

From Your Director

I would like to thank everyone that came to the marching band awards ceremony, I thought it went very well and the students deserve your support and appreciation. The dodgeball game was quite fun also. We have many things going on the remainder of the year so please check your calendars and your band letter for information. We have a few trips coming up that students need to pay for in advance so fundraising could be very helpful. I am very impressed with our jazz bands this year and am hoping that many students will join Jazz III, it starts in January and meets after school. We have a very flexible schedule to accommodate athletics, other activities, and lessons. The concert bands are shaping up nicely and I am very optimistic about level these band will achieve this year. Concert season should be fun and exciting.

With the help of Chis Bouchard, Lawrence Garcia, Aaron Kaspi, and Stephen Stromberg, we may have many new faces in the percussion section 2nd semester and next year. They advertised the Winter Drum Line, recruited in November, and had their first meeting which had at least 51 students attend. This is very exciting and I hope their hard work pays off for all of us. Way to go guys!

I am looking forward to working with everyone this coming semester. We have such a fantastic group of students and parents.

– *Santa Sanks*



Happy Holidays!

From Your Booster President

We had a great marching season with so many awards. As Mr. Sanks has often stated, 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, or competition, these students hold themselves to a very high standard and conduct themselves with kindness and respect for others. You students rock!

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.

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 off, please know we appreciate all your help. Yikes, with zero hour, and raising teenagers, it takes a toll on our memories and brains!

On a personal note, I just want to thank our Officers and Chair people for all the help and support. Please keep checking 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



Events to Remember

All State at UNM

All State is Jan. 4th through Jan 7th at UNM. We had a record 29 students selected to the all state groups this year.

All State Jazz

All State Jazz will be held in Las Cruces for those students selected. The dates are Jan 20th through Jan 22nd. We will take a bus down with all the Albuquerque students selected, it's a fun trip. Students will need to pay for their room and some food.

Southwest Honor Band

Southwest Honor band is in Las Cruces hosted by NMSU. The dates are Feb.10th through Feb. 12th. The bands are super and the conductors are first rate. If selected students will need to pay a \$20.00 entry fee. All other expenses will be covered.

Albuquerque Jazz Festival

We host the Alb. Jazz Festival Feb. 17th and 18th. We have around 34 middle and high school jazz bands perform for adjudicators that give each band a rating. This festival is run by our students and parents and is one of the best run festivals in the state. Parents, please get hold of the boosters if you can donate some time to help run the festival. It is a great experience. There is a Sat. night concert featuring the Albuquerque Jazz Orchestra and Alan Pasqua. Alan is an incredible jazz pianist from Las Angeles, I know the concert will be great.

Fort Lewis Jazz Festival

The Fort Lewis Jazz Festival is in Durango, CO on Thursday March 1st. The jazz bands will be leaving around 2pm on Wed. Feb. 29th so we can attend the "Gordon Goodwin Little Phat Band" concert in Durango. Some student will want to go skiing at Durango Mountain on Friday and other will go shopping. We will be leaving Durango Friday afternoon around 5pm and be back about 9pm.

Results are in . . .

All State members – We had 29 students selected this year which is the highest it's been in years.

Congrats to all of you!

Symphonic Orchestra: William Berlin, Aaron Kaspi, Kevin Morris, Brendan Mulkern

Symphonic Band: Amy Childress, Alex Interrante-Grant, Shannon Kallsen, Jacob Lizweski, Derek Manteufel, Maria Morrow, Michael Rogers-Oty, Natalie Smith, Julie Stuart, Aja Watkins, Luke Winter, Mac Winter

Concert Band: Andrew Coles, Silas Eggleton, Jamie Greenwood, TJ Highland, Tom Kajder, Sarah King, Hope Mielke, Kyle Neumann, Emma Petton-Counelis, Kevin Sandoval, Corey Walker, Ali Watkins, Ken Weisgerber

Alternate: Jake Lorenzen

All State Jazz – We had 15 students selected this year. **Congrats to all of you!**

