

 **QUARTER NOTES**

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- Catch up with our Directors
- Save some money
- Invitation
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- We are Music



Overture

Welcome to our end of the year concerts!! It's hard to believe that another year has flown by, especially for those of us with Seniors!

We have had another incredibly successful year as a Booster Group, Ensembles, Students, Educators and District!!!

We have had extremely successful group and student fundraisers allowing the students to deposit some funds in their trip "Savings" account and allowed the Boosters to sponsor wonderful opportunities for our students.

We hosted Daniel Pendley, principal bass with the BPO to conduct a Master Class for our Orchestra students and perform a concerto with them, Heather Holden, jazz vocalist, performed with our High School Jazz Ensemble. We supplied juice and doughnuts for the High School/8th Grade Side by Side, we have been able to double the Music Scholarship money available to our seniors, purchase the letters/awards/plaques for the banquet and end of year acknowledgements and subsidize the banquet ticket prices to keep it family affordable, just to name a few!! None of this would have been possible without the support of our dedicated parents.

This year Grand Island hosted the All-County Elementary rehearsal which the Boosters provided food and snacks for. We were left with many compliments of how well organized the event was and how impressive our student volunteer turn-out and pleasantness was. Our Dance Competition Concession sales from Mother's Day weekend

was extremely successful and we are hoping for the same result from this weekend's Judo Event!

All of our Ensembles have or will participate in the NYSSMA festivals. The ensembles that have already gone have returned with top honors. .

Our students have auditioned and been selected for Area-All-State, All-State & All-County ensembles in record numbers!!

Mr., Allen was awarded this year's Chamber of Commerce "Educator" of the year award.

Grand Island School District was recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education 2013 by the NAMM Foundation.

All of this is a testament to the students and Directors hard work and dedication and reminds us how fortunate we are to be a part of this music community!

We have seen the addition of this newsletter and are very excited to announce the addition of an officer slot on our Board. For the 2013-14 school year we will have 2 Vice-Presidents. One will represent band and one will represent orchestra!!

Our new slate of officers for 2013-14 are:

President: Diana Nobumoto
 Vice-President/Band: Mary Jane Fonte
 Vice-President/Orchestra: Sue Wolcott
 Treasurer: Mike Dudley
 Secretary: Kim Kalman

We say good-bye this year to Karen & Peter Ernst who are graduating their 3rd and last Band member. They have been invaluable parents and supporters over many years and we will miss them and of course invite them back at any time!!!! Alumni are always welcome!!

The Boosters and Students need your support to continue this wonderful program. There are many opportunities to help out, big & small. We are looking to add an Advocacy Team next year to help us focus our efforts on what is most important. If you feel this might be a niche for you please let us know!! We are looking to keep the support of our music program alive and vocal in our community.

BECOME A MUSIC BOOSTER!!!!

We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to improve our efforts!

"Like" our face book page: "Grand Island Music Boosters" or check our website to keep updated on events that are happening.

Thank you to everyone for a memorable year. The friends and bonds formed and memories made through our time together are more valuable than words can say.

Enjoy the concert and have a wonderfully relaxing, safe and music filled summer!

Diana, Karen, Kim and Mike

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Noteworthy Dates

Spring String Concert 7:00pm May 21st

Am-Can Judo Tournament Music Booster Fundraiser May 25th & 26th

Memorial Day Ceremony Charles DeGlopper Memorial Park, Wind Ensemble 10:00AM

Spring Choral Concert 7:30pm May 30th

NYSSMA Festival June 1st Bflo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts

Spring Band Concert 7:30 June 5th

Music Banquet 5:30PM Sunday June 9th Four Points Sheraton

Graduation Sunday June 23rd 2:00 Artpark

From the Podium....

Band

As the years go by, they seem to go by faster! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year.

What a memorable year it has been. I can honestly say that your sons and daughters continue to reach new heights musically and this year is certainly no exception. The High School Bands attended the New York State Major Organization Festivals in early May and received top honors. The High School Concert Band received a level five gold medal. I am extremely

proud to be a part of such an outstanding ensemble. This group has been hard-working and has grown so much as an ensemble throughout the year. It has been many years since our Concert Band has performed at such a high level. In addition, the Wind Ensemble performed as the first group at the festival, performing at level six. They received the only Gold with Distinction rating at the two day festival. This is a true testament to the hard

Mr. Allen, Director

work and dedication of these remarkable young musicians.

