

## *From Your Director*

We are starting the 2nd semester fast and furious. We sure seem busy, when does it ever let up. Oh yes, I remember, the end of May.

I was very impressed and proud of all of our students that performed at the NMMEA All State Music Convention. We have many students performing in the All State Jazz bands and Southwest Honor Band. There are many more things coming up in February. The UNM Sax day is happening Tuesday, Feb 7th, SW Honor Band is Feb 10th-12th, and the biggest is the Albuquerque Jazz Festival on Feb 17th & 18th.

We need parents to volunteer some time to help Mrs. Anello and Karen Lubertazzo with little things. The students actually run the festival in almost every way. By the way, our students do an amazing job of running the jazz festival.

The UNM Brass Choir is giving a concert in the PAC on Sun, Feb 26th at 3pm. It will be a GREAT concert. We have our District Orchestra Festival on Tues, Feb 28th at 3pm.

March 1st & 2nd the jazz bands are traveling to Durango for the Fort Lewis Jazz Festival. Our District Band Festival is March 6th-8th at Valley High School. So far the students are doing a terrific job trying to get ready for their various performances.

I would also like to bring up that our color guard is working hard to get ready for two in-town shows. April 6th & 7th they will be competing at Sandia High School and Manzano High School.

A big thank you to Aaron Kaspi, Stephen Stromberg, Lawrence Garcia, and Chris Bouchard. They have recruited around school to get more people in our percussion section. They have started a winter drumline which has about 30 members right now. Some of these members are already in band but many of them are new to our band program. We are hoping they get the drum bug and sign up for next year's marching band.

Thanks to all the boosters and students for a great start to the 2nd semester. Bring some friends and come out to hear all these students perform at the concerts. It will be fun for all.

*Happy New Year!*

**John Sanks**



## *From Your Booster President*

I want to thank everyone for making this a very fun and entertaining year. All you parents who have volunteered have been fantastic. Isn't it rewarding to spend time with such a great group of people with their hearts in the right place? We sure appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Well it is almost spring, and emotions are high with anticipation of all the activities the last few months of the 2011-12 school year have to offer! Don't forget to send in your pictures to Carla Longfellow or Susie Taylor for our yearbook. Last year they put out such an awesome book, and we are so grateful for their continued labor, as they compile photos to capture this school year!

We've got the ABQ Jazz Festival, concerts, the spring trip, the banquet, the yearbook, incoming band 8th grade night, the year-end band picnic and much more. There are articles from several committee chairs letting you know how you can help. Please take a moment to consider pitching in yet again to make things run smoothly.

We are now beginning to prepare for next year. We have a few parents that will be graduating and their chair positions will be open. We can never replace these fine people, but we'd like to make sure we have everything set to keep things going.

Our next Booster Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the band room. Thanks again for all the help you so generously give.

**Juli Koleske**

**275-3442**

**[jkoleske@msn.com](mailto:jkoleske@msn.com)**



# *Volunteers Needed for 2012-2013*

**Fundraising Chair** – Shadow Jennifer now, so you're up to speed for band camp.

**Notaries** for Band Camp Parent Meeting in August

**Pit Crew People**

**Spirit Wear helpers**

**Middle School Liaisons**

**Flea Market** – Shadow Maggi and Peggy in 2012 so you are ready for 2013!

**Food and Fun Help with serving**

Please let me or any current board member know if you are interested in helping out with any of these positions, or if you have a suggestion of someone who has some great skills that they might like to share with the finest band in the state!

Thanks,

**Juli Koleske – [jkoleske@msn.com](mailto:jkoleske@msn.com); phone: 275-3442**

## **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](mailto:kekjacobsen@yahoo.com)**

## **PIT CREW MEMBERS**

Now is your chance! Enter the glittering, fast paced world of the marching band roadie!

Ok, so maybe glittering is overselling it a bit, but it is a ton of fun. We will need a pit crew chief for the coming year and there are crew spots to fill as well. The job entails helping to load/unload the band truck and move the percussion pit and props (if any).

