

# Ada Music Boosters News

Ada Music Boosters, Inc.

April 2007

## Ada Musical This Weekend!

### **Broadway's *Into The Woods Jr.*, April 13-14**

Dave Smittle  
Music Boosters President

You've heard of the Grimm brothers and their fairytales. Well, the junior version of *Into The Woods* is a hilarious take by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim on some of your favorite stories from this fairytale collection.

The Baker and his wife have been cursed by the witch who lives next door – they are never able to have children! In order to break the curse, they embark on a search for the items which are necessary to release them from a spell. During the course of the show, they manage to swindle, deceive and steal from Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack (yes, the one who climbed the beanstalk).

The Ada High School Music Department, in conjunction with the A.H.S. Drama Club and the Ada Music Boosters, are proud to present the Broadway Junior Collection™ musical production of *Into The Woods*, Friday and Saturday, April 13-14. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. in the Ada High School Auditorium, 435 Grand Street.

Directed by Mrs. Lindsey Baumgartner, Director of Vocal Music, and High School English and Communications teacher, Mrs. D. Lyn Davis, assisted by Bill Ruhlen, Director of Bands, *Into The Woods Junior* is a perfect opportunity for a medium-sized ensemble of talented singers

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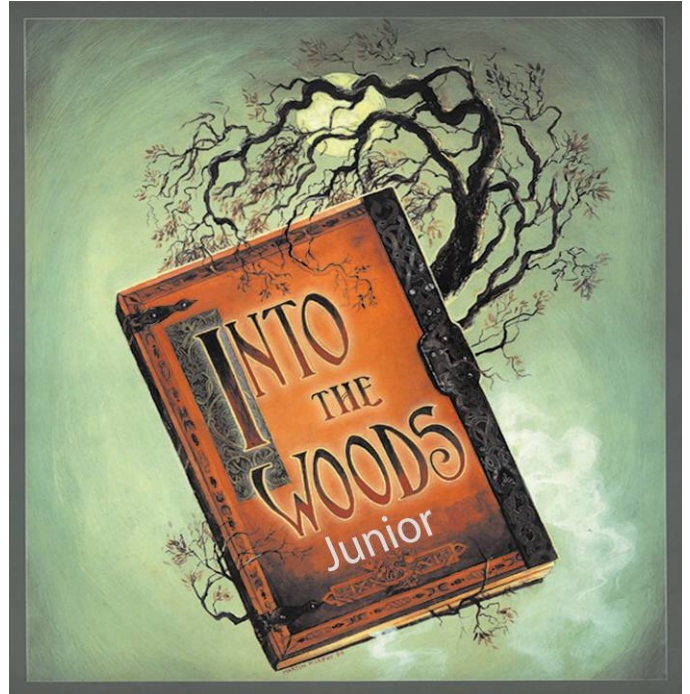
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## Meet the Cast and Crew...

*Dedicated group have staged great show! Come watch!*

Long story short... the challenges involved in mounting the 2007 A. H. S. musical have been, well, challenging. But, this weekend's performance of the Broadway Junior Collection's™ musical production of *Into The Wood* is truly a story in perseverance on the part of our dedicated directors, cast and crew!

Performing Friday and Saturday, April 13-14, will be highly talented local students who deserve our support!



A fantastic cast and crew have worked hard to make this show become a reality. The students include: sophomore Jacob Adams, son of Elaine and Tony Adams, as the Steward; junior Caleb Agner, son of

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Barb and Matthew Agner, as The Wolf; senior Emily Cingolani, daughter of Beth Price and Raymond Cingolani, granddaughter of Roger and Betty Young, as Cinderella's Stepmother; senior Amanda Cribley,

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and actors to perform a high-quality Broadway show. With unforgettable roles, *Into The Woods Junior* showcases the true talent of the singers and actors; each performer is vocally strong and shoulders an equal weight in the production.

Stephen Sondheim – not a composer one would usually associate with young performers – has written a wonderful score which has been adapted to make it easier, though still challenging, for this age of performer. Sondheim’s music, and author Lapine’s story, present a cock-eyed view of everyone’s favorite fairytale characters in a hysterical take on the Brothers Grimm.

