



# EHS BAND NEWSLETTER

October - November 2011

## From Your Director

Where has the year gone, competition season is almost here. Pageant is around the corner and we still have to finish the show.

The students are doing great! Their work ethic has been fantastic the past 2 weeks and we have gotten so much done at the Tues. afternoon rehearsals. Every performance is getting better and better and they are having a ball at the games. I think they will be pretty solid by Pageant, the music is starting to have impact and the drill is really taking shape. It should be an exciting competition season no matter how the judges score us. Come out and join us at the games, it's just plain fun.

A special thanks to Juli Koleske and the boosters for doing such an amazing job helping out. The reminders by e-mail have been super helpful and all their organizing is keeping things running smoothly. The food has been great, thank you Steve and Barb for all you do. The parents have just been amazing, kudos' to all of you.

I must also say that we are all very lucky to have such a dedicated, knowledgeable, and helpful staff working with the marching band. These folks are out there every day with the students trying to help them achieve great things. They really care about your students and want them to excel in all that they do. I am very impressed with their sense of loyalty and commitment to our program. They also have an incredible sense of humor and they are tons of fun to be around. We are all truly lucky to have such a great staff, thank you Steve, Jason, Bill, Nick, Eric, Caycie, Chris, Lawrence, Nathan, and Cody, you guys are the best!

– Mr. Sanks

**Go Eagles!**



## From Your Booster President

**And we're off** – the whirlwind of marching season has begun. There is so much enthusiasm in our band this year that it's contagious to us parents, too!

It would like to take this opportunity to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful board members, committee chairs persons, volunteers, and band families, These individuals have cleaned, weeded and hauled trash from the marching field, cooked and served food to starving teenagers, measured and fitted uniforms, chaperoned football games, loaded and unloaded instruments and spirit wear, purchased and delivered refreshments, otter pops and water for rehearsals and games, posted pictures and videos of the show, updated our website and ensured the success of the Flea Market and March-a-thon. This list is only a portion of the assistance the band receives from an army of volunteers. We are so grateful for all your help!

Our students and parents have done a super job keeping the band hydrated before and during events. Please continue to encourage your student to drink plenty of fluids before the day of performances so our band is able to give it their all. Don't forget to check with section leaders about the Pasta Dinners. Come to a football game and see the great progress our students are making on the show and plan on going to one, or more of the competitions to show your support for our band. Don't forget to wear your Eldorado Orange in the stands.

Take a moment to read this newsletter, there is a lot of very useful information that will help you get through the next month or so.

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# More info from Mr. Sanks . . .

## Chair Placement Auditions

Auditions are Nov. 14th through the 16th, days to be announced. All students must come in to play on their assigned day, we pay to bring in adjudicators and there is no way to make up the audition. They will be asked to play the chromatic scale, 2 major scales, and parts of both all state etudes. These are not easy and will require some work on everyone part. These audition will decide what chair and what band students will be placed in. They are also worth 300 to 500 point towards the semester grade. The music was passed out at band camp, we do have extra parts if students have lost theirs.

## All State Auditions

If you want to sign up for all state auditions students must be signed up with Mr. Sanks by Oct. 10th. There is a \$12.00 fee per audition that is the responsibility of the students. It is an honor to be selected as one of the top players in our state and is something that the majority of our students should want to strive for. I hope that many students will be setting their sites for these auditions.

## Lessons

I can't say enough about finding a quality teacher that is a professional on your instrument. They can teach all the secrets of your instrument and one on one instruction can't be beat. I have names of many terrific instructors that can help our students improve from week to week. I strongly encourage everyone to try lessons, Mr. Snowden and I can't possibly find the time to work with everyone one on one.



# Flea Market SUCCESS!

The 2011 Flea Market was another huge success for our band, with total sales coming in just under \$4000. It was a great day, and thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. The Flea Market wouldn't work without all the fabulous families pitching in!

So, now we are on to thinking about next year. We need to find a volunteer (or two) to shadow us next year. The Flea Market is fun, but there is much to do behind the scenes to pull it off. The really cool thing about volunteering to be in charge of the Flea Market is that no asks you to do anything else. That's right—take care of the Flea and you are scot free for the rest of the year!

We would really like to show you how easy it is to coordinate this event. So, if you are the parent of a freshman, or know someone who will be the parent of a freshman next year, please contact Maggi at 298-5199 or at [petton\\_counelis@msn.com](mailto:petton_counelis@msn.com). We have learned many valuable lessons over the years and very much want to pass them along to whoever is interested in taking over. Next year (2012) will be our last year to coordinate the Flea, and we need to pass along our wisdom, and idiocy, to the next Flea Market Coordinator. If this could be you...think of it as a calling...please contact us. It really is great fun, and a great way to meet others in the band community.

