

2nd Annual Back to School Cookout!

It's that time of year again! With the start of the school season quickly approaching and so many new faces to get to know, a cookout seemed like the perfect way to do just that. Please plan on attending Tuesday, July 18th. **We will start grilling at 6 p.m. which will be followed directly by a mandatory Booster Meeting.** This is an extremely important meeting as we will be discussing our current status with LP Field (formerly the Coliseum) and how it directly

relates to putting money in your child's band account. We will also be discussing other fundraising events such as the Back To School BASH which will be held on July 29th at Lakeview Park. Below, please see your child's section as it corresponds with what to bring for the cookout...See you there!

Brass (Burger/Hot Dogs), Guard (Desserts), Winds (Chips/Side Items), and Percussion (Drinks, Plates, Forks, etc).

Band Camp Reminders

Pre-Band Camp will be held the week of July 17-21 with Guard and Percussion practicing from 8AM-5PM and the Brass, Winds, and Drum Majors from 12-6PM. (Mandatory)

tions this season. Parents are encouraged to attend practices, especially toward the end of the day, so they can get a glimpse of the show and their child's progression.

Band Camp will be held the week of July 24-28 with everyone practicing from 8AM—6PM. (Mandatory)

We will need 5 volunteers a day to help serve water, food etc. Beverly Shelton will be preparing the meals for the kids; parents will be asked to bring/send at least 2 big powdered containers of Gatorade/Powerade with the kids for camp; items needed for the medical bag are: aloe, sunscreen, bug bite medicine, Tylenol, Motrin, Band Aids, sandwich bags for ice.

Band Camps are an essential part of our performance rehearsal time. It is very important that each student attend both camps as it will affect our performance for games and competi-

Fundraisers

- July 8**—Guard Car Wash (Eckerds) from 8AM—1PM
- July 8**—Downtown Merchants Association Ice Cream Social from 4:30—8PM
- July 15**—Guard Car Wash (Eckerds) from 8AM—1PM
- July 29**—Back to School Bash at Lakeview Park from 11AM—7PM

was a successful fundraiser and your help was greatly appreciated!

Applications are still available for the Kroger Cares Card program. Contact Kim Fowlkes (441-6024) for more information.

We will be planning more fundraisers for adding to your student's band account and the general fund next month—stay tuned!!

Thanks to all those that participated in the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast on July 1st. It

Important Dates:

- **July 8**—Downtown Merchants Assoc (serve ice cream & work duck pond) - 4:30PM—8PM
- **July 8 & 15**—Colorguard Car Wash @ Eckerd's (8AM—1PM)
- **July 17-21**—Pre Band Camp
Guard and Percussion (8AM—5PM); Drum Majors, Winds and Brass (12PM—6PM)
- **July 24-28**—Band Camp—All Members 8AM—6PM
- **July 29**—Back-To-School Bash/Fundraiser—All members must be present

Back-To-School Bash/Fundraiser

Lakeview Park
July 29th , 11AM - 7PM

We have been planning a large carnival-like fundraiser before school starts for the students and community to enjoy.

Preliminary plans include an inflatable jumping area (small children), a 45 foot water slip-n-slide, a 65 foot rock-climb with slide and obstacle course, dunking booth, a carnival games area, cook-out, entertainment, silent auction, and lots of fun! Many of our local electoral candidates will be participating as well as community members.



Tickets will be \$10 for meal/entertainment (\$5 students; \$2 ages 5-3 , under 3 free). Tickets for attractions will be \$10/10 tickets, \$12/15 tickets and \$15/20 tickets.

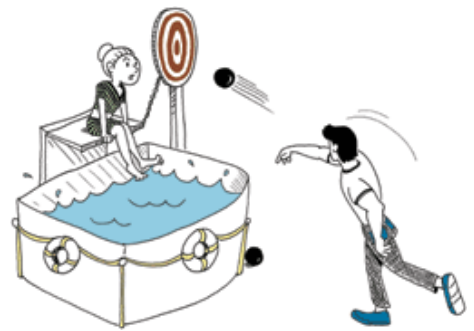
We need everyone's help for the final planning and preparations!
EACH STUDENT WILL NEED TO BRING \$4 BY JULY 18th

FOR FOOD SUPPLIES! We need assistance in the following areas:

Entertainment: Secure entertainment for the event (i.e., bands, students who wish to perform, etc.); secure equipment for a 'stage area'. We will need sponsors for each of the inflatable areas.

Concessions: We will need each student to bring \$4 by July 18th for the event's cook-out. This will make it easier than having each student bring food. We have 100+ students plus candidates and community members (possibly overall 400-500 persons). We will also need sponsors to donate as many soft drinks as possible. Grills, tables for condiments and supplies also needed.

Carnival Games: We need volunteers to help create carnival games for the kids to enjoy. Games such as ring toss, duck pond, bowling game, etc. Prizes have been donated for the games.



Advertising: Volunteers to place ads with the local newspapers and radio. Volunteers to hand out flyers, post flyers in store windows, etc.

Signs should be made for the entrance of the park as well as throughout the park.

Silent Auction: Volunteers needed to approach businesses/individuals for items for the silent auction. Portable tables are needed for items.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these areas or have suggestions/ideas, please contact Cheryl Scott at 866-44410 (home) or 218-3224 (cell).

Did You Know ...

Researchers find Active Music Making Expands the Brain

In the April 23, 1998 issue of Nature, Researchers at the University of Munster in Germany reported their discovery music lessons in childhood actually enlarge the brain. An area used to analyze the pitch of a musical note is enlarged 25% in musicians, compared to people who have never played an instrument. The findings suggest the area is enlarged through practice and experience. The earlier the musicians were when they started musical training, the bigger this area of the brain appears to be.

In a May 5, 1998 New York Times article it states: "The discovery, described in the April 23 issue of the journal Nature, was made after scientists put musicians and others into a magnetic brain imaging machine pointed at the auditory cortex, where sounds are processed. This part of the brain contains cells, called neurons, which are sensitive to different sound frequencies. Neurons that fire in response to the same

frequency tend to cluster into little islands, forming a kind of sound frequency map in the auditory cortex."

"The researchers said that skilled musicians use more neurons for processing sounds from a piano or better synchronize those sounds because of their training. Furthermore, the younger the musicians started playing their instruments, the greater their response to piano notes. Musicians with perfect pitch or absolute relative pitch showed no differences. The increased response to piano tones was the same in those who played piano, woodwinds or stringed instruments, although most of the musicians said that they had received early training on the piano."

We are about to see an avalanche of information which will go on to show the incredible impact music making has on the overall development of human beings OF ALL AGES.

This is just one more important piece of the puzzle!