



Mustang Band Fanfare

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Editor Kathleen Gabric

Happy Spring!

Congratulations and thank you to all Band Students, Directors, Staff, Booster Members and all of the Parents and Volunteers for an outstanding year. In addition, this year would have not been possible if it were not for of all of the hard work of all of our students in all of the various band programs – it is always inspirational. As this next couple of months passes by quickly, we will once again say goodbye to those senior parents who will be “graduating” along with their children. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to those senior parents who gave of their time and efforts and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Speaking of dedicated parents, at the upcoming April Booster meeting, we will be voting on the slate of candidates for the 2011/2012 Booster Board. We have many parents who have made the commitment to continue with the Board for another year and we will have some new faces to who will join the Board in order to continue the great work this organization accomplishes year after year. We still have some open positions (that are contained in this edition of Fanfare), so if you have the time, we have positions. We are also looking for shadows – so if you're not quite sure what you want to do, you can always shadow someone and make the decision later.

The 2011 Spring Banquet will be held on April 28th and information regarding this event will be forthcoming. Our annual plant sale fundraiser is in full swing, so be sure to place your order as soon as possible. This is such a fun fundraiser and always gets me the mood for summer. Plants will arrive on May 1st.

Lastly, please be sure to check the Booster website at www.mustangbandboosters.com for all the up-to-date activities, concerts and end of year information. The Marching Band Parent Social/Code of Conduct meeting is scheduled for June 16th – so please mark that date on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you then.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Warm Regards,

Cathy

Catherine A. Jama
President - DGS Mustang Band Boosters



Glenn Williams

TO CLEAN OR NOT TO CLEAN - WHY IS IT EVEN A QUESTION?

One of our curricular targets for our band students reads as follows: **Student will develop a mature approach towards instrument care and maintenance.** This is a topic that we address somewhat during Concert Band, but as the year progresses and performance demands increase, the class time spent teaching students to take care of their instrument decreases, or, totally vanishes. Alas, the development of that “mature approach” falls more onto the individual students and their families.

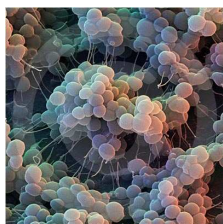
I’ve recently come across two sources on the web that provide, in both a funny and rather gross way, why we all should work to keep our instruments clean. Take a few moments to listen to this radio story from National Public Radio from the fall:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=129725678>

As a fellow trombonist, I am really embarrassed for this person. I’m even more dumbfounded that he freely admitted these shortcomings in such a significant and ongoing public forum. In any case, the notion of a long span of SICKNESS caused simply by not cleaning your instrument is, well, disgusting beyond belief. I mean seriously – you put your lips onto that thing EVERY DAY and take in large amounts of air. You then exhale large amounts of air back into the instrument, breathing life into any living organism.



Illustration: Don Smith



Not taking the few moments to clean the inside and outside of your instrument is just flat-out lazy. Hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars are invested. Nearly everyone comprehends the value of changing the oil in your automobile every three thousand miles, but, those same young drivers will frequently go YEARS without cleaning their instrument. Yuck. That’s about all I can say.

Here is another written piece from the LA Times about instrument health:

<http://www.latimes.com/health/boostershots/la-heb-musical-instruments-germs-20110315,0,418577.story>

The most stunning quote from this article, for me, is this:

"Furthermore, this study also found that many of these microbes are highly resistant to some or most of the antibiotics normally used in general practice, including methicillin," the authors wrote.

Seriously? Stronger and smarter than the antibiotics we use? Wow. Double wow and yuck after that.

To conclude, I hope this short but provoking piece will cause family dialog and discussion about “taking a mature approach towards instrument care and maintenance.” Everyone understands the value of hand washing as it relates to disease prevention. I hope that after reading this you understand the value of regularly cleaning the inside and outside of your instrument.

PS – Please don’t take it to the shop in the days before a concert!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Images that compel towards cleanliness.



French horn rotor before cleaning.



French horn rotor after cleaning.



A tuba valve cap with a foreign substance oozing out of the valve cap. Before cleaning.



