



February 2005

Indoor Percussion Wows Crowds!



Indoor Percussion 2005

Indoor Percussion... in hot pursuit

Congratulations to our DGS Indoor Percussion ensemble for their first, spectacular effort in Dayton on February 12th. The theme of this year's show is "Clue". Our super sleuths (battery), witnesses (the pit) and perpetrators (color guard) almost "uncovered" a birth in the finals but it "escaped" them by a smidge.



The show has come together magically in the past few weeks! Word of this exciting performance made it back to Dynasty, our battery sponsor, and Al Murray, one of the VPs at Dynasty, sent his personal kudos via email after hearing the glowing reports! The Dayton Competition video can be found at www.mustangbandimages.com, under Indoor Percussion, Dayton.



On February 26th, the ensemble went down to Victor J. Andrew in Tinley Park. The school hosted a color guard competition and percussion exhibition. Again, our cleverly stealthy performance captivated the crowd who approved with resounding applause. The story line is easy to follow and the audience does get into it! We had a great exhibition!

On March 12th, DGS IP will compete in Indianapolis in a Winter Guard International regional event. The group is continuing to "investigate" the nuances of the show and is putting the final pieces of the "puzzle" into place. The group will also be performing at the Jazz/Indoor Percussion evening, here at DGS on Thursday April 21st at 7:00p.m.

This exciting season would not have been possible without all of our dedicated parents. Many hands sewed costumes and secured flat fabrics, constructed and painted set pieces! Hours of work! Other hands packed, unpack and hauled equipment. Parental feet ran and rehearsed along with the kids. Thanks to our chaperones and to Renata Allelujka, our chaperone coordinator.

And thanks to Adam Hill and Bart Bates, our Indoor Percussion directors who scored the difficult music for percussion, who choreographed the drill and came up with the creative concept! The show is thoroughly entertaining, full of energy and great fun to watch. If you miss our performances during the season, come see us on April 21st or you'll never have a "clue" what fun we have! Good luck, DGS Indoor Percussion Ensemble, on the rest of your season!



Indoor Percussion performs in Dayton

From the Director



Solo & Ensemble Contest Information

The instrumental music division of the fine arts department will offer an experience to students who wish to perform solos or participate in small ensembles. The opportunity has two parts: Instrumental Music Day - Thursday, March 17, 2005 during band class periods, and the District 99 Instrumental Honors Recital - Monday, April 25, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the South Auditorium.

All students in the 5 concert bands will be required to perform either a solo, or perform in an ensemble for a part of their grade for 2nd semester. These performances will take place in class during the month of March. In addition, those interested may participate in the Instrumental Music Festival on March 17 as follows: Students will register their solos and/or ensembles, and then be given a time slot during their band period, 5th period resource, or after school if needed. The day will be judged by outside clinicians who will be paid a fee to listen and evaluate everyone equitably.

There will be three kinds of awards granted for the events of the day. 1) All students will receive an individual award (pin) for a 1st rating. 2) An outstanding soloist will be chosen from each band to receive a \$150 scholarship that can be used for summer camp tuition or private lessons. 3) A number of highest-ranking students will be chosen to perform their solos and/or ensembles at the District 99 Instrumental Honors Recital on Monday, April, 25, 2005.

Please sign-up for your spot on March 17 with your director!

Music is available upon request for both solos and ensembles.
Please ask your director.



A Note from the President...



Dear Mustang Band Families,

We are currently in the process of an election of our 2005-2006 Mustang Band Boosters Officers. This election will probably be complete by the time you receive this mailing. You can look for the results on our website www.mustangbandboosters.com. Special thanks go to all of our officers and committee chairs for their service this past year and a warm welcome to all of our incoming officers and committee chairs for the upcoming membership year. I really appreciate everyone's time and commitment to our program. Thank you!

We still have some openings for committee chairs and plenty of opportunities for everyone to help out with our numerous committees. Please take some time to fill out the Mustang Band Boosters Volunteer Assistance Form that has been included in this packet and then pass it on to the other members in your family (including students!) for them to do the same. Thank you in advance for giving of yourselves in this way!

Also included in this mailing are the registration materials for the 2005-2006 membership year, which starts June 1st. Each student involved in any aspect of the band program is required to fill out the Band Registration Form and the Medical Information & Release Form. Please note that all of the registration materials are due back to director Craig Roselieb by Friday, April 15th. The forms may either be mailed back in the addressed envelope provided or returned via the mailbox in the band room. Thanks for your attention to these matters and as always thank you for your support of our Mustang Bands!

Please note that our next Mustang Band Boosters board meeting will be on Monday, April 11th, 7:30 p.m., in the Faculty Cafeteria at DGS. All are welcome! I especially encourage all the incoming chair people to attend.

Have a wonderful spring break!