*Into The Woods Junior* is a funny and engaging way to get young people to think about the stories with which they’ve grown up, and the ethical issues raised therein. Opening on Broadway, November 5, 1987 at the Martin Beck Theatre, *Into The Woods* was under the direction of author Lapine and ran for 764 performances. It was the 1988 Tony Award winner for Best Score, Best Book and Best Actress in a Musical (Joanna Gleason). The show was originally produced by the Old Globe Theatre, San Diego. With “tenderness and laughter” the plot takes one through the complexity of everyday existence, ending the journey aware of the moral consequences of our actions and the power of tolerance, community and shared sacrifice.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Pre-sale tickets may be obtained from any cast member, purchased in-person at the high school office, from the switchboard operator in Lehr Memorial at Ohio Northern University, at the reception desk in the ONU Office of Admissions, or from any Ada Music Boosters officer (page 1). Tickets are also available for sale at the door prior to each performance. Show content is appropriate for children; no charge for lap children. Run time is approximately 80 minutes.

The Ada community loves its musicals and this one should prove to be no exception! On a sentimental note, this will be *the last* high school musical production to be held in the old Ada High School auditorium – likewise, the next musical in 2009 will be the first in the new school facility! Let’s talk this one up! As *the last* opportunity to see a musical in the old Ada auditorium, let’s make this year’s musical one to be remembered! We hope to see you there, and encourage you to bring family, friends, relatives, neighbors, classmates, church friends, co-workers and, especially, the senior citizens of our community who have supported our students so well over the years. Better yet, contact a senior citizen in the community and offer to give them a ride... Call someone you’ve been meaning to be in touch with for some time and make arrangements to attend together... Bring a young person and let them see a great high school musical production!

The student cast members of Ada’s *Into The Woods Jr* have been working hard to provide the local community with a first-rate performance... Please come out and reward their efforts. We look forward to seeing you at the show and encourage you to purchase your tickets today! 🎵

## How The Students Reported It...

Recent reprints from The Dogbone student newspaper

### Drumline is Creating Itself

By Stephanie Cribley

Over the past three months, Drumline has made significant progress. The year’s show has proven to be much more challenging than last year’s show. It is really amazing how fast the group members are coming along. Mr. Ruhlen’s thoughts on how well things are going: “I really think the group has been doing very well with the fact that over half of the Drumline this year is not percussion.” Michael Reese, who is a returning Drumline member, shared his thoughts about this year’s show. He said, “It is a lot harder, but it has some parts that are easy, but I like it a lot more than last year’s show.” My opinion about this year’s show is that it is very difficult compared to last year’s, but I think that this makes it more appealing to the audience. There has been a lot of frustration and hard times throughout these three months, as well. For instance, some people get mad at others because of the pressure of trying to get their part done when the other person is just messing around. Some of the members were about to give up, so Mr. Ruhlen asked the question, “What is a Navy Seal’s job?” The answer was to get their job done, and he included, “to get the job done, they cannot give up.” He said this every time someone was about to give up. Performance dates will be announced. The Drumline has been working really hard to make this show the best it can be, so plan to attend a future performance.

### Ada Musicians Compete in Solo & Ensemble Competition

By Kaitlin Young

What is solo and ensemble? Solo and ensemble is a program for students who are in the music department. It comes around once every year, when several students prepare a piece of music to perform in front of a judge and are graded on how well they can sing or play an instrument. What most people don’t know is that you can’t just pick anything to sing or play; you have a list that you can pick from for instruments. The students also have to prepare scales. Everything isn’t graded at the same level because there are three different levels to perform at. The classes are A, B and C. Class A is the hardest level to perform at; a class A piece for instruments runs a good 5 pages or more, while a class C piece may only be a page.

When you are being judged, the judges are looking at your tempo, phrasing, expression, style, and dynamic level. You are also graded on our interpretation of the music, which includes the basic sound and feel of the music. There is also a grade for technique; you need note accuracy, rhythm, articulation, diction, bowing, facility, precision, posture, and scales.

After you perform, you are rated between 1-5. One is the highest you can get, which means that you had few errors, but overall it was great, and a 5 means that it was really bad, and you need a lot of help with your music. Some of the people who went this year from our school were: Progga Das, Doug Smittle, Sarah Smith, Kim Howard, Claire Romanowski, Sam Raines, Myles Johnson, Garrett Oestreich, Hannah Lomax-Vogt, Amanda Cribley, Zach Simon, and Tommy Hirn. The three groups that took an ensemble were the Clarinet Quartet: Caleb Agner, Progga Das, Kim Davis and Courtney Archer; the Trombone Quartet: Amanda Cribley, Hannah Lomax-Vogt, Myles Johnson and Ethan Collins; and, the Saxophone Trio: Leah Lehman, Trevor Kline and Garrett Oestreich.