A tuba valve with a foreign substance oozing out. Before cleaning.



A tuning slide with green caked on residue. Before cleaning.



The corrosive process commonly called “red rot” invades this trumpet.



Nominating Committee Needs Your Help!!

The Nominating Committee has been identifying parents to fill positions on both the Executive Board and the General Board. We've filled most of them. However, we still have several open positions that we need to fill. We know everyone is very busy and it's hard to work in volunteer activities – but the more people who pitch in, the less work any one person has to do. So, if you're not already on the Executive or General Board please strongly consider taking on one of our open positions.

For the General Board, we have several openings:

Kiwanis Peanut Day Coordinator
 Fanfare Coordinator
 Plant Sale Coordinator
 Store Fundraisers

We are also looking for people to shadow for several positions. Shadows work with the current coordinator to learn the ins and outs of a position and take over the role for the 2012/2013 school year.

For the Executive Board, we need someone to shadow the Vice-Presidents – Hospitality/Marching Band

For the General Board, we need shadows for:

Butter Braids Coordinator
 Market Day Coordinator

If you're interested, or would just like more information about a position, please contact Lynn Filla-Clark at lynnfclark-001@hotmail.com.



Bald is now beautiful among trombonists at Downers Grove South High School.....

St. Baldrick's Day at DGS

The entire South High School community assembled together on Friday, March 11, 2011 to cap a spirited fund raising effort. The money raised will benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation in the fight against childhood cancer. More than 50 staff and students had their heads shaved that day and heard inspiring words from an eight year old cancer survivor.



The Downers Grove South High School Jazz Ensemble, directed by Craig Roselieb, has been selected, through competitive taped audition, as one of 15 finalist bands for the 16th Annual *Essentially Ellington* Competition and Festival being held in New York, New York from May 12-14, 2011.

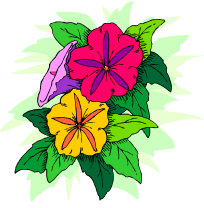
More than 1,500 high schools requested audition materials, of which 110 schools submitted an audition tapes which were evaluated by members of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, directed by Wynton Marsalis. The DGS Jazz Ensemble is one of only 15 finalist high school jazz bands that have been selected from this international audition pool.

"Being accepted to this festival is akin to reaching the jazz performance summit for a high school jazz ensemble." said DGS Fine Arts Chairman Glenn Williams. "This represents the pinnacle in performance proficiency for these student musicians."

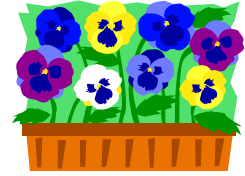
In the coming months, a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra will come to DGS to work with the students in the jazz ensemble. This elbow-to-elbow contact with an international jazz luminary is but one of the many benefits for students for participating in this program. The jazz performance growth of these students will be exponential in the coming weeks as they intensify their focus to prepare for the competition in May. Additionally, each student musician will now begin a rigorous program to develop the capital needed to participate in the trip to the Big Apple. The entire cost of the trip will be provided by individual students and families.

Wynton Marsalis, Artistic Director, Jazz at Lincoln Center, has this to say about the *Essentially Ellington* competition and festival for this year: "It is extremely gratifying to see the results of the seeds we sowed 16 years ago when we started *Essentially Ellington*. The improvement in the quality of the bands down through the years attests to the artistic substance of Duke Ellington's music. The enthusiasm and dedication of students, families, band directors, judges, and alumni testify to the timeless American values that define this competition and festival. I'm looking forward to hearing this year's finalists; it is my favorite time of year."

~Glenn Williams



The Mustang Band Booster's 2011 Plant Sale



Hurray, hurray! Spring is finally here! It's time to buy beautiful flowers and vegetables for the garden, hanging baskets for the porch, and patio pots for the deck. Why shop at the big box stores, when you can buy them right here and right now at the Mustang Band Booster Plant Sale!

See the *beautiful selection* on our website <http://www.mustangbandboosters.com/plants>.

