



BAND AND COLORGUARD BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

DIRECTOR

Dear Parents and Students,

I am very pleased to report that all of our jazz groups received unanimous Superior ratings at the Reno International Jazz Festival. Our Combo 1 received 1st place in the 4A division (the top div.), Combo 2 was 6th in that same division. Our Jazz 1 band was 4th in the 4A Big Band division, and Jazz 2 was 3rd in the Apprentice division, which is a division for everyone's jazz 2

bands. The trip went well especially lunch at Schott's Bakery in Bishop. While we are talking jazz, our guest artist for this year's Big Jazz Concert is Mr. Tom Ranier. You have all grown up with Tom since he has played on most of your favorite movies. He currently is the pianist on Dancing with the Stars and writes most of the arrangements that are played for the dancers. He also plays keyboard for the Simpson's and Family Guy shows every week. Tom is an incredible talent being very accomplished on Piano, Saxophone, and clarinet. The concert is Friday May 28th at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see many of you there for a wonderful night of great music with a great artist.

Please try and make as many of our remaining concerts as you can because we will be changing the music for each remaining concert. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our remaining performances.

Respectfully,

Richard Watson, Director



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BOOSTER PRESIDENT

As we are writing this we have just returned from the Reno Jazz Festival. We can't ever remember hearing such a high quality of musical performance across the board from all our groups as we heard this year – just outstanding! And it was the first year in recent memory (ours at least) that we had four groups place in the top finishers. Congratulations to all the jazz



kids and to Mr. Watson for an impressive showing.



It has been our pleasure to serve as your presidents during this exciting and eventful year. But it is because of the high level of commitment from all of you that this program continues to excel year after year. A big thanks to the booster board – Danette Stephen, Jim Lamon, Karen Dodson, and Daisy Bennett – for doing all the necessary and often thankless work to keep things operating smoothly.

Also to our many committees: Mona Crispin, Terri Hipwell and crew for the year-round job of uniforms, concert attire, and grooming, Mike Kent and the MIB for countless hours of assistance at every event, Kathy Peterson for heading up the food crew this year, Phil Seymour for video, photography,



and lots and lots of editing, and Kathy and Lyle Bidler for keeping our newsletter fun and informative. And a special thank you to outgoing senior parents Ed and Pandy Byrd, for their behind-the-scenes help on many things over the years including photography, jazz clothing (especially ties!), the Big Jazz concerts, past Gordon Goodwin concerts, and this year's Rose Parade.

We do what we do because we love this program and what it does for the kids and for the community. The excellence of this program is due to the passion, dedication, and high standards of Mr. Watson for all these years, along with Eric, Corkie and the rest of the great staff that we are fortunate to have. We look forward to all the end-of-year events as Mr. Watson rounds out his final year with the program.



Thanks to all of you for making this a great year!

John & Sara Sperling



WINTER DRUMLINE

This past spring, the El Dorado Percussion section competed in the Indoor Percussion activity for the first time in 8 years. We competed in two different circuits, the Southern California Percussion Alliance and the American Drumline Association. Competitions took as far north as Little Rock HS (near Palmdale) and as far south as Great Oak HS in Temecula, as well as local shows at Valencia and Yorba Linda High Schools.

All of the music was original material which was written and arranged by our percussion staff. Gabe Cobas composed the front ensemble music while Darren Van Derpoel and I collaborated on the arrangement of the music for the battery and the drill/movement. As with most young groups, we had our ups and downs as members of the percussion section were learning what this activity was all about. However, by the end of the season, everything came together. At the SC-PA prelims competition, we competed against 48 other schools and took 13th place. We were very proud of how far the group had

come in such a short amount of time and the impression we left on the circuit.

Captain Nolan Byrd said, "Winter drumline was a great experience. I am very proud that we enjoyed success after being off of the circuit for so long." The staff would like thank all of the members for their hard work and efforts in this adventure. We would especially like to thank our senior members; Ryan Whyman, Nolan Byrd, Shannon Cram, Mike Spurlock and Daryl

Mogilewsky. You helped make this "inaugural season" a great one.

I would like to thank all of the parents who attended our shows and supported this percussive endeavor by being in the stands, helping load and unload the trailer and for carpooling kids to and from competitions. A huge thanks to Mike Kent for pulling the trailer to our competitions and to Mark Martell for stepping in to pull the trailer to Prelims in Temecula. Thank you to Corkie for giving us a floor to use this season. And of course, thank you to Mr. Watson for encouraging us to partake in this activity and for your support throughout the season.

We look forward to the upcoming season as we continue to grow in this activity.

Eric Samson



Mr. Watson's Retirement Party

Sunday, June 20th 3:00pm – 8:00pm Craig Park, Fullerton

A message from the food committee:

Given the "Open House" style of the party, we plan to offer appetizers, beverages, and dessert treats to snack on throughout the event. The food committee would like to get an idea of the number of boosters willing to donate to this very special affair.

There are two options available for families to participate:

- Supply a food and/or beverage item chosen from a pre-determined list. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next booster meeting.
- Provide a monetary donation and the food committee will handle the purchase of needed appetizers, beverages, and paper goods.

We would like to get a count as soon as possible, so your prompt response would be appreciated. Please contact Danette Stephen (vpres@eldoradoband.com or 714-985-9788) if you would like to donate. Thank you for your continued support.