I'll be happy to share all of my secrets (that should take about thirty seconds).

**Contact Jake Jacobsen**  
**505-228-1361 or [kekjacobsen@yahoo.com](mailto:kekjacobsen@yahoo.com)**



# Uniform Reminders

## SPRING CLEANING OF UNIFORMS

Please make a note of the dates for Mandatory cleanings for the concert jackets and pants:

**Due on or before APRIL 11th Wind Ensemble Only! (Receipt dated after March 9th)**

**Due on or before APRIL 26th Concert & Symphonic Only! (Receipt dated after April 11th)**

Make sure the student's name is on the receipt. Please wash the tux shirt after each wearing & hang up your uniforms on their hangers! Concert jackets and pants will be collected on May 10th after the concert. Remember to bring a change of clothes!

A huge thank you to all those who helped with the collection of the Marching uniforms in December. This was a big task and could not have done it without you! And another big thank you to Carla Longfellow, Kyle Britain and Annette Vignogna for helping with cleaning uniform bags, hat, hat boxes and putting them away!

**If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at: [uniformmom@comcast.net](mailto:uniformmom@comcast.net) or 294-7690.**

Thanks,

***Kathy Britain***

## Band Yearbook

Dear Parents of Seniors

Each year a section in the Band Yearbook is dedicated to the Senior students. A page is set aside for each Senior to share pictures, messages, memories, and dreams. A form for the page has been posted under files in Yahoo!. Please complete the form for your Senior(s) and send it along with any pictures you want included on their page; we can take it electronically or hard copy. The Yearbook Moms (Carla & Susie) will format the information and get it into the book. We will return hard copy photos to you.

Take a break from taxes and don't miss out on having a Senior page honoring your son or daughter (or both!) in the Band Yearbook. The form and pictures are due by April 20th! Hard copy items can be delivered to the yellow box in the band room - be sure to provide your contact information so we can return your pictures to you. For information, contact:

**Carla Longfellow—[widget2810@yahoo.com](mailto:widget2810@yahoo.com),  
362-3651 OR Susie Taylor—[sooz7669@msn.com](mailto:sooz7669@msn.com),  
379-3550**

## Treasurer's Message

The last statement was sent on 1/22/12. The poinsettia earnings were not included but will appear on the next statement. There are many accounts with large balances so please review your statement and send in a payment if applicable. Please note what the payment is for when you send in a check. We need to know whether the payment is for a fundraiser or for your students' account. The spring trip is coming up fast and accounts must be paid in full by April 1.

Payment arrangements can be made, please call to set something up.

***Thank you.***

**Lisa Childress at [ehsbandtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ehsbandtreasurer@gmail.com)**

**Linda Heckes: 823-1208 or via email at [ehsbandstudentaccounts@yahoo.com](mailto:ehsbandstudentaccounts@yahoo.com)**

# Albuquerque Jazz Festival

The Albuquerque Jazz Festival will be Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18 at Eldorado High School.

Our students not only perform at this juried festival, but they also help put it on with a little assistance from our boosters.

Friday will be the middle school jazz bands and Saturday will be all the high school bands.

We will need help in two ways.

- 1) We will need a few parents who are willing to help out back stage, at registration and selling food, tee shirts and patches.
- 2) We will need donations of water, sodas and snack items.

If you are able to give some time for the festival, please contact Sheryl Anello at 821-3486.

If your last name begins with the letters A-M, please bring individually wrapped snack items (chips, candy, pastries, etc.) to the band room by Friday, Feb. 17 and have them marked "Jazz".

If your last name begins with the letters N-Z, please bring a case of soda or water, also marked "Jazz". Our band program will benefit from the proceeds from the sales of these items.

The Jazz Festival is a great time to hear some wonderful music from some of our favorite musicians. We hope to provide a well run event that reflects positively on our program as well.

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact:**

**Sheryl Anello, 821-3486 OR  
Karen Lubertazzo, 238-1159**



## Winter Guard

Winter Guard is off to a great start with 22 members participating under the leadership of Nick Roman and Meg Nordin.