Sincerely,
Sandy Liedtke

Band Registration Information

The process of registering for the Marching Mustangs has begun February 28th and should be complete by March 15th, shortly before you receive this mailing. While it is still not too late to become a member of the Marching Mustangs, that is a separate process from the current registration. All students enrolled in each of the 5 concert bands must complete the registration process with the materials included in this newsletter. Parents, please look for the registration checklist to get started. That will tell you which forms are needed, and the deadlines for doing so.

Registering for band helps us maintain our roster with the correct information, provides valuable medical and contact information, helps us gather volunteers for the many activities the band program undertakes, and provides an opportunity for families to become members of the Mustang Band Boosters by submitting the annual registration fee of \$50 per student. Please take the time to return the information as soon as possible, so that the parents and directors involved can assemble the data in a timely and complete fashion.

Mustang Band Awards Banquet

Make your reservations now for the Annual Mustang Band Award Banquet! It will take place on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at the Oak Brook Marriott. Join us as we honor and recognize the hard work and dedication of all our band students. Every student will receive a numeral, letter, or plaque for their participation in band this year; as well as, awards and scholarships will be presented to outstanding musicians. See the reservation form in this issue. The reservation form is also available on the website: www.mustangbandboosters.com. Deadline for reservations along with payment is Monday, April 18th! Get your reservations in early...cost increases after the April 18th deadline date!! If you have any questions, please call Terry Kopytko @ (630) 370-5679.

Heritage Fest is Coming to Your Neighborhood SOON!!

Do you know the verse to "Devil with a Blue Dress On" by Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels? *Read through this article to find out.* If you do know the answer, you could win a prize at this year's **Band Boosters Heritage Fest Booth**. We have yet to determine what those prizes will be, but you can bet they'll be fun. Isn't Heritage Fest always a blast??!! So, get your memory neurons flowing and your vocal chords warmed up because not only do you have to know the words to songs from the 50's & 60's, 70's and 80's and contemporary tunes, **BUT YOU HAVE TO SING THEM!!!**

Heritage Fest is Downers Grove's facsimile of a street festival that brings everyone together for a weekend of fun and frolic down Main Street, **JUNE 24, 25 & 26**. Band students will be asked to volunteer in 3-hour shifts to monitor vendor booths for compliance with Festival regulations. Remember those violators from last year? Watch upcoming issues of *Fanfare* for a way to earn some extra Student Drawing tickets **BEFORE** the Heritage Fest sign-up.

Parents get involved with a fun, summertime activity by volunteering for shifts at the Booth where we also showcase this year's musical groups on video to be admired by all festival goers. Last year's videos brought out some young fans eager to get student performer autographs. It's a great way to meet other parents and help the music program.

Sign-up sheets for students and parents will appear in the Band Room close to the end of the school year. Sign-up anytime by contacting Renata Allelujka (Mrs. Kehoe) at rja1107@comcast.net.

The answer is: "Fee fee fi fi fo fo fum. Lookin' mighty nice, here she comes?"

Video Report

After attending the Marching Band meeting last night (February 28th), I am more excited than ever about taping the band next season. The music sounds great, the kids are enthused, the directors and staff seem excited – it will be a great year for band video next year!

There are two video projects left to finish for this year – The Jazz Café and the indoor percussion season video. The Jazz Café video is in process and should be complete by early April if not before. If you have ordered one I will be contacting you when it is complete and available. It has taken a bit longer than anticipated because of the London Video but will be done soon.

The Indoor Percussion Season Video is progressing as the Indoor Percussion Season progresses. The group is looking great and the instructors have done a wonderful job of organizing and getting it together. The Dayton competition (February 11 – filmed by Monika C.) is featured on the www.mustangbandimages.com web site along with a practice a few nights before. We will be taping the Indy Competition and it will also be online and included in the season disk. If you or your family have pictures of practices, shows, or anything related to the indoor group, we would love to include those in the season video. Contact me and we will make arrangements to get your pictures (mlegel@mustangbandimages.com). For those who have not yet ordered any of the video offerings from this year – **THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!!!** You can download the form directly by clicking:

<https://www.onlinefilefolder.com/index.php?action=landsharedfile&user=mlegel&hash=61c4b7749ff353cac294aaac9bba24eb> Or it is available at www.mustangbandimages.com.

Finally, we are putting together a video/photo crew for next year's Music Bowl. The pictures and videos from last years bowl were great and we are hoping to be even better next year by including more help and not forcing the video/photographers to work the entire four to six hours of the bowl. A committee has been established and we are looking for members. Students as well as adults are welcome.

Thank you all again for the comments on the videos and web site this year. They are all appreciated.

Band Fundraisers

Think Spring and the Boosters Annual Plant Sale!!!



Our annual plant sale has officially kicked off! An order form is included in this Fanfare and the Order form as well as full plant descriptions w/ pictures are available at both www.mustangbandboosters.com or www.mustangbandimages.com. 35% of the sales on this fundraiser are split between the student accounts and the general fund.

