



Come join the fun....

Dear Parents:

This is the time of year when our Band Booster Organization begins planning for next year. We begin recruiting parents who want to take a bigger role in the Booster Organization. We are filling both Executive Board positions and Committee Chairs.

As part of the Nominating Committee, and I am certain I speak for the others, we are very, very proud of our Booster Organization and the success we have had this year. We have had an **overwhelming** amount of parental support. From helping with the 2003 Marching Mustang Music Bowl, Market Day, chaperoning, helping serve the kids dinner, to bringing baked goods for concert refreshments. Each and every bit of your support was very much appreciated. We could not have had the success we had without your help! Our band parents and Booster Organization is one of the strongest at Downers Grove South.

If you feel you would like to "kick it up a notch" and have a more challenging role in the Booster organization we welcome you and would love to have you. I think everyone knows how hard it is to find volunteers. Most of us work full-time so we understand how valuable time is. Please don't let that stop you. This is an opportunity to meet new people, have fun and see our kids in action at the same time.

The Nominating Committee will be working hard over the next several weeks. We will be making calls to parents asking for your help. If you are interested in a more active role, please feel free to contact Mr. Roselieb or the Nominating Committee at ...

S-Nominating@MustangBandBoosters.com

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM

YOU!!

The Nominating Committee
Lynne Carr Barb Baxter Karen Mink

An example of being part of Booster support and working together is the Christensen Family. Parents, Cathy & Mike serve as Equipment Coordinators while students, Tom and Lindsey are members of the Pit Section. Shown here at the RCA Dome in Indy.

FLASH!!!

LONDON
TRIP/
MARCHING
BAND
MEETING
MONDAY,
FEB. 9TH
7:00 PM
AUDITORIUM
Details Inside



Photo by Frank Fletcher-Broucek



The Director's Corner

Winter is upon us and although the weather outside may be frightful, some wonderful things have been taking place in the DGS band world. From Indoor Percussion rehearsals to Jazz Band performances to the recent start of Brass Choir and the third Jazz Band, it seems as if the light in the band room is always on and there's always music streaming from the room...and it doesn't stop there!

We're anxiously awaiting the chance to welcome next year's freshmen at Open House, plans for the 2004-2005 Marching Mustangs are well underway, and we're excited about sharing with you an opportunity to travel to London. As we move into the second half of the school year and we continue with all of the activities that surround us, we must again thank everyone that has given so much to benefit the students of this program. We see the rewards of your time, energy, and commitment every day in their success.

-- Mark McCormick

Instrumental Music Day Instrumental Music Day is Thursday, March 11

During the next few weeks, students will be given the opportunity to work on individual solos, and then perform them for judges during the school day. This is wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves by performing and sharing their skills and talent with other students. As the soloists prepare their pieces, we'll also be creating smaller ensembles in each of the bands to give the students an opportunity to play in a more intimate setting. Music scholarships will be awarded to those students who show exceptional achievement on this day!

WIND ENSEMBLE/WIND SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

Auditions for the top two bands, Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble, will be held during the months of February and April. The auditions will consist of two parts as outlined below.

Part I February 9-13, 2004

- € IMEA Scale Sheet (all scales)
- € A solo of the student's choosing appropriate to his/her level of performing ability. The solo should be chosen with the assistance of the private teacher or one of the directors.

Part II April 5-8, 2004

- € IMEA 2004 Etudes
- € Sight reading

Current band students choosing not to audition for Wind Symphony or Wind Ensemble will be placed in either Symphonic Band or Concert Band II depending on instrumentation needs. Students will be auditioned during their regular band classes.. Jazz auditions will be held later in the spring (April and May) In order for students to be considered for membership in either Wind Ensemble or Wind Symphony, students must audition and perform both Parts 1 and 2. Current members of these groups are also required to audition again

