

MCQUEEN BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Mark Your Calendar

May 1 Band Performance at Rock-n-River Marathon 7:15-9:30am

May 4 General BPA meeting 7pm in Art Room

May 13 Fine Arts Dessert night TBA

May 14 Jazz Band at Six Flags in Vacaville, CA

May 16 Spring Concert—all are welcome—call time TBA

May 18 Both concert bands at UNR band festival

May 21 Car Wash

May 23 Band banquet—look for invitation in the mail

May 25 McQ band night at Jack in the Box & Qdoba 3-10pm

June 10 Graduation Performance. Call time TBA

June 13-June 17 Mini Band Camp

June 18 Reno Rodeo Parade. Call Time TBA

Please Note: Schedule subject to change. TBA-to be announced.



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Message From the Director:

Dear Parents and Students,

This newsletter is being sent to our prospective members in 8th grade in addition to present band members. Welcome. As band director, I look forward to having your son/daughters join band and you join our band parent association.

If you son/daughter has not officially signed up for band. It is NOT too late. Every year students will join in June or even in August. A couple of up coming events:

Marching Band Performance at Reno Marathon, Sunday, May 1

Fine Arts Desert Night (guard, percussion, jazz band), Friday, May 13th

HS Jazz Band Trip to 6-Flags, Saturday, May 14th

HS Band Concert – Monday, May 16th

HS Band Festival at UNR – Wednesday, May 18th

HS Band Banquet, Monday, May 23rd

Graduation, Friday June 10th

For all returning and “NEW” members -

Band Camp Monday-Friday, June 13-17, Times will be sent out soon

Saturday, June 18th, Reno Rodeo Parade 10am, downtown

Band Camp in August-

Percussion and Guard will start the 1st week in August

All winds will start the 2nd week in August.

We are in need of re-stripping the football field lines in the parking lot for practice. If anyone has access to a paint striper please let us know! It's very hard to learn drill without them.

Rick Moffit

Director of Bands

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2011-2012 will be another great year for the McQueen Band.

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. 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 or \$10 per individual. Won't you consider joining and supporting this program? For more information please call Debbie Lewis, membership chair at 746-3624.

I would like to congratulate all of our musicians on their outstanding individual and group performances this past month. Your BPA continues with the business of the band this month: The newly elected board is in place and we had our first meeting. We are working on a fresh shipment of logo merchandise to be available at June band camp, planning for the May awards ceremony, and finalizing the new budget which will be proposed at the next parent meeting.

We are eagerly looking for parents who want to help us with some various duties at the BPA. There is something for everyone and the more who participate, the easier and less time-consuming the commitment is. Personally, I am more likely to find out what is going with the band by attending the meetings than I am extracting it from my 16 year old. So come on out to our next meeting on May 4th and check it out.

Darrell Clifton
BPA President

From the Uniform Room:

Kari Zbella will be shadowing me this year and plans on taking over uniforms next year. Please consider taking a position to learn how to fit uniforms during August at Band Camp. This is probably one of the most important times of the year and last year I did not have many helpers. It is a fun process but it is time consuming. The Kids come in and we put the uniforms on and change out all of the kids who grew (Mostly the boys)LOL. Many have grown several inches or have filled out and their uniforms are not fitting at all. Also it is the first time our incoming Freshmen get their uniforms and feel that they finally belong to the finest Band in Nevada.

All Seniors remember that after the Spring concert we will take donations of concert dresses and tuxes. This year I had to use all of the tux pieces I had acquired thru the years. It was a huge help. Thank You to all of those band students who have donated pieces.

If your student has not had a tux fitting at Selix --- They need to be fitted. Selix is located in the customer service section of Sears at the Meadowood Mall. (2nd floor) They will be wearing the tuxes for the spring concert coming up soon and for the graduation performance on June 10th. The tuxes will cost you \$75.00. Remember the tuxes are yours to keep and you pay when you pick it up. If you cannot afford one right now, then please get one during the summer for next year.

I had nine students who borrowed tuxes and pieces from me for the WCSD contest and zone concerts. I will need those back at the end of the school year. They should be cleaned before returning them, please! If you did not return them to me after the concerts.

