

Millbrook Marching Band Notes

May 2010



Band Board Message

Hello Band Families:

It is with heartfelt thanks that we are closing out this school year and I would like to make sure that you all know how much all of your assistance has meant to me this past school year.

I would like to thank Meg Lavoie, for being such a strong Vice President and jumping in and doing everything that I've needed her to do. Never complaining and always with a smile. Meg will continue on in the Presidency role and I hope that each of you give her all of your support for the 2010-2011 school year as you have me during this past school year. With the IB program emerging here at MHS, I expect our band program to grow and Meg will need all kinds of assistance in order to have a successful school year. Thanks, Meg~You are truly one of a kind and I couldn't have done it without you!

I would like to thank Jan King, for being such a dutiful Secretary for the band. Jan has spent hours reading emails and forwarding emails to appropriate committees and it is very time consuming I know and we all appreciate her efforts. Thanks for organizing food, gifts and anything else we have needed you to do.

John King...thanks for keeping the web site going and the pictures coming in of the kids. Slide shows, web pages, etc are amazingly appreciated.

Tina Kupsky and Cathy Rowley....thanks for jumping in with the uniform measuring and alterations for our new marching uniforms this year, organizing the closets and issuing pieces and keeping everything and all of the kids organized.

Lisa Mckeown...thanks for keeping the band stand running and thanks for stepping up to Secretary.

Donna Nienstedt...thanks for organizing the loading of the trailer for the ball games and the competitions...and the PROPS!!!!

RBC Volunteers.....Thanks.....I know how hard it is to get there when you work an event...but, it looks great on your Fair Share statement, right?

Brian Emmett....Fundraising Chair....thanks for organizing the discount card and other events.

Ann Johnson....thanks for organizing the Fruit Sale singlehandedly...That was great!

Maryam Wyss....Hospitality and Candy Sale.....great job!

There are so many of you to thank for Volunteering and I know that I'm missing folks and I will apologize in advance. **Thank you all for all of your help and contributions of food donations for Band Camp, competitions, dinners, lunches, door prizes, chaperoning and being where we needed you to be when we needed you there...**

Ohhh...thanks to the Disney chaperones.....and all of the kids.....Marchers, Pep Band, Classroom, Symphonic and Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band...it's been a great year!

Please, everyone, don't forget, surround Meg Lavoie as she begins her new duties as President and you emerge a successful and productive band program.....!

I hope that everyone remembers that these are all Volunteer positions....none of us get paid to do what we do naturally...take care of each others' kids....

You may also want to drop by and say Thank You to Mrs. Kerr as well. It will mean a lot to her!

Sincerely,

Jeanna Reeves



Disney World

Well, the Disney trip has come and gone. From all reports, students and chaperones alike had a great time. They covered a lot of ground, ate a lot of food, rode a lot of rides, and had a lot of fun. The Wind Ensemble, combined Concert/Symphonic Band, and the dance group all received Excellent ratings for their performances at the Disney Festival. There are pictures posted on the band website (mhsbands.org) if you haven't seen them yet.

Band Interest Meeting

The interest meeting for next year's Marching Band was held on April 27. Prior to the meeting, some of the current MB students played a few selections to pump up the crowd. Attendees were then served a hot dog dinner—we dished out almost 200 hot dogs, along with chips, drinks and desserts! After dinner, the meeting moved to the band room and Natalie Kerr explained the MB

program and handed out forms. Meg Lavoie talked about the Fair Share Program (which we all know is confusing for new marchers) and fund raising.



Kids Kudos

Recognizing our band kids for their accomplishments and activities inside and outside of school.

Laura Owczarski was inducted into the National Honor Society, she is a Junior Marshall and was recognized at the PTSA Character Breakfast on April 29, 2010.

Alise Pocta was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Erin King was inducted into the National Honor Society and will also serve as a Junior Marshall at the June graduation ceremony.

Bobby Emmett was inducted into the National Honor Society and will serve as a Junior Marshall.

Bobby Emmett and Joseph House performed with the Triangle Youth Brass Ensemble at National Association of Brass Bands the last weekend in April. They performed at Meymandi Hall and competed with adult bands. There was only one other youth band—also from the Triangle. Bobby and Joseph also preached at their church for Youth Sunday, played offertory...and played softball on the church team!

Elizabeth Klein has been accepted to UNCG and plans to study Nursing. Her parents congratulate her and want her to know they are proud of her!



May Calendar

May 1	All-State Honors Band Clinic	
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May 3	Drum Major auditions	3:00-4:00 pm
May 4	Jazz Band rehearsal	2:45-4:00 pm
May 5	Color training	3:45-5:30 pm
	MB spring training	3:45-5:30 pm
May 6	Honors recital	3:00-4:00 pm
	Rising freshmen placement auditions	4:00-5:00 pm
May 7	Jazz Band rehearsal	2:45-4:00 pm
May 10	Rising freshmen placement auditions	4:00-5:00 pm
May 11	Color Guard training	3:45-5:30 pm
	MB percussion training/auditions	3:45-5:30 pm
	MB spring training	3:45-5:30 pm
May 12	MB percussion training/auditions	3:45-5:30 pm
May 13	Jazz Band rehearsal	2:45-4:00 pm
May 17	Rising freshmen placement auditions	4:00-5:00 pm
May 18	Spring Band Concert	7:00 pm
May 19	MB spring training	3:45-5:30 pm
	MB percussion auditions	3:45-5:30 pm
May 20	Jazz Band rehearsal	2:45-4:00 pm
May 21	Rising freshmen placement auditions	4:00-5:00 pm
May 24	Jazz Band rehearsal	2:45-4:00 pm
	Color Guard auditions	3:45-5:30 pm
	MB forms night for parents	7:00 pm
May 25	Rising freshmen placement auditions	3:30-4:45 pm
	Senior Class night awards-- Jazz Band performance	6:00 pm
May 26	Band Awards Ceremony & Reception	6:30 pm



May Birthdays

May 25 Kiiyana Williams
May 29 Matt Casadonte



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