

MCQUEEN BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Mark Your Calendar

March 3 BPA meeting 7pm Band room ELECTIONS

- March 3 Honor Band Rehearsal
 - March 5 Regional Solo & Ensemble
 - March 6 Winter Guard show - Logan HS
 - March 6 Envision percussion show at Reno HS
 - March 9 & 11 Zone Concerts—Bake Sale
Last name starts with: A-L Tues. M-Z on Thurs.
 - March 10 Honor Band rehearsal
 - March 13 Winter Guard Spanish Springs HS
 - March 15 & 16 Honor Band rehearsal
 - March 17 Honor Band concert
 - March 20 Winter Guard Livermore/Granada
 - March 22 Concert band evening rehearsal
 - March 23 Wind Ensemble evening rehearsal
 - March 25 WCSD concert at Damonte Ranch
Concert band 4:50 Wind Ensemble 6:05
 - March 27 Winter Guard championship Foothill HS
 - March 27 Envision percussion show at Carson HS
- Please Note: Schedule subject to change.



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From the Band Director's Desk

Dear Parents and Students,

Allow me to ask 2 things of your over the next month.

First, attend a performance by your son/daughter. The concert and jazz bands will perform at the zone concerts the 2nd week in March. The concert bands will participate in the Washoe County Concert Band Festival the last week in March. Both bands will perform in the theater at Damonte Ranch High School. The color guard has a performance every weekend in March. Your kids work very hard. Support their efforts.



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And second, stay current with what is happening with our state government. The state legislature is going to meet in special session to work through the problems of the budget.

We know that education is going to be cut, but not how much or where. My administrators tell me that they will not know anything till after the special session. Your son/daughter's education will be affected by these important decisions.

If you feel comfortable expressing your opinion to the people who will make these decisions, please do so. While everyone must share in attempting to make this state work for all, if we do not invest in the youth of Nevada, where should Nevada make their investments?

Rick Moffit
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Band Parents to Band Parents

I am amazed at how fast this past year has gone by for me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped out supporting this amazing deserving band program this past year.

The Fiesta Bowl trip in December 2010 is going to be here before we know it. The effort to raise funds for the trip is in full swing. It is essential that all parents understand that even if you are not able to help with anything the entire year, your donation of \$15 to become a member of the BPA helps (\$15. X 140 estimated band members = \$2100.00). You also get privileges with membership, such as voting on expenditures and for officers that decide what goes on during the course of the year. We will need many volunteers to support the fund raising efforts and events that our kids perform in and work at to raise their own funds to pay for band fees and trips. When we have a broad and diverse group of people to assist us, we are able to do more without taxing the energy of just a few parents.

The McQueen Marching band has accomplished great things in the past, and the students that participate and work hard at being excellent deserve your support. We all are affected by the economy and there are always surprises that pop up unexpectedly. If you can't spare money to help, then PLEASE VOLUNTEER and spend some time at some event, money can be replaced but time with your child is priceless.

We have seen relationships with parents and their kids restored through their involvement with this organization. The BPA will not continue to be an excellent organization without your support.

Pete Kull
BPA President

We currently are selling raffle tickets for a prom package as fundraiser. We have more exciting fundraisers planned for the near future, so please help out. We have a lot of fun and get to know other band parents. Thank you to all the parents that have help during my time as VP of Fundraising. If you have a fundraising idea please let me know or the new VP of Fundraising who will be starting April 1st. We need to make a lot of money for the Fiesta Bowl trip.

Karla Kull
BPA Fundraising Vice President

News from the Band Room

We have a lot going on this month with the Band, Winter Guard and the Band Parents Association. The Winter Guard will be competing every weekend in March - mostly in California. A huge Thank You to those parents who will help drive, chaperone and prepare meals for the guard!! Our Zone concerts will be Tuesday March 9 with Clayton and the feeder Elementary schools and Thursday March 11 with Billingshurst with its feeder Elementary schools. The BPA will hold a bake sale each night so bring your goodies individually wrapped to sell and enjoy a great evening of music. The WCSD Honor band will be practicing for the concert on March 17 at the Pioneer Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and support the 26 McQueen students that are part of this excellent band. For those that have not yet finished paying their band fees please keep up on those payments. If you are having difficulty doing so, contact me to discuss options.

Cindra Marandola
Band Coordinator

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Annual Board Elections

Wednesday, March 3 the annual BPA board elections will take place. Attached you will find the official ballot. If you are unable to attend in person you may vote by electronic ballot or by mail ballot. Print and mail the ballot to the BPA PO Box or email your completed ballot to the nominating committee at mswoody@msn.com. The ballot must be received by the nominating committee by Tuesday, March 2 at 5:00 pm to be counted at the elections. Whether voting by e-ballot or by mail, be sure to follow the attached guidelines for voting. Only current BPA members are able to allowed to vote at the election (in person or by absentee ballot) according to the BPA bylaws. Not sure if you are a member? Contact Trisha Watson at membership.secretary@mcqueenband.org or call 225-2303 to verify your membership. You may sign up for your BPA membership at the meeting and then will be able to vote. A single membership has one vote and a family membership has two votes. Included is further directions to cast your vote.

Prom Package Raffle

Through generous donations, the BPA will be selling raffle tickets at lunchtime at school. Please contact Diane Wood at mswoody@msn.com to sign up for a lunch time to help sale tickets. All proceeds will go towards expenses for the Fiesta Bowl trip.

The package includes 2 prom tickets, tux rental from Selix, candy from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, flowers from Safeway, and a \$100 gift card to Macy's for accessories or to use towards a dress.

The tickets are \$1 a piece. Get your raffle tickets early before we run out. The drawing will take place on Friday, March 12.

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws

Vote at the meeting on Wed. March 3 at 7pm. The new amendment will put a time limit on seeking reimbursement for funds spent on behalf of the BPA to 60 days. After that time, a tax-deductible receipt for the amount of the purchase would be provided to the member. This is necessary to keep our books up to date. Attend the meeting if you have any questions.

Bake Sale at the Zone Concerts

If your last name begins with **A-L** please bring goodies on **Tuesday**. If your last name begins with **M-Z** please bring goodies on **Thursday**.

Goodies may be either homemade or store bought. Please have items ready to serve.

Cakes are difficult to serve, but cupcakes, brownies, cookies, and Rice Krispy treats are favorites.

The more donations of goodies we have, the more funds we stand to raise. This is an easy way to support the BPA's effort to raise much needed funds for Fiesta Bowl. A silent auction will take place too. Please bring your goodies to the foyer outside the big gym by 6:15pm.

2010-2011 Committee Chairs

The following committees will need new chairpersons for the 2010-2011 season: Audit, ink cartridge recycling, phone tree, PR, Grant Writing. Please contact the current chairperson or board member if interested.

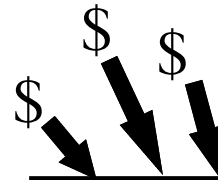
Seniors and Alumni Band members:

Please consider donating your concert dress or tux to the BPA at the end of concert season. Contact Diane Wood at mswoody@msn.com with your questions. Donations would benefit band members that need financial help.

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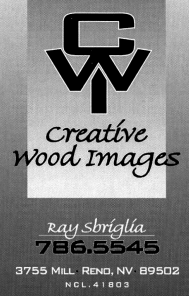
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