NIU JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Why should you attend the NIU Jazz Ensemble Concert on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 7 pm in the South Auditorium? The answer is the same as if you asked a similar question. Why would you attend the greatest experience of your life? That answer is 7 words: **Because it will be absolutely unbelievably spectacular!** Not only is the Ron Carter experience (ask any veteran of our Jazz Ensemble who has been with him in the last 2 or 3 years) something to remember, but also guest artist, Red Holloway has been everywhere and seen everything in the last 60 years. He is a living inspiration to jazz from the past, present and future. Please visit his website www.redholloway.com to find out why. Tickets are free to all jazz band members, and can be purchased from a jazz ensemble member for \$7 to adults, and \$5 to students, or at the door. The concert will also feature both jazz ensembles and jazz lab bands from DGS and DGN. Jazz is alive and right here in Downers Grove. Don't you dare miss it!!!

Marching Band Meeting, February 9

The first meeting for the 2004 Marching Mustangs will be held on Monday, February 9. During this meeting we will discuss our 2004 season including the announcement of leaders, the calendar, rehearsal schedule, staff members and the 2004 Show will be introduced. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in the Auditorium.

Meanwhile, the directors have already begun preliminary work with Mitch Rogers and George Hester on the show and its design. To better address the needs of the 2004 Marching Mustangs we are going to realign our positions as directors and assign staff members in each of our respective areas:

Mr. Hornish – All areas of marching, movement and visual components of the show including basics and marching rehearsals as well as supervision of visual staff.

Mr. Roselieb – Music arranger and music rehearsals as well as music and music general effect aspects of the show.

Mr. McCormick – Drill coordinator and general effect coordinator. We believe that this will not only facilitate communication but will lead to greater efficiency in rehearsals and use of our staff.

The tentative Marching Mustang performance schedule for 2004:

September 17: Lake Park

September 25: Third Annual DGS Music Bowl

October 2: Wheaton North **AND** Stagg

October 16: TBA

October 23: ISU

October 30: BOA Regional in Indianapolis

As you will note, we are only attending one BOA event this year as the Pontiac Regional coincides with the date of our Music Bowl. We will discuss the calendar and all facets of the 2004 Marching Mustangs in more depth at our February 9 meeting.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the Marching Mustangs or the meeting, please contact Mr. Hornish at 795-8692 or at rhornish@csd99.k12.il.us

London Trip Meeting, February 9

In conjunction with our Marching Mustangs Registration meeting, we will be unveiling our plans to travel to London, England next winter from **December 27, 2004 to January 3, 2005**. Our band was selected by invitation and reputation for this honor, which will come directly from the Queen of England. The highlight of the trip will be our participation in the New Year's Day Parade, which is the largest, and most attended parade in the world. The trip will also include performances by our Concert Bands and Jazz Ensemble in some very prestigious venues, as well as several days of sightseeing in places like Windsor Castle, Oxford and/or Cambridge, and locations like Stonehenge, and Shakespeare's home town of Stratford. Although everyone on the trip will participate in the parade as a member of the Marching Mustangs, **every student enrolled in one of the five concert bands next year is eligible to register for this trip. Anyone in color guard or the jazz bands, who is not enrolled in a band class may also participate, as well as any members of the class of 2004 or 2003 who will have already graduated and gone on to college.** Please attend the meeting to find out about this once in a lifetime experience. Your decision to participate will not be required until the end of March, so there is no obligation to travel if you attend this meeting.

February Concerts

The cold Midwestern winds have finally arrived but you can be sure to warm up with the hot sounds streaming out of the Band Department!. There are three events in February that you won't want to miss. On February 5th at 7:00 p.m. the Northern Illinois



University Jazz Band under the direction of Ron Carter will present a concert along with our own Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band. (See article on page 2.)

Wind Symphony and Concert Band II will be having their winter concert on February 19th at 7:30 p.m. Concert Band II's "JFK – In Memoriam" will pay tribute to the life of our 35th president with a surprise narrator. Wind Symphony will continue the patriotic theme with Sousa's "Riders for the Flag."

February 24th will find the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band I in their winter concert.

