

# MCQUEEN BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## Mark Your Calendar

**May 5 BPA meeting 7pm Band Room**

- May 7 McQ baseball game at Reno Aces stadium 4pm
- May 8 Car Wash 10am-4pm Walgreen's parking lot
- May 8 Discovery Kingdom trip—Jazz band & Seniors
- May 12 Little Lancers percussion performance
- May 14 Fine Arts Dessert Night
- May 16 McQ band performs at Reno Aces game 1pm
- May 17 Spring Band concert
- May 25 Band Awards Banquet
- June 10 Graduation performance
- June 14-18 Mini-band camp

**June 16 New Parent/BPA meeting 7pm  
Band Room**

**\*\*Please note date change**

- June 19 Reno Rodeo Parade performance
- June 19 Prep band room for painting after the parade.  
Pizza provided for everyone who helps out!
- July 4 Reno 4th of July Parade performance



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

With May upon us, I look forward to seeing everyone at the many fun events coming up. With baseball games, concerts, trips to Six-Flags and banquets, May will be filled with enjoyable activities leading up to graduation. Please check the attached calendar.

For all students and parents involved with the 2010-2011 band, the band mini-camp will be June 14-18 from 9 am – noon. Students will learn music and marching so they will be able to participate in the Reno Rodeo Parade on the morning of Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.



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There will be a “special” parents meeting on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the band room. I encourage all of our “new” parents to make plans to attend. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will last about an hour.

The band will march in a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. As I write this, I have not heard back from the City of Reno to know if they are holding their parade. If not, we will march in Greyeagle, CA. If you are on vacation, it is OK. If you are in town, plan on marching in this patriotic event.

*Rick Moffitt*  
Director of Bands  
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2010-2011 is shaping up to be super year. We are going to have fun, students and parents!!

### **Band Parents to Band Parents**

Just when you thought this semester was winding down, the Band is gearing up for several events in the next few weeks. Our musicians have been working very hard and Mr. Moffitt has a full plate of concerts, events, and activities planned for all of us. You will have an opportunity to see our wonderful percussion team in concert, go to an Aces Baseball game where the entire band will perform, and even watch them march in a parade. There is also the banquet, car washes, and dessert night at the school. Your kids have many activities going on in all of their classes this time of year, so they may forget to tell you about their performance schedule. Please take a look at the calendar at [www.mcqueenband.org](http://www.mcqueenband.org) so you do not miss anything.

Our fundraising efforts are also gearing up in the next few weeks. Our first few projects will bring parents and kids together, creating a team atmosphere. We think you will build new friendships and we will all have a great time. Chili’s night is the first Monday of every month. This is one of those “passive” fundraisers that costs you nothing extra. All you have to do is spend your weekly night out with all your friends, and Chili’s donates a portion of the proceeds. You must present the coupon that your kids will provide and you can pass those out to anyone you want. This is a great opportunity for you and your kids to get together with other Lancers. The carwash dates will be announced shortly and will likely be on Saturdays right here in our neighborhood. Once again, bring your car and all your friends’ cars and the kids will wash. This is a fun event and volunteers are welcome. Also upcoming is the Reno Rodeo where parents will be volunteering to earn money for the Band.

Many parents have asked how these fundraisers affect their band fees. We are developing a formula and a method that allows families to work down their band fees while still funding the many other expenses of the band. We will have details on that soon.

The BPA still needs some volunteers to fill a couple of positions. If you have about an hour a week to spare, we could really use your help. Please contact me or any of your friends listed in this newsletter for details. Remember to check that calendar online and we will see you at Chili’s on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

### **News from the Band Room**

We have a very busy schedule in May and I need chaperones for four of the events: Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> McQueen Baseball game at the Aces Stadium, Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> Jazz Band trip to Six Flags, Sunday May 17 Aces Baseball game and Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> Graduation. Please let me know if you are interest in helping at any of these events and I’ll get you all the details!

Remember our Spring Concert is Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> and concert attire is required. Girls – black concert dress and black shoes. Boys - tuxedo, cummerbund, tie and black shoes and socks.

