



MCQUEEN BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Mark Your Calendar

- July 1** Band Parent Meeting 7 pm Band Room
- July 5 Graeagle 4th of July Parade call time 9:45
- July 31-August 9 Hot August Nights Fundraiser
- August 1 Pyramid Lake Triathlon fundraiser
- August 12** Band Parent Meeting 7pm Band Room
- August 3-7 Percussion/guard camp begins TBA
- August 10-26 Entire Band Camp M-Th 2-9pm /Fri. 2-7pm.
- August 15 Car Wash—Walgreens 10am-2pm
- Aug. 22 Football game at UNR stadium—band plays TBA
- August 26 Band Bash and BBQ 6:30 pm for parents
- August 31 School begins/Rehearsals begin
every Mon. and Wed. from 5:45pm- 8:45pm
- Sept. 2** Band Parent Meeting 7pm Band Room
- Sept. 2-7 Nugget Rib Cook Off fundraiser
- Sept. 11 McQ Football Game
- Sept. 12 Saturday Rehearsal 9-3:30
- Sept. 18 McQ football game
- Sept. 19 Fundraising Day 9am -12pm
- Sept. 26 Saturday Rehearsal 9-3:30
- Oct. 3 EXTRAVAGANZA!! All Day
- Oct. 7 Band Parent Meeting 7pm Band Room



From the Band Director's Desk Dear Parents and Students,

You son/daughter just completed a very successful minicamp and Reno Rodeo Parade. I was very proud of how quickly these students came together to form the 2009 McQueen Band. They did a super job in the parade.

Their next opportunity to show everyone how good they are will be the Graeagle Patriotic Parade. This will be Sunday, July 5th. We will meet at 9:45 am in the band room to load our buses and travel to Graeagle. This parade is short and a lot of fun. Many parents travel to Graeagle to enjoy the day. We should be home between 5:15 & 5:45.

At our June band parent meeting, several parents talked about what band has done for their son or daughter. They discussed the experience and education the students receive. They talked about how their kids grew as a person and matured due to their time in band.



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Each year some 8th grade students do not join the band, thinking it is too difficult or takes too much time. These kids miss out only a wonderful learning experience, but a great adventure. As a parent, if you know of some 8th grade student that is thinking of not doing band, talk to the parents. Encourage them to have their son/daughter try band for one year. If they find it is not for them, at least they had a great year.

Most schools consider a retention rate of 50% over four years to be exceptional. Four years ago, we had 32 freshmen start band. We graduated 30 seniors this past spring. Once a student joins band, they find their time is well spent and a very positive experience. Encourage your friend's kids to try band for a year. You might be receiving a big thank you down the road.

I look forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming band parent meeting, the trip to Graeagle or in August at Band Camp.

Rick Moffit
Director of Bands
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Band Parents to Band Parents

Thank you to all the parents that came out to the BPA meeting on the 17th. We appreciate the opportunity to get to meet you and we really appreciate those who signed up for committees and showed willingness to assist in the future. Please make every effort to attend the next BPA meeting July 1st. 7:00pm in the band room.

Could it be that we have reached the break in the season, well OK, one more parade.... the shortest one on the schedule but maybe the most fun for summer. We go to Graeagle and march, eat and swim..... wow, tough duty there. We are all about the fun we have as a group as well as the fun we have as a team. As our mission statement says we "implement, support and fulfill McQueen band activities that are necessary for a successful and wildly fun time for students and parents alike" (OK that's not really what the mission statement says but we do have a good time). So, please have a relaxing and wonderful summer if we don't see you, but remember we can really help you have a great time if you show up on the 5th of July.

Please feel free to contact any BPA board member with questions or suggestions regarding our efforts to raise funds. We are striving to improve equipment and buy a much needed new uniform trailer for our growing band. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter!!!

Pete Kull,
BPA President

Fundraising Committee:

It was nice meeting the new band parents at the meeting on the 17th. Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and have a lot of fun. Here are a few upcoming events that we need parents help with. August 1st - Lake Pyramid Triathlon, August 3rd through 8th - Hot August Nights drink booth sponsored by the Nugget, August 15th - Car Wash at Walgreens, September 2nd through 7th - Rib Cook off, September 19th - Fund Raising Day and October 3rd - Extravaganza held at McQueen. Monica will be sending out signup sheets so please signup for 1 event or for all, we need as many parent as we can get. If you have any ideas to raise money please call or email me. We need to replace our uniform trailer this year and maintenance on other items.