All concerts will feature Butter Braid samples, so don't miss any of these exciting evenings.

Brass Choir

Brass Music is alive and well here at DGS! The Brass Choir began their second spring season this past month and has been rehearsing some exciting new music. Members of this small chamber group are selected based on ability, experience, and maturity and the students involved all demonstrate the desire to finesse their skills in an intimate musical setting. In February, the group will perform out in the community for a fundraising brunch and we'll be traveling to Symphony Center to hear the Chicago Symphony Brass Quintet.

Letter from the President

Dear Mustang Band Families,

First of all, welcome to the families of our incoming freshmen, class of 2008! We are so happy to include you in our Mustang Band family! You may be a bit overwhelmed by all of the information you are receiving about our band program in addition to everything you may be receiving from the high school. But please be patient and don't hesitate to ask questions. A couple of great sources of information for you may be our **Mustang Band Boosters website**, which may be found at <http://www.MustangBandBoosters.com> and our **Mustang Bands website**, which may be found at <http://www.csd99.k12.il.us/south/music>. Or if you prefer talking to a human, please contact **me at 241-3226** and I'll make sure that you get answers to your questions!

It's prime season for our Jazz, Indoor Percussion, and Brass Choir groups. Both Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band gave outstanding performances at the Jazz Café a couple of weeks ago. These groups are currently competing in festivals and are even doing some performing on the side. Our Indoor Percussion group will be showing their skills in several competitions in the months of February and March. And our Brass Choir is starting up again with several performances already on the calendar. Good luck to everyone! Special thanks to our Jazz Chair, Kim Bokowski, our Percussion Chair, Carla Harrison, our Road Manager, Frank Fletcher-Broucek, and all of our families who support these extremely talented students and their corresponding programs!

Our nominating committee is in the process of securing nominees for each of our Mustang Band Boosters offices for the 2004-2005 membership year. Elections will be held at our Mustang Band Boosters March board meeting. We are also looking for eager candidates to fill each of our committee chair positions. There are many of them! So show your support of our Mustang Bands and step right up to help. Please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss the possibilities at 241-3226 or E-President@MustangBandBoosters.com. I'm sure that we can find just the right place for you in our organization.

Please note that our next Mustang Band Boosters board meeting will be on Monday, February 2nd, 7:30 pm, Room D180 at DGS. All are welcome! Hope to see many of you then and at the upcoming Marching Mustangs/London Trip Proposal meeting on Monday, February 9th, 7 pm, Auditorium!

Yours in band,
Betty Wakerly



MidAmerica Bank Gives Us Free \$\$\$\$\$

MidAmerica Bank holds all of our Band accounts. They are also a huge sponsor of our Music Bowl. MidAmerica Bank offers local organizations that do business with the Bank the opportunity to earn much-needed funds on a continuing basis with their CommUnity Banking Program.

The CommUnity Banking Program is designed specifically to meet the needs of today's busy organizations. The CommUnity Banking Program provides us with an excellent opportunity to earn funds just by doing your personal banking. Visit this website to see our Downers Grove South Marching Band at http://www.midamericabank.com/community_bank.cfm#west

If you open a new checking or savings account at MidAmerica Federal, the bank will deposit \$25.00 into our Band Account for every new account opened. **Just mention CommUnity Banking, Downers Grove South Marching Band. If you have any existing accounts at MidAmerica Bank, they will also deposit money into our Band accounts.** Next time you visit MidAmerica please ask about CommUnity Banking and mention our Downers Grove South Marching Band organization and they will deposit \$\$ into our accounts in your name. If you have any questions, please contact the bank at 630-435-1400 or **call Lynne Carr at 630-963-7331**. **MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN OUR COMMUNITY BANKING AT MIDAMERICA. WE ALREADY HAVE \$66.00 IN OUR COMMUNITY BANKING ACCOUNT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! GET THE WORD OUT!!!**

Mustang Bands Benefit from On-Line Shopping with *SchoolShare*™

For those upcoming birthdays and special occasions, be sure to make that first stop for your on-line shopping at <http://www.SchoolShare.com>. A portion of the sale from numerous merchants is rebated back to the Mustang Band Boosters, at no additional cost to you! It's quick, it's easy, give it a try!

