

 **QUARTERNOTES**

Overture

Special points of interest:

- Enjoy our first newsletter
- Mark your calendars
- Catch up with our Directors
- Save some money
- See what we are up to
- Applaud our students
- Join, Help, Success!

Research has shown that people who **volunteer** often **live longer.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Welcome to our first "QuarterNotes"! The past 2 years have been exciting for us! Communication has grown with an email address, webpage, Facebook page and now the newsletter. We have acquired our own banner, have polo/sweatshirts and a line of jewelry. Our membership has grown considerably along with attendance at meetings. We have added a few new fundraisers. Concessions for the Am-Can Judo Competition, cookie sale, Adult Night at the Races and the big leap...the School District calendars! All have been very successful. This year we will also be hosting the Elementary All-County rehearsals in March and will be providing the food for several hundred young

musicians. All this while still maintaining our traditional student fundraisers: Zap a Snack and Fruit! Both of which were very successful this year thanks to Sue Wolcott and Valerie Gaydosh and our biggest fundraiser, providing concessions for the Dance competition held here in May. We successfully advocated our music program through a potential budget crisis 2 years ago and thankfully have seen the program flourish since. All of this would not have been possible without the support and dedication of our parents. They/you have brought us to where we are today. We still have a few ideas bubbling and would love to have you to help stir the pot. Parent

involvement is crucial to building a successful team. A team to enhance our children's musical journey. From guest conductors coming in and working with the students, commissioning pieces for band & orchestra, to advocating and promoting our program throughout the year, it all begins and ends with you. There are many ways to get involved. An hour or two, an idea or two, a meeting or two! For those of you go-getters who like to be team leaders, or just organizers, we have something for you. So, what's next?? You tell us!! We would love to see you at our Jan 8th meeting. Meanwhile, happy reading, feel free to contact us anytime and from our family to yours,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!
Diana , Karen, Mike & Kim



Noteworthy Dates

Elem. All-Cty Auditions Jan. 5th
Night at the Races Jan. 5th
Booster Mtg. Jan. 8th
Jr. Hg All-Cty Auditions

Jan. 12th
Sr. Hg All-Cty Auditions Jan. 19th
"Anything Goes" HS Jan. 31, Feb. 1 & 2
Booster Mtg. Feb. 5th

All-Island Band Concert Feb. 6th
String Kaleidoscope Concert Feb. 14th
All Island Band Concert Feb. 28th

From the Podium....

Band

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making the Grand Island Music Program possible! It is with your dedication and volunteerism that the Grand Island Music Program has become an example of excellence throughout New York State. Your sons and daughters, along with past alumni have had the honor of performing at state, local and national conventions, as well as successfully com-

peting at some of the most prestigious music competitions across the country.

None of this would happen if it weren't for the incredible support of the administration, parents, booster organization and the community at large. What Grand Island has with its music program is quite special and something of which we should all be very proud.

Mr. Allen, Director

During these difficult times it is reassuring to know that so many residents of Grand Island see not only the quality of our school music program but also the value of this educational endeavor.

Your sons and daughters have spent years in the pursuit of fluency in the language of music, and I am confident that tonight's concert will showcase their musical knowledge, literacy and



accomplishment with a program that I hope you will find enjoyable.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and look forward to your continued support as our music program strives toward new accomplishments in the future year.

Orchestra

Greetings from the Grand Island String Orchestra. Here we are, nearly half way through the school year, and on the brink of 2013. The New Year will bring a fantastic opportunity for the high school string orchestra.

Daniel Pendly, the principal double bass of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, will be our artist in residence for the February 14th String Kaleidoscope Concert. The orchestra will be accompanying Mr. Pendly

Mr. Ells, Director

as he performs the Bottesini Bass Concerto No. 2 in b minor. Be sure to set aside the date and get ready for a wonderful performance. Thank you so much for your support both for the program and at home. I cannot begin to

express how proud I am of the students and their commitment to excellence. The rest of this year's performances promise to be unforgettable, and I look forward to seeing you there!

Eighth Grade Band

Mr. Allen and I have been very excited to offer all Eighth Grade Band students the opportunity this year to fundraise for their upcoming high school trip in 2013-14. We had a very successful turnout for the Zap A Snack fundraiser in the fall, as well as the recent fruit sale. We hope

that this new inclusion gives all students a chance to fundraise for two full years if they choose, and will hopefully make students (and parents!) lives easier as we head toward next year. Thank you to the Boosters for their support in this new endeavor!

Mr. Boron, Director



Savings Account: Fundraisers

Yes, you and your student should think of fundraising as depositing money into your trip savings account! Every little bit helps so encourage your child to participate in the opportunities to tuck a little (or a lot) of trip money away!!!

We are very excited to welcome our 8th grade band and orchestra students to our fundraisers. They will now also have the 2 year opportunity to fundraise toward their trip as well.

Zap A Snack: September
74 students participated
\$13,662 in product was sold with a student profit of \$4,782.

