

# MCQUEEN BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## Mark Your Calendar

- April 7 BPA meeting 7pm Band room
- April 14, 16, 17 All-State
- May 5 BPA meeting 7pm Band room
- May 14 Fine Arts Dessert Night
- May 17 Spring Band concert
- May 25 Band Awards Banquet



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

This parent news letter is being mailed to all our prospective members for next year. Our band is a friendly and inclusive organization. We welcome all students who are interested in music.

While the benefits of music to a student can be huge, sometimes less obvious but even more beneficial are the social aspects of band. Students in high school need a place where they can fit in. They need to feel a part of something bigger than themselves. For some students, sports fill this void. For others, it can be a club or a particular class. For many kids, it is band.

Each year we have a few students who join (or their parents made them join) who are hesitant and not sure about becoming a member of this organization. Then within a few weeks they have found a home. They have found a place where they can be successful, belong and be appreciated.

For some of our new prospective parents, you have concerns regarding time and or money. For some it might be, will this group really benefit my son/daughter. I invite you to call and talk with a school counselor, Mrs. Casey-Smith @ 746-5880. Talk to any of the parents listed in this newsletter. They will answer any of your questions. They will be upfront about this band and its demands and benefits. Even if you have turned in a schedule request for next year's school year and have not included band, it is NOT too late to join. Simply send a note to me to at my email address, stating you wish to add band to your son/daughter schedule for next year and I will forward the request to the proper counselor.

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For our "veteran" parents, your kids performed incredible well at the recent Washoe County Band Festival. McQueen was the only school which had two bands receive unanimous FIRST DIVISION ratings. One judge for the Wind Ensemble had just one comment on his score sheet, "WOW!!!" Your kids were amazing.

The McQueen Band will have six students traveling to Las Vegas for the all state music convention during spring break, the most students from any band in northern Nevada. We will have a performance with the Aces Baseball team in May. More information will be coming ASAP. The jazz band and any interested seniors will have a senior trip and performance at Six-Flags on May 8th. More information coming soon. The jazz band along with the guard will perform at the Fine Arts Dessert Night Friday, May 14th. The spring concert will be Monday, May 17th. The band banquet will be Tuesday, May 25th. Graduation this year will be Thursday, June 10th. The entire McQueen band will play for this event. Our band mini camp for all new and returning members will be Monday-Friday June 14-18, 9am to noon. The band will then perform at the Reno Rodeo Parade on Saturday, June 19th in the morning.

Again, if you are a parent of an incoming student and have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to meeting every one very soon.

*Rick Moffit*  
Director of Bands  
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## **Band Parents to Band Parents**

Believe it or not, the next school year has already started for the Band Parent Association. While this year's band is still training and performing, plans are well under way for a successful marching season in the fall. In addition to the games and competitions, the band has been invited to the Fiesta Bowl. This is a huge undertaking and we will need everyone's participation. If you have ever seen this band perform, you know that there is a huge support group that helps move instruments, prepare uniforms, feed the students, and raise money. Ours is not only a vital mission, but a rewarding one as well. Those parents who help the band can tell you that you not only get to watch this award-winning group of musicians, but also get a closer look at their transformation into young adults. It is truly amazing and I will explain that more at another time.

You may be wondering, as I was when my son first started, how you can get involved. The good news is, you don't have to commit a lot of time or do something that makes you uncomfortable. I invite you to our next Band Parent Meeting next Wednesday (see details in this newsletter). Watch and listen to what we are working on for next year. You won't have to do anything but we will welcome you and be grateful to have your participation. If you cannot attend the meeting, stay tuned to this newsletter for more information.

To those parents of seniors who will be leaving us soon, we thank you for your hard work and the legacy you have left us. To those parents who are continuing into another year with us, your work is equally valued and I hope you will stay involved or consider getting more involved with your child's musical enterprise. And to those 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents who will be joining us next semester, I welcome you on behalf of all of the parents in the Band Parent Association. You and your child have chosen the best musical path possible.