Karla Hull
VP Fundraising

News from the Band Room

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Reno Rodeo Parade (and will help with the Graeagle Parade) from chaperones to providing water to driving instruments and trucks. With lots of help the events go smoothly! Please contact me at anytime to volunteer to help - we have a job that will fit anyone's talents and availability. I would like to remind those that have not completed their payments for last year's band fees that although school is not in session the school bookkeeper is open every day from 7am to 3pm. All Band fee payments can be made to the bookkeeper and she will get them to me. It would be great to finish these so they don't roll over into next year's fees.

Cindra Maramdola
Band Coordinator

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Annual McQueen Band Car Wash

Saturday, August 15 from 10-2pm

Mr. Moffit will assign sections to timeslots. Parents sign up with Karla Hull to help out.

Section leaders will hand out tickets for presale at band camp August 10.

Money from the first 5 tickets sold goes to BPA- all tickets sold after that goes towards individual band fees. Potential for big profits here. Karla will be at band camp each day to collect money and hand out additional tickets. Contact Karla Hull at vp.fundraising@mcqueenband.org or 843-3812 if you have any questions regarding this fundraiser.

Definition: McQueen Marching Band

If you spin something, bang something, or blow into something you are a band member.

Good Luck to the entire

2009/2010 McQueen Lancer Marching Band!!!!

The Finishing Touches committee

The Finishing Touches Committee is in need of a few parent volunteers. This committee is responsible to make sure that the band is dressed and ready to perform at football games and marching competitions. Volunteers will secure student's hair into shakos (marching band hat) using rubber bands and hair pins - ***no salon experience necessary!*** Also, volunteers will help place and remove plumes, and distribute gloves and socks as needed. Once band student is dressed, volunteers can go watch the band performance. Committee members can take turns helping at different performances. You do not have to commit to every event. For more information and to sign up, contact Debbie Lewis at beatledeb@sbcglobal.net or 746-3624.

Note from the Uniform Committee

Get to meet other parents in the band. Drop in the uniform room during the August Band Camp to help organize uniforms. We will be fitting students in the uniforms, labeling the uniforms and ironing pants. More help, the better. Call Jean Zordell 223-1498, Trisha Watson 225-2302, or Diane Wood 787-8030.

Grant Writing Committee

If anyone knows of a grant source, corporate giving program, or corporate matching funds program from their employer, please contact Tina Ford at 303-9530 (cell); 329-8310 (wk), or via email at tjfsader@sbcglobal.net

*Pyramid Lake Triathlon fundraiser

Saturday, August 1 from 6:30 am to Noon at Pyramid Lake.

Earn credit towards your band fees.

We usually carpool.

We meet at McQueen and leave from there.

Students registered for high school and any adults may volunteer.

Volunteers must be signed up with Monica before July 25.

Last year each volunteer earned \$100 towards their band fees.

All volunteers get a free t-shirt as well. Be sure to include the size of t-shirt you need for each volunteer when signing up.

In the past we have registered contestants, directed parking cars, and directed racers during the race.

It is a fun time for all. Contact Monica Anderson at 762-3414 or rec.secretary@mcqueenband.org to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

A big thank you to those of you that have already volunteered.

New Band Parents

If you received a paper copy of this newsletter and you would like to help save paper and the BPA money, please email Monica Anderson at mcqbandinfo@sbcglobal.net with your name, your band member's name, and the email address you wish the newsletter to be sent too. She will add you to the band email list and you will receive timely updates and the monthly newsletter electronically.

110 out of 160 members are already on the band email.

Why aren't you?

Water Wagon Committee

I would like to ask for returning and new Water Wagon people. It is an easy way to help, especially if you are already going to the football games and you don't have to go to every one of them. Contact Sandra Casey Smith at scasey@washoe.k12.nv.us or 741-2104 to sign up to help at a game. The water wagon committee provides water to the band during football games. It is a fun way to see the football game and do your part to support the band. Water wagon members need to be at the school by 5:30 on game night to get ready.

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