And remember to keep those boxes handy to start tossing in those unwanted items for next year! Thought I forgot, didn't you?

— Maggi Petton

*Thanks!*





# 2011 Pageant of Bands

Pageant of Bands, the kickoff of the competition season, is just around the corner on Saturday, October 8th. Eldorado will march around 2:30pm, but come earlier to see some of the other bands in competition.

The small bands perform in the morning, starting at 8:30. Any band students that want to come and watch the small bands perform can get in free. So instead of sleeping in that Saturday morning, come to Wilson to watch bands before you need to be at Eldorado for practice.

## Other reminders:

(1) You can buy POB photos (both a formal and fun shot) for only \$10 if you purchase them before October 3rd. Get the form off the band website, fill it out and put it the form and payment in the band room lock box.

(2) You can pre-order a DVD of all the bands that perform at POB. Get the form off the band website, fill it out and put the form and payment in the band room lock box.

(3) You can buy tickets for only \$6.00 before October 5th. Contact Sheryl Anello (821-3486) to get yours. If you wait to get the tickets at Wilson on the 8th, they will be \$8 adults and \$6 students/seniors.

(4) If you can volunteer to help at POB, please contact Dorthe Carr (296-2701, bdsncarr@comcast.net). There are 4 time slots where Eldorado volunteers will need to work. Dorthe will be letting everyone know by October 1st what time they will be volunteering and where to go when you get Wilson. Remember, all volunteers will need a ticket.

**Sheryl Anello and Dorthe Carr, POB reps**

## Spirit Wear

Well, after the big swapping of polos and a second order, I have to say everyone looks fantastic in those Eldorado Orange Polos! I also want everyone to know that there will be no more charges to accounts if you had to change sizes. I think reordering was enough to deal with. Thanks to everyone for being patient during this process. It definitely made my job easier which I greatly appreciated.

With just a few home games left, I want to thank all those who helped to make the selling of Spirit Wear possible this year!

Thank you to Pam Croft, Debbie Deetz, Annette Roche, Melissa McCarthy, Sara Baca, and a big thank you to Julie Wilder and her husband, Eric, for always picking up the Spirit Wear inventory, taking it to the stadium, and returning it to the school again each game! I also want to thank Kelly Whippo, Kathy Britian, and Juli Koleske for all their advise and guidance as I learned a new role.

Thanks!

Janet Fairbrother

**Show shirts**

**are on**

**their way!**

**Pinball**

**Wizard**

**2011**



# Band Uniform Cleaning Schedule

## UNIFORM CLEANING SCHEDULE:

### CLEANING RECEIPT DUE:

October 8, 2011 (for POB)  
October 22, 2011 (for ZIA and NAU)  
November 5, 2011 (for TOB)

### CLEANING RECEIPT MUST BE DATED AFTER:

September 22, 2011  
October 15, 2011  
October 31, 2011

**A CLEANING FINE OF \$10.00 WILL BE CHARGED TO STUDENT ACCOUNT IF CLEANING RECEIPT IS NOT TURNED IN BY DUE DATE!**

## *Note:* Uniform Cleaning is NOT Optional!

**Parents:** You are responsible for getting the Marching Uniform cleaned in accordance with the schedule posted. Fines are administered for not turning in the receipt in a timely manner. Fines are not in lieu of cleaning the uniform.

**EVERY STUDENT must turn in a Receipt!**

**Our students are not only judged for their talent but appearance!  
Make sure hair is off the collar!**

**Please refer to page 29 in the Band Handbook for additional information.**

**Any Questions Please contact:  
Kathy Britain at [uniformmom@comcast.net](mailto:uniformmom@comcast.net)**



## Calling All Volunteers!

Thanks to all of you who have been volunteering and helping out with all the activities so far.

We are still in need of volunteers to work at Pageant of the Bands and to help sell Spirit Wear at the football games.

**Please contact Sara Frederick at  
[nmsara7@aol.com](mailto:nmsara7@aol.com) or 238-4699 if you can help!**



Thanks!

# Eldorado Eagles Bands



## FUN-raising!

*Help finance your full year, including  
Marching Season and Spring Trip*

### Fall Fundraising Opportunities

#### **Albertson's Cards & Target Cards**

Albertson's Cards and Target cards are now available. Give them to friends and neighbors!! It's FREE MONEY and helps keep students cost low.