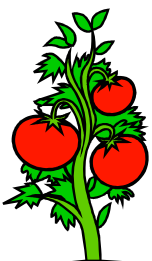
Students: Earn some money in your student account (17.5%) by selling plants! Everyone loves fresh spring flowers, so they're easy to sell. We offer excellent quality flowers and vegetables from Peterman Greenhouse in Kalamazoo, MI. The plants are gorgeous, the prices are competitive, and delivery is just in time for Mother's Day!

Even if you don't know the difference between a petunia and a pansy...you can sell plants!

It's Easy!

1. Print up the photos from our website to **show your relatives, friends, and neighbors**. Or simply email them a brief note and a link to our website <http://www.mustangbandboosters.com/plants>.
2. Tell them you offer quality plants, competitive prices, and personalized free delivery. ☺
3. Fill out the order form and collect their **checks payable to Mustang Band Boosters**.
4. **Turn in all order forms and checks by FRIDAY, APRIL 8.** Drop in the band mailbox or mail to PLANTS – Attn: Craig Roselieb, DGS High School, 1436 Norfolk Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516
5. **Pick up all plants on SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 9:30 am to 11:30 am**, in the DGS south parking lot.
6. **Deliver the plants** to your customers and watch them smile!

If you have any questions, please call the Plant Sale Coordinators, Bill and Charlene Kubik, at (630) 985-2860, or email them at Gen-Plants@MustangBandBoosters.com.



Senior Student Account Reminder



Dollars for Students

Attention Graduating Seniors:

If you have money in your Student Account, you may request a refund of your money for any music-related expense until May 15, 2011. Examples of qualifying expenses include: instrument purchases and repairs, reeds, sheet music, music lessons, and expenses for band trips/competitions (limit of \$25/day for trips). If you have a younger sibling coming into the band program, you may request to transfer money to the new account. Please request transfers to siblings by May 15th, 2011. Requests for reimbursement of purchased items must be accompanied by a receipt or canceled check. Request forms can be obtained by clicking here:

[Student Account Refund Request Form](#)

Forms may also be located near the band room mailbox. Completed forms should be deposited in the band mailbox. Before making requests for reimbursement, please check your account balance on the website, or contact

Laura Sorce

Secretary of Student Accounts

Exec-StudentAccts@mustangbandboosters.com

Winter Guard 2011 Spinning Through Season



This year's Winter Guard team is working very hard to meet its challenge of advancing to the next level of competition in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit, resulting from their outstanding inaugural season last year. The team has 15 members and is under the direction of a new coach, Jessica Dunkel, assisted by Carly LeVan. Their show, entitled "The Nicest Thing" (lyrics by Kate Nash) is a sparkling combination of dance, flags, rifles and sabers.

The team has competed 5 times already, placing between 2nd and 4th, and improving their overall scores each time. The girls have faced strong competition in their class this year from neighboring suburban schools, as well as teams from Indiana and Iowa. The Winter Guard will travel to Lake Park High School this Saturday, March 26th, for their last regular season competition. They plan to participate in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championship in LaPorte, Indiana on April 2nd and 3rd, and hope to finish the season strong.

Best of Luck to Winter Guard 2011!

~Ginny Hood



Music Bowl
Date Change To
Saturday, October 1, 2011



Initial plans are underway for the Tenth Annual Music Bowl, our Marching Band competition DGS hosts each fall. Due to schedule conflicts with the school calendar the date was moved from our original date of October 15, 2011 to our new date of October 1, 2011, please update your calendar. Currently we are recruiting judges and inviting schools to participate.

We are still in need a couple of people to shadow Laura Sarich and Carol Ann Fatora in Concessions this fall and then take over the positions for Music Bowl 2012.

If you are interested or would like more information about the Music Bowl, please contact Bonnie at 630-969-1957 or Terri at 630-969-7205.



<http://www.talesfrombandcamp.com/archive/20090211.gif>



WE USE TO HAVE A LIFE
NOW WE ARE BAND PARENTS

<http://www.bandnerd.com/>

Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer; as suggested by this cartoon.