**Darrell Clifton**  
**BPA President**

## **News from the Band Room**

Welcome to all the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families that are interested in joining the McQueen Band next year. It is truly an amazing experience for the students as well as the parents - especially if you lend a little time to the great Band Parent Association. It is great to be able to be a part of something your students are involved with. Just a reminder to all, I am in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 – 2:30. The office number is 746- 5818. I am also available on my cell at 772-6247 (voice or text) or email at [bandcoordinator@mcqueenband.org](mailto:bandcoordinator@mcqueenband.org) . Don't hesitate to contact me for any questions you might have. If I don't know the answer, I'll find out who does!! Also, check out the band web site at [www.mcqueenband.org](http://www.mcqueenband.org). There is lots of information about all of the band programs, BPA, sponsors, awards, calendar and a link to band photos. Ask any band member or parent for the password to the SmugMug site. A HUGE thank you to all the band parents that helped make the Winter Guard season so successful.

*Cindra Maramdola*  
**Band Coordinator**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE [mcqueenband.org](http://mcqueenband.org) FOR THE LATEST INFO, PICTURES AND UPDATES**

Dear McQueen Band Parents,

My name is Kevin Aylworth and I am the new vice president of fund raising for the McQueen Band Parents Association. Since I am new to the BPA and McQueen, I have a lot to learn in a short period of time. I am extending an invitation to anyone that has done fundraising to join me and become part of the BPA as well as help me to create the subcommittees necessary to achieve some of the fundraising goals for the 2010-11 school year. We will be participating in the Fiesta Bowl parade in Phoenix which will be a considerable expense and fundraising can lower all of our out of pocket costs. I am hoping to have a car wash each month during the summer as well as continue some past events like the Reno Rodeo, Hot August Nights and the Rib Cook Off. We also have some new ideas and would love for some input and assistance to make each potential fund raising event be a success for the BPA. Please feel free to contact me at [aylworth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aylworth@sbcglobal.net) or at 747-5944.

Thank you,

**Kevin Aylworth**  
**BPA Fundraising Vice President**

### 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 a board member if you are interested.

### Ink Cartridge Recycling

Ink cartridge recycling is an easy way everyone can help the McQueen Band Parents. Many thanks to those who have brought in their ink cartridges in the past. Your efforts have allowed us to make more than \$350 in the last twelve months that has been used by the BPA for items such as printing, postage, office supplies, and tubs for the food committee, to name just a few. Every cartridge adds up, even if you can only bring in one or two. OEM ink cartridges and toner cartridges from HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, Brother, Kodak, Sharp, and some Epson are generally accepted at recyclers. There is a drop box located in the band room.

I am a graduating parent and need someone willing to take over recycling cartridges for the band parents. It is VERY EASY! I will be more than happy to share what I have learned with the next willing soul who takes over. Anyone interested in the job, please contact me. Kris Authier 787-9097.

### Membership

Hello to all parents from the membership committee. If you are with us for the first time this year, on behalf of all members of the McQueen High School Band Parent Association, WELCOME. We hope that you and your musical prodigy will have a wonderful experience here at McQueen. If you are one of our continuing parents back for another year, we extend to you a warm welcome back. I know we all look forward to a year full of challenges (raising \$\$ for the Fiesta Bowl) and rewards (watching our children perform!). One of the best ways you can support your child in the McQueen High School Marching Band/Music Program is to become a member of the Band Parent Association. Your membership will allow you to have an active voice plus a vote at all meetings. Yearly membership dues are \$15 per family. Won't you consider joining and supporting this program? For more information please call Debbie Lewis, membership chair at 746-3624. Please note: memberships need to be renewed at the beginning of each school year.

### FINE ARTS DESSERT Night

We need a chairperson for Fine Arts Dessert Night. This person would be in charge of organizing the band parents that volunteer at this event at McQueen high school.

The band parents are in charge of keeping the dessert tables stocked and the punch bowl flowing. It is a fun, exciting night. All proceeds benefit the Fine Arts department at McQueen High School.

If you are willing to chair this committee, please contact Cindra Marandola at [bandcoordinator@mqueenband.org](mailto:bandcoordinator@mqueenband.org).

OR, if you would just like to help out on Fine Arts Dessert Night, please contact Cindra as well. She will give your name and contact info to the new committee chairperson.

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Bring your ink jet cartridges (HP, Dell, Canon, Lexmark, Sharp, Xerox, Apple, Brother and IBM are all worth money) and your tired CELL phones to the band room. They will get recycled.



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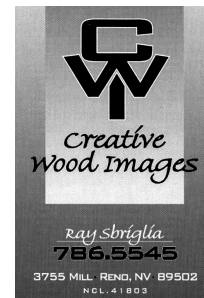
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