



The High Note

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President's Message

August 25, 2010

Dear Students, Parents, Family Members and Friends,

WELCOME to the 2010-2011 award winning Mills E. Godwin Band! The Marching Band, Colorguard, Concert Band and Drumline are all outstanding and so much fun to watch!! Our children are about to embark on a set of wonderful adventures - band camp, competitions, concerts, trips, practice and more!! Their adventure is led by our awesome Band Director, Mr. Leon Auman and our fabulous Colorguard Director, Mr. Carey Mitchell.

In addition to dedicated leaders and hard-working, talented students, we round out this adventure with the help of the Band Boosters – all of you!! Band Boosters are the backbone of the band and the colorguard. Without you, our dedicated parents, family and friends, the band would not be what it is today. The Boosters raise money to pay for instruments, supplemental instruction, equipment, repairs, trips, senior awards, transportation, maintenance of Band vehicles and many other items. The Boosters also provide chaperones, uniform maintenance, numerous other types of support for band activities and lots of help for Mr. Auman and Mr. Mitchell. We also have a lot of fun!!

From the moment your child begins their Godwin Band and Colorguard adventure, the Boosters need your support! To make all these wonderful things happen for our kids, we need help from each and every marching band, colorguard, drumline and concert band family. The band and guard is one of the most rewarding and fun aspects of high school for your child – through it they learn the value of teamwork and persistence and the tremendous pride that comes from doing something larger than anything you can do alone. Volunteering for the Boosters is also very rewarding and it allows you to tag along on this great adventure with your child. I promise that you will never regret the time and effort that allow you to get to know these terrific students, Mr. Auman, Mr. Mitchell and the other parent volunteers that all share in the wonderful band events throughout the year.

The Band Boosters meet on the first Monday of each month during the school year. In September, we will meet on the first Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday – the September meeting will be on September 7th. The general meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the band room and usually lasts about an hour. These meetings give you the opportunity to provide input as we plan activities and make decisions. They also keep you up to date with fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and with your child's adventures with the band!! Please make every effort to come to the meetings so your voice can be heard and your questions can be answered.

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On the website, you will also find a calendar of all the Marching Band, Colorguard, Drumline and Concert Band activities. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. With all of our help, we will make this an outstanding year for ourselves and our children!!

All My Best,

Michele Matthews

2010-2011 Band Booster President

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Hello Boosters!! I hope you are getting ready for the start of the new year. We are well into Band Camp for the Marching Band and Colorguard and they are doing great so far! Huge THANKS to all the volunteers who have already provided many hours of help for our kids --

- ensured the Band Fee Day was a big success,
- processed checks, membership, medical and volunteer forms,
- organized and fit most of the marching students for uniforms,
- altered many, many uniform pants and jackets,
- ordered lunches for band camp this week,
- provided endless help during band camp,
- ordered marching band t-shirts,
- arranged car-washes, cookie-dough and many other fund-raisers,
- updated the website,
- started up the newsletter,
- and too many other things to be able to mention it all!!!

Please make time to attend the Family Picnic and Marching Preview Show on Thursday September 2nd. The Picnic starts at 5:45 PM in the school commons and the Preview show starts at 7 PM. Each family should bring their own dinner. Hope to see you all there to get a peek at this year's show and all the fantastic work the kids have done during band camp!

Also, please remember that the first Booster meeting is Tuesday, September 7th at 7:30 PM in the Band Room. Hope to see you there!!

Have a great rest of the summer!

Michele Matthews -- 2010-11 Band Booster President



Car Wash !! See Page 3 . . .

Ways and Means

CAR WASH - Please join us this Saturday, August 28, for our final car wash of the year. We will meet from 9am to 1pm to wash cars and raise money for the band! The money raised will benefit both concert and marching band.



Our first fundraiser for 2010-2011 is underway and will run until the band picnic on Thursday, September 2. Packets are still available for pick up in the band room. We are selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough which comes in a tub with pre-formed cookie dough you just place on a cookie sheet and pop into the oven. The profits go into the individual student accounts to be used toward the spring trip.

Please bring your envelope with your name and amount sold on the front and the money secured inside. Be sure your child's name is on the memo section of the check so that they will receive credit for the sale and all checks are made out to Godwin Band Boosters.

Participation in fundraisers is optional, but many students pay for a large portion, if not all, of the cost of the spring trip!

If you have any questions concerning fundraisers, please contact me at 2vp@godwinband.org or call 364-9031.

Angie Smith