Jazz Ensemble getting ready at Jazz Cafe



Upcoming Jazz Competition Season

January and February is the season of Jazz, and our two groups are ready for action.

On Saturday, 24, our Jazz Ensemble made at the Northshore Jazz Glenbrook South High Lab Band will begin their performance at the New Trier Saturday, February 7 in Band will receive a critique the Director of Jazz Studies

Univeristy. Also performing during the day will be numerous clinics for asttend on jazz performance and improvisation. The University of Ensemble will round out the afternoon's performances. After dinner, return to NTHS to hear a concert by the renowned Bob Mintzer Big band is one of the top big bands performing in the US today. Our Jazz travel to Eastern Illinois University on February 14 for the first time in the Jazz Ensemble will await the results of their tape entry into the Ellington Festival in New York. The bands' road manager, Frank is hard at work securing gig opportunities for the groups as well. website for updates.



January their first statement Festival at School. The Jazz season with a Jazz Festival on Winnetka. The Lab from Mr. Bob Lark, at DePaul the students to Illinois Jazz the Lab Band will Band. Mintzer's Ensemble will competition, and Essentially Fletcher-Broucek, Please check the

Mike Block, Jazz Lab Band, performs at Jazz Café.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

While many were on Holiday Break, up to 35 students have been gathering to rehearse regularly for the Winter Indoor Percussion 2004 show, titled, "The Fun Box". Mr. Bart Bates and Adam Hill proposed the theme, based on music by David Hollsinger, which centers on clowns, who aren't necessarily friendly. To see the students involved, check out Band Program Photos '03-'04 on www.mustangbandboosters.com. The music is challenging and students, some of whom are first time percussionists, are working diligently to master three movements. Parent volunteer support is terrific. The "Awesome Construction Dads" are assembling an extensive and ambitious set, and the "Amazing Costume Moms" are preparing the outfits. The 2004 show includes three actors, two of whom are played by students never before in band. Be sure to stop in the Auditorium around 6:30pm at Open House, Mon., Jan. 26th, where they will perform the culmination of their efforts to date. Subsequently, the Indoor Percussionists travel to Vandercook College on Sat., Feb. 7th, for a day of percussion and compete at Winter Guard International Regional competitions in New Albany, IN (Feb. 13-14), Goshen, IN (March 6th) and Centerville, OH (March 27-28). A special thanks to all the chaperones who have offered to travel and assist with the set-up and take down at the shows. **Go Mustang "IP"!!!!**



Pit Section of Indoor Percussion rehearsing

Show Your Band Spirit!

Be sure to stop by the Band Boosters tables outside of the February concerts to check out our new Spring merchandise to see how you can show off your band spirit. New golf shirts for the upcoming spring/summer seasons will be on display. Order forms will be available. (The Boosters don't have enough space or budget to retain any shirts in inventory, so shirts are available by order only, not immediate pick-up.) The Mustang Bands or the Marching Mustangs embroidered logos are both available.

In case you miss them, you can always check out the available merchandise at <http://www.shop.mustangbandboosters.com/>, download and complete an order form and submit to the Band Room mailbox. Deliveries can be made to your band student or by arranged pick-up.

Think Spring!!

The holidays are over! It's time to start thinking about warm weather, sunny days and PLANTS! **Believe it or not, you too can have a terrific looking garden this year! It all starts with good plants and a little knowledge.** Peterman Greenhouses in Portage, Michigan will again be providing all the plants for our annual plant sale. The Boosters have always been pleased with the high quality of the plants they provide.