Diane Wood

News from the Band Room

We have a very busy schedule in May and I need chaperones for the following events: Saturday May 14th Jazz Band trip to Six Flags – all day, Wednesday May 18th UNR Band Festival daytime and Thursday June 10th Graduation afternoon. 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 16th 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. The Band Banquet is May 23rd. 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! The food will be a Mexican theme this year. Your student was given the Band State patches a couple of weeks ago. If you have not seen it, ask your student. We will have more for sale at the Spring Concert as well as other band merchandise. Last but not least is Band Fees. Jazz Band fees will be \$60 to include the trip to Six Flags, Winter Guard fees are \$200 and Winter Percussion fees are \$100. All of these are due now. Please contact me if your student's fees have not been paid in full. We understand that for some it has been a difficult year and are willing to work with you on getting them paid. Do not jeopardize your students chance to participate in graduation.

Cindra Marandola
Band Coordinator

It's fundraising time!

We are in the process of setting up our summer car washes so please keep your eyes peeled for tickets to presale. All students are asked to participate and will be getting a list shortly of which car washes we would like them to work. The first car wash is scheduled for May 21st in the Walgreen's parking lot. We are also working on setting up to work at some of the popular summer events like the Reno Rodeo, Hot August nights, and The Rib Cookoff, so keep your eyes peeled for future events. And please if you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to head a committee for fundraising let me know.

Thanks!

Christine Erickson
Vice President of Fundraising

Volunteers are needed:

The McQueen Booster's guild has approved our spring request of funds. They require volunteer help at the 4 events that they sponsor at our school. The next event to help at is Safe and Sober. This event is for graduating seniors and starts at 8:00 and runs till 3:00 AM. You can work a 3 hour shift or even a couple of hours that evening. You could also volunteer to come in the next day and help clean up after the event. It keeps our seniors off the road the night of their graduation. It is an awesome event and a highly attended event for McQ. If you can volunteer for this even contact Diane Wood at mwood3@live.com . If you cannot help at this event let her know if you can commit to next year's craft fair (in the Fall) or sophomore interviews (next spring). There is also the Staff appreciation Luncheon which happens on the 8th of June after the students are dismissed. We need to provide volunteers for these events to get credit for Mr. Mofitt. When he makes requests for funds from the McQueen Boosters Guild, the Band Parent help will not go unnoticed by this group.

Diane Wood

Bake Sale at Spring Concert May 16th

Please bring your home baked goodies in a single serving size for sale before and after the concert. This is a great way to have some delicious treats and help raise some funds for the BPA. At the last bake sale, the BPA made over \$200.00. Thanks for everyone's help and support.

HELP WANTED: Volunteers for Fine Arts Dessert Night

Fine Arts Dessert Night is on Friday, May 13th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. It is a combination fundraiser 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. There will also be lots of wonderful art displayed. Our job is the food - setting up, serving the desserts and clean up. We are in need of volunteers for this event.

Congratulations Costco Raffle Winners!

\$250 - Chris King (An 8th grade parent from Billingshurst who purchased the ticket from a band member at 8th grade night)
\$150 - Lynn McCormack (Special Ed Aide)
\$50 - Phillip Wood (Bob's older brother and Diane's son)
\$50 - Raquel Pineda (Mother of Sylvianna Sanchez in percussion)

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Fundraising doesn't get any easier than this!!!

Please send the information for the following programs to Christine Erickson at vp.fundraising@mcqueenband.org.

Escrip/ Safeway: Send your Safeway card number and phone number to Christine and she will get you registered and provide you with a password. You can also register yourself at www.escrip.com. The McQueen Band group ID is 4505221. You can also register other debit and credit cards to earn funds from other local merchants. Once enrolled, you just need to enter your phone number at Safeway for funds to go to the band.

Scolari's Friendship Fund: Scolari's upgraded their data base so all members were deleted and need to register again. Send your Scolari's Club Card number to Kevin and he will take care of it for you. You must bring your card to the store to have funds go to the band.

Raley's Quality of Life Cards: Kevin has Raley's cards, so please contact him to get a card. You must bring the card to Raley's and give it to the cashier in order to get credit for the band.

ONECAUSE: Shop at over 360 top merchants on-line through www.mcqueenband.onecause.com. A percentage of all purchases made through this website benefit our Band.

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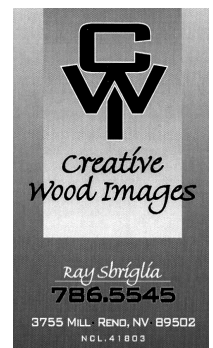
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