One of our judges put it best in his comments to the band. "This is an outstanding musical ensemble that represents the best examples of good teaching, hard work by students and achievement of high learning outcomes, meeting or exceeding expectations. You should be extremely proud of the work you do and thankful for the



opportunities to make great music with each other. Congratulations to you, your teacher, administrators, parents, and school district for supporting such excellence in music education. May it continue... keep making great music." I think this sums up how lucky we are to have such a wonderful opportunity for students. Thank you for a wonderful year of support and I look forward to next year!

Orchestra

What a year it has been for the string program.

Working with our students never ceases to amaze me of the seemingly endless heights they are capable of achieving. I am very proud of all that they have done this year. Every single musician in this group has made great strides in their personal musicianship. Our

year will wrap up at NYSSMA Majors on Wednesday May 22. This wonderful opportunity will affirm where we have grown and give us direction to continue growing, both as an ensemble and individuals. I can only imagine what next year will bring. Good luck seniors in your future endeavors keep playing as long as you can

Mr. Ells, Director

you have too much talent to stop now.



Eighth Grade Band

We're approaching the finish line of the 2012-13 school year, and what a year it's been for the 8th Grade Band! We received group honors by earning a Gold rating at this spring's NYSSMA Major Organization Festival. We've seen students receive individual honors, from Area All-State to All-County ensembles and auditions. And this year, for the first time ever, our students had the

opportunity to take their first step into the high school music program by participating in fundraisers throughout the year.

I'd like to thank all the parents, relatives, and friends who have continued to support the music program this year, but would mostly like to thank our wonderful eighth grade students. I am very excited to see them continue to

Mr. Boron, Director

learn and grow as musicians and students in the high school, but we will miss them all next year! Thank you eighth graders and good luck!



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!!!

The students had another successful year with several opportunities to fundraise and deposit money in their trip "Savings" account. Your child's fund balance is posted in their respective band/orchestra rooms.

Next year is a trip year so watch for information to come home in September and encourage them to tuck a little (or a lot) more money away!!

Booster Fundraisers:

Am/Can Judo Competition Concessions
May 25 & 26th

Help needed!

Visit Doodle.com to sign up for a volunteer slot.

<http://doodle.com/33d2976kxneunckg>

Calendar Sales :

You can still place your order for the 2013-14 School District calendar. If you do not have any order form, please stop by our table in the Viking Mall to pick one up.

Calendars will be mailed home this year !

Please let us know if you would be willing to help at any of our fundraisers. Many hands make lighter work!! An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated!!!!

You CAN make a difference!



Trip Savings Account

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

gimusicboosters@gmail.com

How to Become a Booster:

Stop by our table during concerts

Come to a meeting

Contact us:

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Music Notes

From our 2013/14 Orchestra VP

Dear Orchestra Parents, I would like to personally invite you to become a member of the Grand Island Music Boosters! We are a group of parents whose children are in the 8th grade and/or High School band and orchestra, and function as advocates for the students and the Grand Island Instrumental music program. The music boosters run several events that help raise funds to support the music program including bringing

in guest artists to work directly with the students. The funds also go to instrument purchases and programs that directly benefit the students. Joining the music boosters is a great way to get information about what's going on with the music programs, capital project, budgets and other music related programs. As many of you know, when you ask your child what happened in school today, the response is not always that informative! 2014 is a trip year for the High School Band and Orchestra, and attending the booster meetings is a

great way to know what's going on and how you can be involved. The reason I extend this personal invitation, is that I am lonely at the Booster meetings! There are numerous band parents, and I'm usually the lone orchestra representative. In order to make sure the orchestra students benefit from the music boosters, we need to be there on behalf of our students. Many of you participate in the booster activities, which is greatly appreciated,

and to have your presence at the meetings would be invaluable!

We meet the first Tuesday of every month from September through May at 7:00. Our meetings are usually short, & definitely sweet and to the point! Please consider joining us! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Ells! Sue Wolcott
Vice President (Orchestra) for the 2013-2014 GI Music Boosters
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Bravo!!