We practice during zero hour daily, Wednesday evenings, and alternate weekends.

Our show has a Swan Lake theme with a sort of dark twist inspired by the film Black Swan.

We plan to compete March 23 and 24 in El Paso, April 6 at Sandia High School (6 PM), and April 7 at Manzano High School (noon). There is a possible competition at Cibola High School on March 31 and an exhibition invitational on February 25 (location TBD).

**For more information, contact:**

**Nick Roman**

**Cell number: (505) 610-4052**

**Email: naroman23@hotmail.com**

## 2012 Band Camp Dates!

Here's the dates for band camp:

**Band Camp 2012:**

July 26 - Kick Off Potluck Picnic

July 27 - Freshmen and First Time Marchers

July 28-August 4 - Full Band Camp



# More Opportunities for FUN-raising

In true Eagle Band-family style, the EHS Band and Color Guard has had great fundraising success this year and we have had FUN doing it!

Bravo, Congratulations, Fabulous, Awesome! Through December, students have earned \$\$\$ for their accounts with the following activities:

- The Annual Eldorado Band Flea Market
- POB Ad Sales
- Entertainment Book sales
- Hearst Magazines sales
- Jiffy Lube Card sales
- Dodge Raffle Ticket sales
- Poinsettia Sales
- Pure Profit Fundraising Sheets
- Totes!

Throw in a Flying Star Band Night, Chick-fil-A night and Fuddruckers...WOW! Great job everyone! Thank you for supporting your students and the band! By the way, we sold a record 711 poinsettias from our local partner at Alameda Greenhouse this year! HOLY COW!!!

Upcoming Spring Fundraisers: Beginning Monday, January 31st ...Cookie Dough Sales. (One of the yummiest fundraisers of the year!)

Also coming this Spring: Pampered Chef Sales, Gourmet Chocolate and Nuts Sales, Sheets Sales, and Candle Sales! More opportunities to earn \$\$\$\$ for your account! Check the band website OFTEN for upcoming dates and events.

[www.nmeldoradoeaglesband.com](http://www.nmeldoradoeaglesband.com)

**Contact Mrs. Herrera at [jbeckherrera@yahoo.com](mailto:jbeckherrera@yahoo.com) with any questions! Happy Fun-raising!**

# Get Connected

**STAY CONNECTED** to what's happening this year with band activities. Sign up for the Eldorado Eagles Band yahoo group.

**[NMEldoradoEaglesBand@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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](http://www.nmeldoradoeaglesband.com)**

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

1. Go to [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://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.

# February & March Band Schedule

## February

- 1 Fudgie Wudgie Fundraiser Begins
- 4 Solo & Ensemble Festival  
Winter Ball
- 7 Sax Day at UNM  
Band Booster Meeting  
6:30pm in the Band Room
- 10-12 Southwest Honor Band in Las Cruces
- 14 Pre-Festival Concert - All Concert Bands  
6:30pm at the EHS PAC
- 16 Jazz Concert - All Jazz Bands  
7:00pm at the EHS PAC or MHS PAC
- 17-18 Albuquerque Jazz Festival - EHS PAC
- 20 President's Day - HOLIDAY!
- 22 Orchestra Concert
- 25 Guard Exhibition Invitational (TBA)
- 26 UNM Brass Choir Concert in PAC
- 27-29 District Orchestra Festival at VHS

## March

- 1 Yankee Candle and Pampered Chef  
Fundraisers Begin
- 1-2 Jazz Festival at Ft. Lewis in Durango
- 6 Band Booster Meeting  
6:30pm in the Band Room
- 6-8 District Band Festival at VHS
- 9 EHS Fine Arts Assembly  
Wind Ensemble and Screamin' Eagles
- 12-16 SPRING BREAK!!
- 23 Deadline to submit articles for EHS  
Band Newsletter for April and May
- 23-24 Guard to compete in El Paso