Jazz Band 1: William Berlin, Brendan Mulkern, Kevin Morris

Jazz Band 2: Amy Childress, Derek Manteufel, Michael Rogers-Oty, Kevin Sandoval, Ali Watkins, Brian Whippo

Jazz Band 3: Cole Britt, Whitney Harris, Alex Interrante-Grant, Aja Watkins

Aaron Kaspi will audition as one of the drummers & TJ Highland was selected as a percussionist

Alternates: Krista Polansky, Clarissa Anello, Ryan Schalip, Jacob Lizweski





Uniform Reminders

PANTS: *You do not need to clean the uniform pants before December 7th.*

CONCERT UNIFORMS: The concert uniform consists of a tuxedo jacket, marching pants, bow tie, tuxedo shirt, cummerbund, black mid-calf socks, and black shoes (see page 30 of the Band Handbook). Tuxedo shirts are available for purchase and can be charged to student account. Please keep the uniform together in the concert bag and hang it up to keep it neat and wrinkle-free. If you have a tuxedo shirt from last year, please wash your tux shirt before the December 7th concert. If you purchase a new tux shirt, washing it will help the folds fall out. Also, remove the black plastic buttons if you purchased 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 legs as the pants draw up while sitting. Wear polished black shoes. You may use your marching shoes.

MARCHING UNIFORMS: The marching jacket, black gauntlets, collar liner, garment bag, hat or beret, and hat box will be collected immediately after the December 7th concert. You will keep the shoes, white gauntlet, and gloves, because you purchased those items and may be used again next year. The student accounts will be charged a \$10.00 fee for final cleaning (see page 18 in the Student Handbook). This fee covers the professional cleaning of the jacket, collar liner, black gauntlets, hats, hat boxes, and garment bags.

We will need several volunteers to help with the uniform collection. If you are willing to help, please contact me at 294-7690, or uniformmom@comcast.net.

Thank you again to all that helped me with uniforms during Marching season. I could not have done it without you!

Thanks!

Kathy Britain



Holiday Cheer



***EHS Band Boosters
Thanks for Volunteering
Holiday Party
at the Koleske's House
5305 Avenida Cuesta NE
December 10th from 6-10 pm
(Adults Only)***

Treasurer's Message

There have been three statements sent in September and October. Many of you confirmed receipt as requested (THANK YOU), however many did not. Please email Linda or call so we know that statements are being received. I prefer to email the statements to save money on postage and paper. We still have not received contact from many parents and many students have large balances due. Payment arrangements can be made, please call one of us or email to set something up. The next statement will be sent in December and will reflect any of the fundraisers that we have final information on by 12/5.

Thank you.

Lisa Childress at ehsbandtreasurer@gmail.com

Linda Heckes: 823-1208 or via email at ehsbandstudentaccounts@yahoo.com

Special Thanks to our Generous Food Sponsors

We would like to thank the following food sponsors for helping feed the students and staff during the 2011 marching band season.

We hope you support these sponsors by visiting their stores.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped serve the food. A special thank you to Chris King and family for always being there to help us.

Barb and Steve Neumann



Juan Tabo/Candelaria
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University/Gibson
and Las Cruces

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EHS Band Boosters Wants YOU!

MARCH-A-THON COORDINATOR

We had a very successful March-a-thon this year! Many thanks (sorry it's late) to all the volunteers that made that happen. We collected more money than last year!

If you've been looking for a simple short term way to participate with the EHS Band Boosters, this is it! We need a volunteer to be the Coordinator for the March-a-thon next year. The time commitment was short, about 12 hours total spread over about 2 months. A notebook with all the directions and samples is available, so you don't have to reinvent the wheel.

It does take a little bit of your time during at least one business day to get the permit from the City of Albuquerque, included attending a meeting and following up with some running around downtown for signatures, but it wasn't difficult.

If you're interested in taking on any of these projects next year, please contact me.