Grand Island School District Recognized Nationally for Schools' Music Education Efforts
As One of the Best Communities for Music Education, District Heralded for Support Music Education

Grand Island, NY March 20, 2013 – The NAMM Foundation recognizes Grand Island for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education designation. Grand Island joins 307 districts across the country to receive the prestigious distinction this year.

In its 14th year, Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of the schools' core curriculum.

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Paul G. Hashem, Interim superintendent of schools stated "the Grand Island School District, the parents and community members have a long history of extraordinary support for and recognition of the value of the music education program. Our GI students have enjoyed, not only the immediate benefits and joys of choral and instrumental music courses, but also have acquired a love of music that will follow them through life, and in some cases, GI students have been awarded college scholarships to pursue music studies. This designation by the NAMM Foundation validates the commitment to our music program by the Community, Board of Education, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students and Parents. Kudos to all involved for a continuing job well done." "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." Plato

Kudos Mr. Allen !

On April 25th at the Holiday Inn Mr. Allen was deservingly awarded the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce "Educator of the year" Award. It was a stellar turn out and a wonderful evening surrounded by incredible Islanders who serve as such motivational role models for our children and ourselves.

Congratulations to all of our students who auditioned and were selected for the following All-County Ensembles.

SATB: Taylor Raine, Jenna Tovano, Sarah Swagler, Savannah Cramer, Sara Wolcott, Kali Hausroth, Sydney Keane, Maria Ramsperger, Rohan Smith, Bri Wik, Spencer Zukic

Sr High All-County Chorus: Natalie Baldassarre, Carly Bernatovicz, Lydia Bernatovicz, Keelan Erhard, Kate Fonte, Alex Gormady, Rebecca Hale, Kourtney Hoppel, Shamus Johnson, Carly Kruszona, Elliott Michki, Samantha Pangborn, Kamra Phillips, Dalton Pitts, Jenna Stufkosky, Ashley Seriani, Amanda Weselak

Jr.High Chorus

SSA : omitted from last newsletter
Jill Anderson, Anna Martinez

GRAND ISLAND MUSIC BOOSTERS

2013 –2014 Board

President: Diana Nobumoto

Vice-President/Band

MaryJane Fonte

Vice-President/Orchestra

Sue Wolcott

Treasurer: Mike Dudley

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HS Band & Wind Ensemble

Mr. Martin Allen

HS & MS Orchestras

Mr. Matthew Ells

Eighth Grade Band

Mr. Andrew Boron

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Student Fundraisers

Zap A Snack

Fruit Sale

Zap A Snack

VFW Discount Card Sale

September

November

TBA

March

Booster Fundraisers

Holiday Cookie Sale

Night at the Races (Adult)

School Calendar

Dance Competition Concessions

Am-Can Judo Concessions

December

January

April/May

May (Tentative)

May

Meeting Dates

2013

September 10th

October 1st

November 5th

December 3rd

2014

January 7th

February 4th

March 4th

April 1st

May 6th

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Finale: “We are Music”

We Are Music

Music is more than a pass-time or a hobby; it is more than an art. Music is embedded within the foundational core of mankind. I do not believe there has ever been a culture on the earth that did not create and embrace music of some sort. There is a clear reason for this: we are musical beings. The resonance of music physiologically affects us. Our bodies themselves are resonant. Being in the direct presence of a musical performance causes noticeable physical reaction. It is one of the reasons live performances are so much more powerful to the listener. Of course there is also a strong emotional response as was discussed in a previous post. Music experienced in a purely physical manner can be powerful. I would say that this is a common experience for casual listeners of popular music.

People enjoy and even need music in their lives because of the physiological reaction that they have with it. However, when music reacts with us on an emotional level our embrace of it and need for it strengthens. Many experience a stratum even beyond this when music takes on a spiritual dimension. At this point, we are living a core element of our being that is simultaneously felt physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The intensity this produces internally can not be overstated. There are certainly powerful reasons music becomes such an important part of a music student's life. It is a discipline that connects to their core. It connects to their feelings. It gives them creative power. It allows them to share intimately without having to talk or “open up” in a traditional manner. It is a challenge. It is fun. And these are also the reasons we teach music.

Life Lesson #12: The Love of Music

BY DAVID AHRENS



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