TRANSLATION: Students will receive \$17.50 in their student account for every \$100 in sales. For all students, this is a perfect opportunity to start building their student account for future trips, lessons, Marching Band fees or supplies.

Orders, with payment, are due the Wednesday after Spring Break, April 6th. Delivery date is Saturday morning, April 30th, the week before Mother's Day. The Boosters will hold all checks until the due date, so please don't put off submitting your orders until the last minute. You can pass out forms to friends, relatives, teachers and neighbors. Also, new this year, when you include your e-mail address on the order form, you'll receive an order confirmation from us, to assure your order was tallied correctly. Look for your favorite annual flower flats, geraniums, wave petunias and more! The hanging baskets are absolutely gorgeous, always many more blooms than available in local stores.

Mother's Day and Father's Day Gift Ideas...



Our Mustang Bands or Marching Mustangs *embroidered* bandwear, stadium blank pants continue to be available for order any time for those hard to shop for people, and Grandparents! (Please allow 12-18 days for delivery) Check out the details at www.shop.mustangbandboosters.com/

SchoolShare



Before you do your Internet shopping, be sure to review the merchants available for online shopping through SchoolShare, a Market Day partner. There is a list of merchants at www.schoolshare.com, and their % rebate that comes directly to DGS Band Boosters when you shop. All you have to do is to start at SchoolShare.com, then click on your favorite merchant's website from there. Once you have a Market Day or SchoolShare password and you are registered for the rebates to go to DGS, that's all there is to it. Nothing additional to buy, sell or bug your friends and family. P.S. Be sure to share this little secret with co-workers, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles. They can help too! We don't split these rebates with any other DGS student organization – they all come in to support our Mustang Band Programs. GO MUSTANG BANDS!

Band Fundraisers

LOUIS' TAILORS – DGS LETTER JACKETS

Don't forget to mention your affiliation with the DGS Mustang Band Boosters if you purchase a letter jacket from Louis' Tailor. He donates \$10 per jacket back to the Band Boosters. New band letters and Marching Band show patches will be coming very soon!

BAND BOOSTERS STATIC WINDOW CLINGS

If your car isn't sporting a static window cling showing your Mustang Band Boosters support, then be sure to stop by the concessions table at the Spring concerts and pick yours up!



Save Your Cub Foods Receipts

Cub Foods is willing to give our Mustang Band Boosters free money! How much is up to you! All you have to do is save your Cub Food receipts, put them in an envelope, and have your student place the envelope in the band mailbox.



Cub Foods will give us 1% of the total sales amount less any taxes. All purchases, except cigarettes and liquor, count—even prescription purchases. So save your Cub Foods receipts and ask your friends and neighbors to save theirs as well.

Thus far this year, Cub Foods has paid the Mustang Band Boosters general fund over \$300! With your help we can reach the \$500 mark this school year. So keep those receipts coming.

Market Day

Market Day offers parents and neighbors a wide selection of restaurant quality food products, value priced. To receive credit of 10% of Market Day sales in your student's account, all you have to do is include your band student's name with your order. You may order Market Day online at www.marketday.com. Check the "Calendar" link at the top of the Mustang Band Booster web page for order deadlines as well as pick-up dates and times www.MustangBandBoosters.com. Online orders are usually due near the middle of each month (on a specific date) by noon on the Wednesday preceding the Saturday sale date. Use this link to see which month are band months - <http://www.csd99.org/south/marketday/>

Our Market Day Chairs may be reached at G-MarketDay@MustangBandBoosters.com.

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MidAmerica Bank

If you're in the market for a new checking or savings account or wish to move an existing account to a different bank, consider MidAmerica Bank. Open a new Checking Account with a \$50 minimum and \$25 goes to the Mustang Band Boosters. Open a savings account with a minimum of \$250 and Mustang Band Boosters receives \$10. Open a CD with \$1000 and \$10 goes to our organization. Open a Money Market Account with \$1000 or a Max Money Market Account with \$20,000 and we receive \$15. Any branch of MidAmerica Bank will honor this arrangement. Our local branch is located at 7351 Lemont Road in Downers Grove. **Don't forget to let them know you're a Mustang Band Booster!** Questions??? Please contact MidAmerica Bank Branch Manager, Rhonda Sargent at (630) 435-5930.

What IS a Student Account ?

A student account is created for every band program student. It works like a piggy bank, in that each student can get money credit to the account, and can take money out of the account to pay for band related expenses. As a participating band program student, whenever you participate in many of the Mustang Band fundraisers, the amount that you earn (a percentage of the profit) is placed in your account. As you participate in more fundraisers, monies are added to your account.

For more information or to check your balance in your account, visit our website and look under the fundraising tab.