LEACS □ □ □ ○ ○

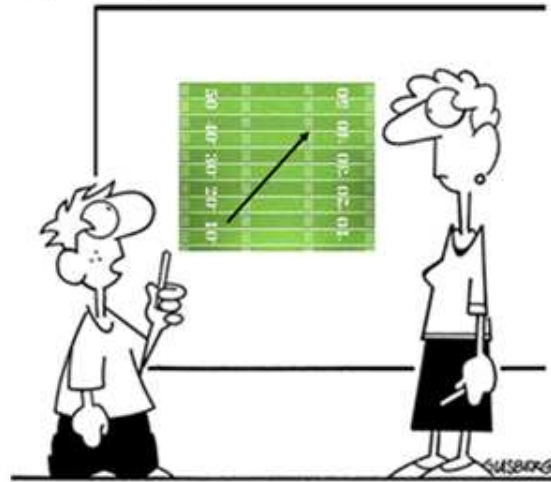
SHOROC □ □ □ ○ ○ □

DILDEF □ ○ ○ □ □ □

PONYSHYM □ ○ □ □ □ ○ □

Answer here

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○



In Geometry, the percussion player had visions of this.

Up & Down Words

1. EARLY ↗ _____
2. _____ ↘ _____
3. _____ ↗ _____
4. _____ ↘ _____
5. _____ ↗ _____
6. _____ ↘ _____
7. _____ ↗ SONGS

Clues

1. What people in Downers Grove dream of in February
2. Band performance in May
3. Beginning group of musicians at DGS
4. Leader of musicians
5. Head of the Fine Arts Department at DGS
6. Upcoming nuptials
7. What you never want to hear in the DGS band room

DEAR MARY

By Mary van Mustang

DEAR MARY,

I have thoroughly enjoyed my daughter's freshmen year. Her decision to join band helped her get off to a great start at DGS. My decision to join the Band Boosters was a great way for me to meet other parents. You hear about the Freshmen Fifteen (pounds) when your child goes off to college. The one thing no one warned me about was the Band Booster's Big Booty! In September, I ate more candy than either my daughter or I sold. Then I drove by Boosters handing out peanuts so many times, I was eating peanuts for weeks. In October, I worked the Music Bowl concession. Who ever had the crazy idea to sell nachos? They were wonderful! I won't tell you how many I ate during my two shifts. In December, my cheesecakes were delivered and I couldn't keep myself from raiding the freezer. In January, I became addicted to the FOFA lollipops. I'm tried to break the habit in February by stuffing myself with Butterbraids, and just in case that doesn't help I'm ordering cookie dough for March. My booty just gets bigger and bigger. What do I do?



Please help!
Growing Bigger by the Day

DEAR "GROWING BIGGER BY THE DAY",

Keep in mind that bigger is relative. I suggest really pushing the sales of these food items to all of your friends and coworkers. Or, you could give out the candy for Halloween instead of buying candy elsewhere, give your friends and family cheesecakes for Christmas and Butterbraids for Easter instead of other expensive gifts, and feed the squirrels in your back yard peanuts instead of that expensive bird feed they are stealing from your bird feeder. You will be able to judge your success in 2 ways: 1) if friends' booties are bigger than yours (meaning yours will looker smaller in comparison. Yeah!), and 2) if your daughter's student account is bigger which will also help to keep your bank balance bigger. Remember, you have to think Big to be Big!

Mary Mustang

Have a band question or problem? Contact Mary at
Exec-Communication@MustangBandBoosters.com

Letter from the editor

As editor, this is my last issue of the Fanfare. It has been my pleasure to serve you. I hope you have found the Fanfare both informative and entertaining. I generally end each issue with a collage of the latest pictures of the band. This time I will leave you with some of my best memories of the bands and the Boosters. I'll see you in the band room!

~ Kathy Gabric





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C H O **R** **O** S

DILDEF
F **I** **D** **D** L E

PONYSHYM
S Y **M** P H O **N** Y

Answer here

D **R** **U** **M** **L** **I** **N** **E**



In Geometry, the percussion player had visions of this.

Up & Down Words

1. EARLY → SPRING
2. SPRING → CONCERT
3. CONCERT → BAND
4. BAND → DIRECTOR
5. DIRECTOR → WILLIAMS
6. WILLIAMS → WEDDING
7. WEDDING → SONGS