Karen Jacobsen
kekjacobsen@yahoo.com



CONCERT PROGRAM DESIGNER

We also will need a volunteer to do the band concert programs. This is a little bit more time, depending on how fancy you like to be with graphics. Four or five hours are usually spent arranging them for each concert. The original gets done a week prior to the concert so there is time for the school makes the copies.

On that note: If your child's name is spelled in a unique manner, please let me know by emailing kmennejacobsen@yahoo.com. I would like to get them all correct for one of these concerts!

PIT CREW LEADER

And lastly from Jake - Thanks to all the Pit Crew for helping during marching season! And another opportunity to be involved! The Band will need a Pit Crew leader next year! It's not too difficult (unless Mr. Sanks uses back drops again). This entails getting everyone a t-shirt and having organized enough folks to load and unload at each game and competition. An APS employee would be a plus to drive the truck.

FUN-raising Success & More Opportunities!



Congratulations Eagles...what a spectacular fundraising Fall it has been!! We have had tremendous success with a variety of fundraising activities and much has been earned for your student accounts. We will continue to offer a wide variety of fundraisers, and hope that you will find something of interest to you and your family. You CAN finance your BAND and COLOR GUARD activities with FUNDRAISING and have FUN doing it! Please check the Eagles Band & Color Guard website regularly for up to date fundraising information and turn in deadlines. Way to go BAND FAMILIES!!!

Important Information!

DODGE TICKETS are expected this week! Due to the printers' delay, we will be extending the DEADLINE for ticket and money turn in. ALL TICKETS STUBBS and MONEY MUST BE TO MRS. HERRERA or turned in to the FUNDRAISING BOX IN THE BAND ROOM BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH.

Although the main magazine fundraiser is over, you can order online all year and earn 50% for your account. WOW!! Great HOLIDAY GIFT idea and earnings for your account!!! See the Fundraising page on the band website for more info, or go to www.aphearst.com. The EHS Band Code is WC6452.

Poinsettias will be delivered to Eldorado on December 7th. Please make arrangements to pick up your poinsettia order after school in the PAC. Thank you for your overwhelming participation! We sold 650 poinsettias purchased from our local grower and long time partner Alameda Greenhouse. AWESOME!!!

Sheets and Totes are expected to be in the last week of school prior to the holiday. Please check the website and YahooGroups email for delivery dates prior to the holiday break. We know this is a busy time and want to make sure everyone receives their items prior to the holidays!

Upcoming EHS Band Fun-raisers...OCTOPUS CAR WASH DISCOUNT TICKETS, COOKIE DOUGH SALES, ELDORADO CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT, PREMIER JEWELRY, and PAMPERED CHEF. MORE EXCITING INFO ON THESE SOON! Please continue to check the website for all up to date information!

REMINDER: you can choose the Eldorado Band for your United Way Contribution! INFORMATION NEEDED TO WRITE IN: EHS Band Boosters, PO BOX 14424, Albuquerque, NM 87191-4424

FEIN # 85-0344468

Contact Info: EHS Band Treasurer.

Contact Mrs. Herrera at jbeckherrera@yahoo.com with any questions! Happy Fun-raising!



December & January Band Schedule



December

- 1 Pampered Chef and Premier Jewelry Fundraiser Begins
- 6 Band Booster Meeting Cancelled for Dec
- 7 Winter Concert at 7pm in EHS PAC
Marching Uniform Collection
- 9 Last day to register for Solo & Ensemble Festival
- 10 Band Booster Holiday Party
6:00-10:00pm at the Koleske's Home
- 17-31 Winter Break

January

- 1-3 Winter Break continues
- 3 Band Booster Meeting
6:30pm in Band Room.
Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins.
- 4 First day of classes
- 4-7 NMMEA - All State Convention at UNM
- 16 MLK Holiday - No School
- 20-22 IAJE - All State Jazz in Las Cruces
- 20 Deadline to submit articles for EHS Band Newsletter for February-March



Thanks to our Awesome Volunteers!