As for the knowledge part, for new gardeners or, if you're like me and can't remember one plant from another, pictures, plant information and order forms are also available on the website www.MustangBandBoosters.com. We are offering some of the most popular plant varieties including, petunias, marigolds, begonias, geraniums and impatiens as well as an assortment of hanging baskets. This year we've added a few new varieties including Wave Petunias. Wave Petunias are known for their easy maintenance requirements and spreading habit (one plant can fill approximately 2 square feet).

Order forms for this year's plant sale will be available at the Open Houses on January 26 and 28 at the Communication Center. (Don't know where that is? It's right outside the Directors' offices as you enter the band room.) Thirty-five percent of the sales on this fundraiser are split between the student accounts and the general fund.

TRANSLATION: Students will receive \$17.50 for every \$100 in sales. **For incoming freshmen this is a perfect opportunity to start building their student account for future trips, lessons, and supplies.**

Don't let the weather get you thinking there's plenty of time. Spring is just around the corner. Orders with payment are due by March 31st with a tentative delivery date of May 8th, just in time for Mother's Day (May 9th)! The Boosters will hold all payments until March 31st so don't put off submitting your orders until the last minute. Pass out forms to friends, relatives, teachers and neighbors. Think Spring!!!

Market Day News

Pick-up is February 22nd from 1PM to 2PM. Come at 11:30 to help set-up! Orders due by February 13th.

February is another month where the Band gets some of the profit from Market Day and the band students can receive the profit directly into their accounts when a customer designates their order to the students. It is a great way for students to build up their accounts.

February will also have great sales on chicken and pizza-eatzzzas! **Bonus profit will be earned on the Cookie Dough Sale!** Plan on buying lots of tubs. The more we sell the more profit we get. (I know that we all are buying Girl Scout cookies at this time, but hey these tubs are frozen so we can keep them for a long time after we've eaten the boxes of Girl Scout cookies!) If every band family ordered just 2 tubs of cookies we could make a lot of money!

Here is another way to raise funds for your son or daughter. When they sell a product, you deliver it to the customer's home. What about telling your neighbor to order Market Day. They can order on-line, send a message to the chair to credit your child, and then you can deliver it to them. Or put their order together on your order. What a way to boost your child's account with no extra work on your part – you are coming to Market Day anyway!

If you forget to order on-line by noon on Wednesday February 18th, please call Kris Blackwell at 985-1581 and she can input it until 9PM. Don't feel embarrassed – even she has forgotten to order by noon! **However, please remember to pick-up your order. We lose all the profit from orders we have to send back when you don't come to pick up!**

**REMEMBER MARCHING BAND/LONDON TRIP MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th
7:00 P.M., AUDITORIUM
BE THERE!!!**

Midwest Music Festival

On Saturday February 28th, the **Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony** will **compete in the annual Midwest Music Festival** at Lemont High School. The bands will be critiqued by three adjudicators and then given division ratings. Awards are also given for best brass, best winds and best percussion. As of this publication date, we do not have performance times. Please watch your emails for additional information. This festival brings in 20 of the best high school bands in the Chicagoland area.

<p>WANTED 4 Parent Volunteers to chaperone the Midwest Music Fest at Lemont High School. If interested, contact Julie Benes 968-0366</p>
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IMEA All-State

Congratulations

– to the following band students for their acceptance into the All-State festival this January in Peoria, Illinois. **Krystina Sorwell**, Flute, **Jackie Fischer**, Clarinet, **Stephanie Hardwidge**, Bassoon, and **Sara Fruehe**, Bassoon will audition for chair placement on the first day of the festival, January 29, and will perform in either the All-state Honors Band or All-state Band on Saturday, January 31. These students have worked tremendously hard over the last four years and deserve our respect and recognition. **When you see them in the hallway, tell them congrats and good luck at auditions!**

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK

“What is a Butter Braid?”

A Butter Braid is a unique, tasty, frozen pasty that comes in cherry, apply, raspberry, cinnamon and cream cheese flavors. A Butter Braid sells for \$9.00 with \$2.00 being credited to a designated student account. We ask that each student try to sell at least 5 Butter Braids and make an easy \$10. Sell more your profit margin increases. Think big!