Fruit Sale : November
84 students participated
\$15,313 in product was sold with a student profit of \$5,815..

Upcoming:

VFW Discount Cards in February.

Booster Fundraisers

Calendar Sales :
April-Sept.

Est. Profit \$3315

Tonight's Holiday
Cookie Sale



Trip Savings Account

Mrs. Lokken's Madrigals performed at One M&T Plaza sharing their holiday spirit.

Zach Jones and Alex Cousins shared their musical talent at the Connor Family Fun Night.

Surely there are many more and we thank everyone for giving back!

If you would like to be on our email list for future newsletters, announcements and upcoming events, please email us at :

gimusicboosters@gmail.com



Music Notes

Our students have been out and about sharing their talents with our community. Several HS band students offered their time and talent to perform a few holiday selections at the "Light up the Boulevard" Parade as

did Mrs. Masiello's talented Singcopations group.

Emilie-Jo Scheffler is performing on a Royal Caribbean Cruise this week in their musical ensemble on flute and in the ships holiday dance revue.

Bravo!!

We have had one very busy Music Department!

Mr. Allen was a speaker at the OCMEA Conference. He was also the guest conductor for the Area All-State Festival at Saratoga Springs High School.

Jr. High Area All-State Participants. Akron High School

Jordan Anthony, Marina Whitmann, Ian Estoenoz, Anthony Leone. James Franz, Jacob Spencer, Joshua Hannibal, Robert Jankowiak, Cross Kalp, Brian Minton, Katherine Riederer, Emma Schultz, Andrew Thompson, Marie Tomasula. Cailin Atkins, Adam Bevilaqua, Madison Brown, Max VeRost, Emily Nobumoto. Jill Anderson, Maria Ramsperger, Stephen Parisi.

Sr. High Area All-State Participants. Fredonia

Stephanie LoTempio, Maggie Nobumoto, Timothy Utz, Mark Hughs, Andrew Riederer, Alex Bahgat, Ashley Franz, Ashley Gugino, Sarah Ernst, Jillian Sheehan, Eric Eiederer, Rebekah Gaydosh, Ryan Allen, Lauren Rogoza, Zach Jones, Kim Yaeger, Sarah Dollendorf, Alex Cousins, Magdalyn Chauby, JuneAnn Chadima, Alyssa Karb, Kamra Phillips, Ashley Serianni, Jenna Stufkowsky, Jodie White

How to Become a Booster:

Stop by our table during concerts

Come to a meeting

Contact us:

gimusicboosters@gmail.com

Membership : \$2.00

Lydia Bernatovich, Samantha Pangborn, Natalie Baldassarre, Rebecca Hale, Kourtney Hoppel, Elliott Michki, Keelan Erhard, Dalton Pitts, Shamus Johnson.

Conference All-State Participants. Eastman Theater Rochester

Stephanie LoTempio, Maggie Nobumoto, Zach Jones, Kim Yaeger, Jillian Sheehan, Tim Utz alternates Lydia Bernatovich, Magdalyn Chauby, Carolyn Krozszona, Keelan Erhard, Jodie White. Kamra Phillips, Ashley Serianni alternates

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Mr. Andrew Boron

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

We need you to be part of the change

Grand Island Music Boosters

Student Fundraisers

Zap A Snack

Fruit Sale

VFW Discount Card Sale

September

November

February

Booster Fundraisers

Holiday Cookie Sale

Night at the Races (Adult)

Elementary All-City Rehearsal

concessions

School Calendar

Dance Competition Concessions

Am-Can Judo Concessions

Dec. 13th

Jan. 5th

March 2nd & 6th

April

May 10th & 11th

May 25th & 26th

Meeting Dates

January 8th

February 5th

March 5th

April 9th

May 7th

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Finale:

Our National Anthem

The Grand Island High School Music Department has a tradition of beginning each concert with the National Anthem. The purpose of starting public events with the Star Spangled Banner is to offer ALL present the opportunity to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed in order to maintain our national ideals. In order to properly pay tribute, audience members are asked to stand and face the flag. Hats should be removed and all are encouraged to participate in singing. A hand over the heart is also an appropriate sign of respect.

Concert Etiquette

As the Anthem concludes, applauding is not necessary and is actually rather inappropriate as it reflects the performance of the ensemble on stage and not the tribute to the nation for which the performance was intended.

Our role on stage is to offer an arrangement free of embellishments and fanfares that could distract audiences and which might discourage participation. We thank you for your cooperation and hope that you will eagerly participate in the singing of the National Anthem.

Please help to make to-night and all concerts an enjoyable experience by:

- Remaining seated during musical selections
- Enter and exit the auditorium only when absolutely necessary and do so between groups
- Refrain from making noise or talking as any noise is distracting to the other audience members
- Applaud after the entire piece is complete not in between movements
- Turn off electronic devices and give **full** attention to the performers on stage.