Our Lost & Found is overflowing again. All items will be on a table at the Spring Concert. Anything left after that night will be donated to charity. Is your son or daughter missing their Rose Parade jacket? Check here.

The Band Banquet is May 25<sup>h</sup>. Mark that date on you calendar and watch for your invitation to come in the mail. It is always a wonderful evening celebrating the entire year!

Last but not least is Band Fees. Please contact me if your student’s fees have not been paid in full. Do not jeopardize your students chance to participate in graduation or early registration for school next year.

*Cindra Maramdola*  
**Band Coordinator**

Dear McQueen Band Parents,  
 To all new and returning band parents, I am still looking for volunteers to help with various events, there is always room for more participants. I know there is always a little fear about the time commitment when volunteering for something, but fear not, you will only be asked to do what you feel comfortable doing. Nothing requires any special training, just a few hours (Or more if you care to spare it) of your time. I am specifically looking for people to chair a few events. There are many fund raising opportunities out there in our community and we are just looking for a few people to help organize and implement them. Feel free to call me at home in the evenings at 747-5944 or send me an email to [aylworth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aylworth@sbcglobal.net).

Our first car wash will be at Walgreen's on McCarran and Mae Anne on Sat. May 8 from 10:00-4:00 working in two hour shifts. We need 20-25 students as well as parents to help. You should get an email looking for volunteers soon if you haven't received one already.

**Kevin Aylworth**  
**Vice President of Fundraising**

**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. Committee Chairs are a great way to stay involved with your child in high school and as a bonus you get to make great new friends yourself.

Scolari's Friendship Fund: Due to Scolari's updating their data base, we lost all of our members last year. There are currently only 6 participants. Please send your card number and a phone and email to Kevin to add to the list and he will send it to Scolari's. This way we have our own data base and we will not lose all participants when Scolari's does future upgrades.

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 Due to a shortage of supply of cards at Raley's, there will be no cards available until mid to late June. Please submit your information to Kevin so he is ready to enter and send out cards once available.

**BPA Membership**

The McQueen High School Band Parent Association is made up of volunteers who not only raise their families, but many also hold full-time jobs. We know how difficult it is to volunteer the little free time that we have. We have chosen to make our children and our Band Program, priorities in our busy lives, as we understand the lifelong value that music education brings. Please join the McQueen High School Band Parent Association. We will give you an opportunity to make a difference! Some of the activities that we support through fundraising: Equipment, trips, music, contest fees, feeding the band, motivational speakers, special instruction, awards. Please support your student by becoming a Band Booster member. Not only are wonderful adult friendships made, it is also rewarding to interact with our wonderfully talented students. Join us and see how enjoyable it can be to do your part! For membership info, please contact Debbie Lewis 746-3624 or [Beatledeb@gmail.com](mailto:Beatledeb@gmail.com).

**McQueen band performs at the Reno Aces Stadium**

Contact Mr. Moffit in the band room to purchase tickets for the Reno Aces game on May 16 at 1pm. This is a fundraiser for the band. The lawn tickets cost \$7 a piece. \$2 of every ticket sold goes to the band. Tickets can be upgraded on the day of the event to a stadium seat. Tickets can be used on any Monday through Thursday evening game. A fun, easy way to raise much needed funds for the band.

**FINE ARTS DESSERT Night**

Fine Arts Dessert Night is on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm. It is a combination fund raiser with the band, orchestra, choir and art departments. The Jazz band, percussion and guard will be performing as well as groups from orchestra and choir and there will also be lots of art displayed. Our job is the food - setting up, serving the desserts and clean up. Please contact Donna Keislar at 746-8723 or at [donnakeislar@yahoo.com](mailto:donnakeislar@yahoo.com) to volunteer to help. It is fun event to work and you get a chance to see the kids perform!

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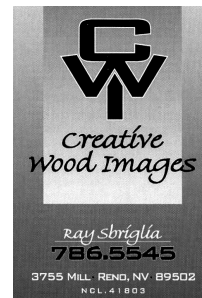
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