I would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to all the parents who volunteered as chaperons for the band activities this year. These folks have worked hard doing everything from carrying backpacks with all kinds of supplies for the kids, serving food, carrying water, shining shoes, helping with hair and uniform issues, staying up with sick kids at night, cleaning up buses and helping with plumbing when toilets overflowed in Las Vegas. They've played a critical role as they make it possible for the band to attend all the various events in a safe manner.

Parents who have helped are Dorthe and Brad Carr, Brian and Kathy Britain, Annette Vignogna, Rhonda Davis, Debby Eggleton, Nicole Kelly, Barb Berlin, Jim Kajder, Ben and Sheryl Anello, Cathy Farrell, Patty Dixon, Cathy Rogers and Gary Oty, Mary McMasters, Ed Lizewski, Sara Davoudzadeh, Karen Lubertazzo, Lisa Childress and Juli Koleske.

I'd also like to acknowledge Annette Vignogna and Karen Lubertazzo for being willing to share their medical expertise when the kids needed it and for being willing to attend every event as chaperons so that we always had medical help available when a student was ill or injured. We all feel safer knowing the kids are in such good hands.

Also a very special THANK YOU goes to our Drink Parents and Water Boys. Carla Longfellow, Kendra Longfellow, Lyle Hart and Darci Schalip were the folks who purchased drinks, hauled coolers full of ice and drinks to football games, competitions and events at school for the band kids to make sure they had refreshments to keep them hydrated and help prevent them from passing out. These hard working people provided another critical function to support the band.

In addition, I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Jim Stromberg and Dan Koleske for hauling the orange jugs full of ice water (and occasionally hot chocolate) around in their wagons so that the band was always well supplied with water. Sheryl and Ben Anello were also a huge help with keeping the water bottles clean each week and delivering them to any location where they were needed.

As you can see, in order to help the band be successful there are lots of roles available for parents. Thank you to all the parents who volunteer their time and efforts. If you are interested in volunteering as a chaperon but haven't been able to yet, please let me know when you have your APS clearance and I'll be glad to add your name to the list of available helpers.

Cheri Stromberg, VP Band Boosters

Color Guard Winter Guard

A great big **thank you** goes to all those who helped with Color Guard this marching season.

- Our fabulous hairdressers who styled those amazing fauxhawks including: Brenda Griego, Lea Allers, Karen Jacobsen, Sarah Baca and Theresa Boyers
- The many family members who altered and hemmed the unitards
- Those who helped get the girls to practice on time
- Color Guard director Nick Roman and assistant Meg Nordin
- Special thanks goes to Greg Edgeington from Zia Graphics who donated the supplies and helped construct the "chute" for the pinballs.

With the end of marching season, Color Guard will transition to the indoor version - Winter Guard. All interested students are invited to join.

Winter Guard practice will begin during zero hour Monday, November 28.

For more information, contact:

Nick Roman

Cell number: (505) 610-4052

Email: naroman23@hotmail.com



Get Connected

Stay informed as to what's happening this year with band activities. Sign up for the Eldorado Eagles Band yahoo group.

NMEldoradoEaglesBand@yahoogroups.com

Quite a bit of information is distributed through the group email and it's an excellent way to keep up-to-date with rehearsal schedules, competitions, uniform reminders, audition information, etc.

Remember, we also maintain a website and update it with schedule changes as they occur.



www.nmeldoradoeaglesband.com

Follow the step-by-step instructions to sign-up:

1. Go to www.groups.yahoo.com
2. In the space "Find a Group" type in NMEldoradoEaglesBand.
3. The group will come up, click on it.
4. Click on "Join this group" (right hand side of the page near the top).
5. At this point, you will have to create a Yahoo ID, if you don't already have one. When creating your ID, be aware that you can make your existing email address your "default" address instead of the one you might create for Yahoo. You just need to pay attention to the instructions.