Sale starts Feb. 19th with samples at the WG and CBII concert that evening. (Remember how good those cheesecakes were? Here's another taste sampling to delight your tastebuds.) All orders with payment are due by March 8th. Delivery of the product will be Noon to 2:00 p.m. on Sat., March 20th in the Cafeteria.

Any volunteer who would like to help on pick-up day or if you have any questions, please contact Laurie Smith at lauricdebo@msn.com.

Mustang Band Forms/Fees

A BIG THANKS to all of you who have already completed your Mustang Band forms and sent them in along with your band membership fee payment for our current 2003-2004 membership year. We really appreciate your support! If you have not already taken care of these matters, please do so as soon as possible. Believe it or not we will be sending out the Mustang Band paperwork for 2004-2005 in just a few months. These forms are required not only for our records but for seeking medical care for your student while traveling away from school, if necessary. The membership fee payments help to pay for expenses that are incurred by all students enrolled in the band program. Our Mustang Band Boosters rely on your membership fee payments to help defray the costs of postage, equipment purchases and repairs, clinician and judge fees, concert beverages, and achievement awards that are given to each of our students at our awards banquet in the spring. Thank you for your consideration. Questions? Please contact Betty Wakerly at 241-3226 or E-President@MustangBandBoosters.com.

Incoming 8th Graders Welcome!

We hope you received a copy of this newsletter at the open house and will enjoy reading about the activities our program has to offer. Please visit our booster website at www.mustangbandboosters.com to read past newsletters online.

8th graders have two important tasks to accomplish this winter. The first is to attend our Marching Band Registration /London Trip Information Meeting on Monday, February 9th, 2004 at 7 pm in the South High Auditorium. Our open house was designed to give 8th graders and their families an overview of our entire program, but this meeting will delve into the details of what it is like to become a Marching Mustang, and what it will be like to travel with our band as we have accepted the invitation to march in the 2005 New Year's Day Parade in London, England (please be aware that this trip is open to all students enrolled in the band program, regardless of your participation in marching band next fall).

The second is to prepare for your audition in March. One of our directors will visit your junior high to hear you play individually. This audition will help us determine your ability level as compared to students in the other schools, and make the appropriate adjustment to your band placement. Good Luck and please call us with any questions.

Testing... Testing... Did you get the message?

Q Have you been getting all the band e-mail messages you think you should be getting?

A Maybe yes... and maybe no. As you may know, some people have indicated that they don't seem to get all the messages that they should be getting. They hear about messages that other people have received, and they can't remember if they received them or not. Are you one of those wondering people?

Q Why wouldn't you be getting all the messages that you should?

A The primary reason why some messages don't get through to you is that your Internet Service Provider (ISP) may be blocking them! ISPs like AOL, Lightfirst and even Yahoo have sophisticated software on their systems that "test" incoming messages for such things as pornographic material and advertisements for low interest credit cards and refinancing deals. Similarly, those message filtering programs might see dozens of messages coming into their universe, all with the same subject line, from address and time/date stamp. Sometimes those filtering programs analyze messages from the MustangBandBoosters.com mailboxes and mistakenly mark them as Spam – your messages could be deleted or re-routed before they reach our intended recipient (you).

Q What are we doing about it?

A Our short term solution to this problem is the posting of general e-mail messages on our web site. Just go to www.MustangBandBoosters.com and click on the "Email Archives" item under the "News" tab in the menu bar. You will find all the important e-mail messages that have been issued.

Q OK, but what are we doing to solve the *real* problem?

A The first step to resolve this problem is to determine how extensive the problem is. To that end, we are going to conduct a test to see how many people receive a test message.

Q So, how can you help, and how will the test work?

A This is the important part - we need your help! Without your help the test will tell us nothing. The test will be a simple one. It will be conducted shortly after this Fanfare newsletter is published and posted on the web site. A message will be sent from JK@MustangBandBoosters.com. This test message will be sent to you by way of our "Everyone" mailing list and it will ask you to reply to the sender *with your student's name in the Subject line*. When all the various reply messages are received back to us, we will analyze the results and determine how effective the current mailing system really is.