#### **Jiffy Lube Discount Cards**

For only \$20 the purchaser receives \$150 in Jiffy Lube services! This is a GREAT gift idea or great purchase for everyone! See the order form and info flyer on the website for details.

#### **Melloy Dodge Hometown Ticket Sales**

Coming soon!! Melloy Dodge Hometown ticket sales will begin soon. Check the website for details.

#### **United Way Contribution!**

Choose Eldorado Band for your United Way Contribution.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO WRITE IN:

EHS Band Boosters, PO BOX 14424, Albuquerque, NM 87191-4424, FEIN# is 85-0344468. Contact Info: EHS Treasurer.

**Keep checking Yahoo Groups and the Eagles Band and Colorguard website for all up-to-date FUNraising Information!!**

**Contact Mrs. Herrera at  
jbeckherrera@yahoo.com for details!**

## Treasurer's Message

The first statement went out on 9/19/11. Many of you confirmed receipt as requested (THANK YOU), however many did not. 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.

If payment arrangements need to be made please call me to set something up. Earnings from POB ads and entertainment book sales as well as payments made in September should be reflected on the October statement.

*Thank you,*

**Linda Heckes**

**Phone: 823-1208 | Email: delsun@msn.com**



## Winter Guard Needs You!

*Are you intrigued by spinning flags,  
rifles, and sabres?*

**Join Winter Guard –  
the indoor version of  
Color Guard!**

*Practices will start in  
late November or early December.*

*For more information, contact  
Nick Roman  
cell number: (505) 610-4052  
e-mail: naroman23@hotmail.com*

# October & November Band Schedule

## October

- 4 3-5:30pm - Mandatory Marching rehearsal  
6:30pm - Band Booster Meeting in  
Band Room
- 6 7:00pm - UNM VB Game: All
- 7 Fall Break - No School  
7:45 - 10am MANDATORY rehearsal  
at Wilson  
Pasta Dinners by Sections (check with  
section leader for time and location)
- 8 POB - All day at Wilson  
Cleaning Receipt Due
- 10 Last day to sign up for all State  
Auditions \$12.00
- 11 3-5:30pm - Mandatory Marching rehearsal
- 15 FOOTBALL - EHS (H) vs DNHS  
1pm at Wilson - 8th Grade Band Night
- 18 3-5:30pm - Mandatory Marching rehearsal
- 21 FOOTBALL - EHS (H) vs MHS  
7pm at Wilson - Halloween Costumes!
- 22 ZIA at UNM All day and evening  
Cleaning Receipt Due
- 25 3-5:30pm - Mandatory Marching rehearsal
- 27 7:00pm - UNM VB Game: All
- 28-30 NAU Marching Competition in Flagstaff

## November

- 1 6:30pm - Band Booster Meeting in  
Band Room
- 4 Pasta Dinners by Sections (check with  
section leader for time and location)
- 5 TOB in Las Cruces - All Day  
Cleaning Receipt Due
- 10 6:00pm - UNM VB Game: Band 1
- 11 Veterans Day Holiday - No School
- 12 1pm - UNM VB Game: Band 2
- 14-16 Chair Placement Auditions
- 16-17 All State & Jazz All State Auditions at  
La Cueva High School
- 18 Newsletter Deadline for Dec-Jan
- 18-19 District VII Honor Band Rehearsals
- 20 District VII Honor Band Concert  
LCHS at 3pm
- 22 Uptown Jazz Concert - Screamin' Eagles  
at 7pm
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Recess - No School
- 29 Jazz Band Concert  
EHS PAC at 7pm



# 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](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.

# Be A Chaperone

***Chaperones are always needed!***

This is a great opportunity to get to know the wonderful young people that are the EHS Band.

A background check is required by APS.

If you have been approved for 2009-10 your screening is valid until you no longer have children at EHS.

If you plan on helping chaperone ANY band event you **MUST** get a background check by APS



## **What to do?**

Download the form & fill out the top portion

Get it signed by Principal Sandoval

Take it to APS @ City Center, Room 105E between 8:00 & 3:45 M-F

Pay the \$18 (no cash or personal checks)

Once approved it will be delivered to the principal's secretary.

Please get a copy of the form for Cheri Stromberg, Booster VP in charge of chaperones and keep a copy for your own records. ***It's good until your kids graduate.***

**If you have questions or want to chaperone, call VP Cheri Stromberg or email her at [ch\\_aos@msn.com](mailto:ch_aos@msn.com) or call APS Background Checks at 889-4864.**