EDHS BAND AND COLOR GUARD
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS BANQUET

Friday, JUNE 11th
THE PHOENIX CLUB GRAND BALLROOM
\$32 PER PERSON (STUDENTS TOO!)
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

ORDERS DUE MAY 20th

MEN IN BLACK

As we begin to wind down the year, I would like to thank all the MIB for an outstanding effort. It was a very busy year with many projects completed and all instruments, uniforms and equipment moved to their destination. Then you add the Rose Parade to the mix and I think we all deserve a rest over the summer. Looking ahead to next year, please have any New Dads interested in joining contact me via e-mail or cell (562 833-8710) as we will need additional help. I also want to thank our amazing jazz musicians for treating everyone in attendance at their performances in Reno to a wonderful day. I overheard Ron Hipwell use "inspired" to describe what he had witnessed and I agree. Every one of the four performances were inspired and made us all proud to part of the music program at El Dorado.

Mike Kent
MIB



AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY JULY 14
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WHAT HAPPENS IN RENO....

While the kids were busy rehearsing and going to concerts and clinics, their parents were off having fun in Reno.

The Annual Jazz Parents Dinner and Slot Tournament was held on the first night of the Festival. The dinner gives the Jazz parents a chance to mingle, brag about their kids and win fabulous prizes. The follow parents won for putting together the "Best Poker" hand with a Royal Flush:



Todd Gardner - Ace
Glennie Waddell - King
Sheila Waddell - Queen
Ron Hipwell - Jack
Carl Waddell - 10

The parents then competed by section for cash prizes and Circus

**BOOSTER MEETING:
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010
7:30 P.M
IN THE BAND ROOM.**

Circus gift certificates for their kids. After a lot of trash talk from the Saxes headed by Jim Hahn who went bankrupt, the trombones, headed by Denise Stamp, came in with \$140 and the rhythm section, headed by Ed Byrd, came in with \$133. Trumpets took the prize with \$247 earning the right to everyone else's money, spending money for their kids and bragging rights for next year's dinner.



Then it was off to the Festival to be WOWED once again by our talented kids whose performances were all incredible and brought tears to our eyes. Thanks kids!!! We're very proud Jazz Parents.

Terri Hipwell
Jazz Parents ♥ Band



COMING EVENTS!

May

17th - Rehearsal for next year's field show

19th - Area Night Concert

17th-20th - EDHS 10/11 Colorguard Audition Clinics 3:30-5:30pm

21st - EDHS 10/11 Colorguard Audition 4pm-5pm

28th- Big Jazz Concert, 7:00

June

2nd - Colorguard Spring Show 7pm gym

3rd- Spring Concert, 7:00

11th- Band and Colorguard Banquet at Phoenix Club

12th- Playboy Jazz Festival

16th - Graduation

July

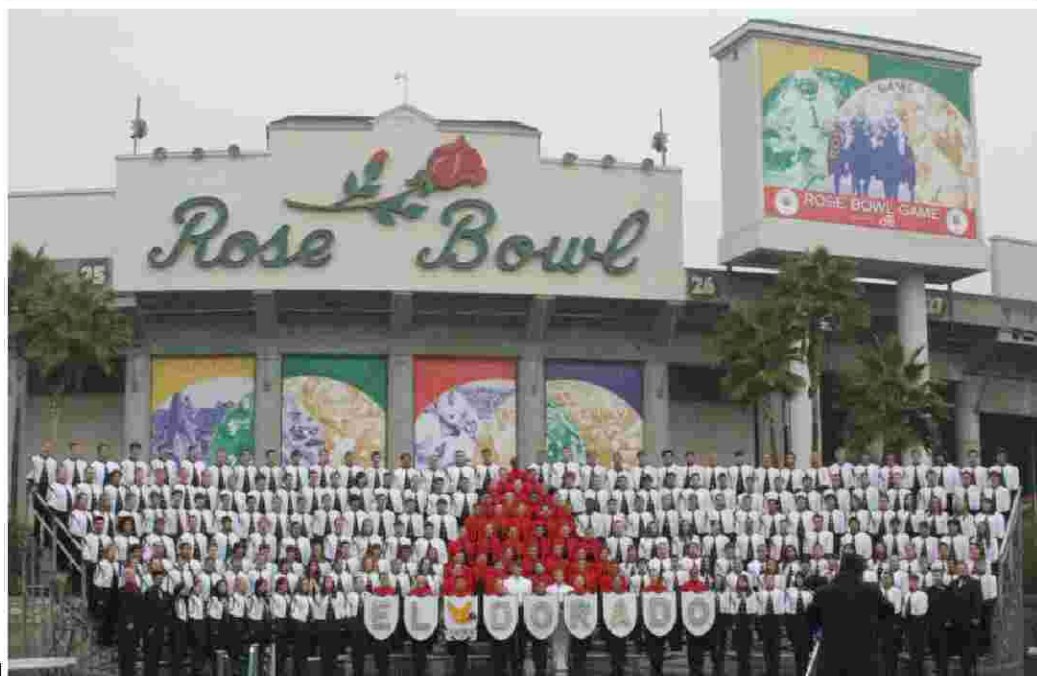
26th-30th - Middle School Guard Camp

9am-Noon YL Field House

THANKS FOR THE PICS!

This month's photos were taken by Ed Byrd, Phil Seymour, Terri Hipwell, and Jim Lamon. Thanks for these and those from the past years.

If you have any pictures that you think might be good addition to the newsletter, e-mail it to newsletter@eldoradoband.com and it might show up in a future newsletter. Don't forget to give your full name so credit can be given to you for the picture.



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