So – watch for our message. And, when you get it, follow the simple instructions to **let us know that you got the message!**

Photo News

It seems... that band and fine arts performances at South are far more popular than anyone would guess.

This past week, views of these activities have surpassed 71,000 in number since the "Webshots" photo websites were started one year ago and I want to thank everyone for their huge interest.

Due to a long-standing quarrel between the photo site and AOL, the real numbers of views are hidden. No AOL users' hits are registered, including mine. So the real number may, in fact, be double, because AOL is so popular.

This year the most popular event viewed was the Music Bowl at around 3,800 views. The September 12th football game performance was second at 3,200 and in third place was the August 29th performance at the University of Illinois, 3,100 hits.

Last year the fall and winter plays were on the photo sites but were not that popular. Band members joined the plays this year and between the two plays over 2,000 views were recorded! Of the 34,000 views since just September, the extracurricular Marching Mustangs is by far the most frequently viewed activity.

Last year's photo collections are statistically interesting. "Footloose" is still being looked at. Today it registers exactly 5,000 views excluding AOL hits. **The number one spot is – you guessed it – 'The Band goes to Orlando'!** Those pictures are all from students' scans sent to me, and they include happy band members on beaches and in water. At 5,245 views, this is obviously very popular. Imagine the interest if we could get Choirs to come along on a trip like this.

Fine Arts and Band at South are very popular and are second to no other activity - no matter what writers to the Tribune may think about their programs elsewhere in this State.

Frank Fletcher-Broucek

**Downers Grove South
Mustang Band Boosters
Calendar At-A-Glance**

February

- 1 Jazz Lab Band Gig, Carriage Greens Golf Course, Darien, morning
- 2 Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Room D180
- 3 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 5 NIU Jazz Band Visit, Concert 7 pm, Auditorium, JE and JLB
- 7 Jazz Lab Band Performance, New Trier Jazz Festival, all day/evening
- 7 Indoor Percussion at Vandercook Day – TBA
- 9 Parent/Student Meeting for 2004 Marching Mustangs Recruitment and 2004-2005 London Trip Proposal, 7 pm, Auditorium
- 10 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 12 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 13 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-10 pm
- 13 Jazz Ensemble Gig, Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, evening
- 14 Jazz Ensemble Competition, Eastern Illinois University, all day/evening
- 14 Indoor Percussion Regional in New Albany, Indiana - TBA
- 16 No School – Presidents' Day
- 17 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 18 Online Market Day Orders Due by Noon at www.marketday.com
- 19 **Band Concert 7:30 pm, Auditorium, WS and CBII – Butter Braid Samples!**
- 20 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 21 Band Market Day Pick-Up 1-2 pm, Help at 11:30 am
- 24 **Band Concert 7:30 pm, Auditorium, WE, SB, and CBI – Butter Braid Samples!**
- 26 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 27 No School – Teacher Institute
- 27 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 4-9 pm
- 28 **Midwest Music Festival at Lemont High School, WE and WS**
- 29 Brass Choir Gig, Lisle Hilton, Lisle, morning

March

- 1 No School – Casimir Pulaski Day
- 2 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 5 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-10 pm
- 6-7 Indoor Percussion Regional, Goshen, Indiana
- 8 Butter Braid Orders and Money Due!
- 8 Mustang Band Boosters 7:30 pm, Room D180
- 9 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 11 District Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm, DGN
- 12 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-10 pm
- 13 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 8 am-12pm, 1:30-4 pm
- 16 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 17 **Instrumental Festival Day**
- 18 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 20 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 8 am-12pm, 1:30-4 pm
- 20 Butter Braid Pick-Up 12 – 2 pm, Cafeteria
- 23 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 25 Indoor Percussion Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 27-28 Indoor Percussion Competition at Dayton Centerville, Ohio
- 29-31 Happy Spring Break!