, EHS Band Boosters



REMINDER: Just a quick reminder that the date for the Solo and Ensemble Festival has been changed to Saturday, March 26, and will be held at Highland High School.

Fun-raising Eagle Style!

Fun-raising is FUN, fun-raising is FUN, fun-raising is FUN!!

In true Eagle family style, the EHS Band has had great fun-raising participation this year! Bravo, Congratulations, Fabulous, Awesome! Through November 30th, we have had the Flea Market, March-a-thon, POB Ad Sales, Entertainment Books Sales, Magazine Sales, EHS Band Night at Flying Star, Melloy Band Night and our Poinsettia Sales. Whew!

The goal is to offer a variety of fundraising opportunities throughout the year. This will help curb the cost of band participation and to help students earn the money needed for their account. We have multiple fundraisers scheduled, something to fit every lifestyle and budget. And, we always welcome new ideas! Look to Yahoo Mail for complete details.



Important Upcoming Fundraising Deadlines:

PAMPERED CHEF DEADLINE - December 8

Mrs. Herrera will be in the Band Room after school to pick up packets December 8. Or you can order online at www.pamperedchef.biz/stephekitchen. Orders will be delivered prior to the Christmas Holiday!

MELLOY DODGE RAFFLE TICKET DEADLINE - December 14

This is a spectacular opportunity to earn \$\$\$\$\$ for individual student accounts. And if you purchase a ticket, you may even win a new DODGE TRUCK!! How cool is that?? Dodge graciously donates a new \$35K truck to raffle and only a handful of high schools participate in the drawing. Each raffle ticket is sold for \$5 and 100%—YES 100%—goes directly into your student's account. Don't miss this opportunity. **DEADLINE TO TURN IN TICKETS AND MONEY IS DECEMBER 14.** Please turn them in to Mrs. Herrera or to the lock box in the band room.

Fundraising activities are being coordinated by Jennifer Beck-Herrera, please contact her with any questions or suggestions:

452.6421,
jennifer.beck-herrera@thehartford.com
or jbeckherrera@yahoo.com

Happy fun-raising!!!

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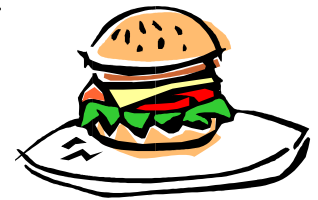
East End of the Mall

on

Thursday, December 9

A portion of the sales will go directly to the
Eldorado Band!

Don't forget to say "I'm supporting Eldorado Band!"



Fuddruckers
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Albuquerque, NM
Phone: (505) 883-8337

Schedule of Events

Please check dates in the calendar for concerts, festivals, and performances. There are many things going on, and we don't want anyone to find out about them at the last minute. Some of the big events are listed below.

February

- 15 Pre Festival Concert (all concert bands)
- 17 Jazz concert (all three jazz bands)
- 18-19 ABQ Jazz Festival at EHS

March

- 3-5 Fort Lewis Jazz Festival (Jazz I & Jazz II)
- 7-11 Large Group Choir, Orchestra & Band Festivals
- 26 Solo & Ensemble Festival at HHS
- 30 Taco Dinner and Talent Show in the cafeteria

April

- 2 UNM Jazz Festival (Jazz II & Jazz III) (Some members of Jazz I will be in Chicago with the Choir.)
- 13 Band/Choir Concert (Wind Ensemble only)
- 16 State Band and Choir Festival (Wind Ensemble)
- 28-May 1 Spring Trip to Dallas

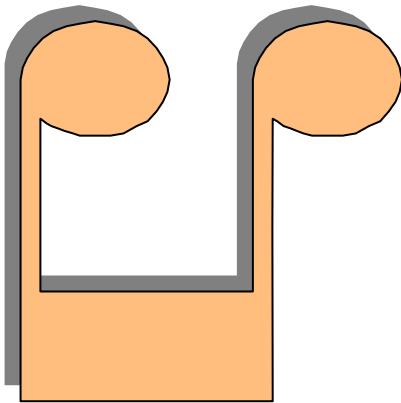
May

- 4 Jazz Concert
- 10 Band Concert
- 15 Band/Colorguard Awards Banquet
- 21 Graduation (Wind and Symphonic Band)

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- volunteer opportunities!
- Fun-raising opportunities!
- uniform reminders!
- and lots more!

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