People who say music is easy have never been judged before and do not know how it really feels to sing in front of people and then be graded. Also, some of the pieces that people sing are in different languages, so you have to learn that, too. Remember, everything is not as easy as it seems.

## Concert Band Members – Busy Spring

By Sarah Smith

The Ada High School Concert Band just finished two major events. On February 8, they presented their Winter Concert, and on March 9 they participated in the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Competition at Shawnee High School. For both the concert and the contest, the band played their 3 songs. Their first number was a march named "Military Escort." That was followed by "Covington Square," composed by the famous James Swearington. For their final piece, the Band presented "Regenesi," which musically presents the story of Mt. Saint Helens erupting for the tenth time. At the OMEA Large Group Competition, the Ada Concert Band received a score of II. The rating scale ranks from the best score of a "I" to a score of "V." On this scale, a score of II is very good. With the competition finished the Band is preparing for the annual Spring Concert.

## Varsity Singers "Show" Their Talents in Competition

By Paige Dirmeyer

The Varsity Singers show choir is a very large group this year. They have competed at Cuyahoga Falls and had a good performance. They also performed at the Apollo banquet for the superintendents and principals from 11 surrounding schools and did very well. For those you don't know, the group has 30 singer/dancers, 11 instrumentalists, and nine crew members. There are obviously a lot of new members and they are learning what to do in the wonderful world of show choir. Most of you probably have no clue what show choir is like at all. Here are some basics of show choir and competitions. In show choir, you must put on a face (which means a big old fake smile or something to that effect). All schools are put into different classes depending on school size (examples: Class AA is the biggest, then Class A, Class B, and last but not least is Class C). During a competition, there are normally three judges who score you on vocals, choreography, band and even stage crew. There are usually time limits which include getting everything on and off the stage.

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At the beginning of the year the Varsity Singers had five songs which were "Twilight Zone/Danger Zone," "Moondance" by Michael Buble, "Written in the Stars," "Space Cowboy" by N'Sync, and they finished with "Major Tom/The Final Countdown." Around November, the group added "Baby, I'm a Star" and "Shining Star" to "Space Cowboy" to form a medley. The competitions they have also attended are Twinsburg, Grove City and St. Clairsville.

Editor's note: The Varsity Singers had a good season, with the competition being fierce at all venues. Between each, there were intense rehearsals where good progress was made. Significant improvement was noted between each performance. Ada was rewarded for their hard work and were proud to be named 2<sup>nd</sup>-Runner up in Class C at St. Clairsville's Showcase of Sound in March!

## Varsity Singers Know How to Have Fun and Sing and Dance

By Katelyn Dardio

Many people that attend Ada might be wondering what our V.S. is doing. I decided to inform you by interviewing a couple people involved in V.S. The two people I interviewed were Ashley Cramer and Wes Houx. Some of the questions I asked should tell you about them and the program. Ashley was interviewed first: K: Hey, Cramer! A: What's up? K: Nothing... so, would you like to tell me a little about V.S.? A: Sure, in V.S. there are 50 people. We sing and dance at competitions for awards. K: What schools do you compete against? A: Piqua, Garfield Heights, Marion Harding and Cuyahoga Falls. K: So, are any of those schools good? A: Yeah, I think Garfield Heights is really good this year. Ada is also doing well! K: Do out think Ada has performed its best this year? A: At times I think we performed our best, but other times I think we could've done better. Overall, though, I think we have done a very good job! K: One last question, do you think you will do V.S. next year? A: At time I do think that I will, but other times I don't really know. K: Thank you for your time, Ashley! A: One last thing... I love you, Mrs. B!

Wes was then interviewed and it went like this...

K: Hey, Wes! W: Yo! K: When did V.S. start? W: Um, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, I think. K: How long have you been in V.S.? W: This is my fourth year. K: What is your favorite memory from V.S.? W: Jake getting stuck in the hallway in his "whitey tighties" and Mrs. Cribley seeing him! K: What's your favorite part of V.S.? W: Definitely competitions! K: Do you have a favorite song you perform? W: "Final Countdown" K: Do you think the girls are more competitive than the guys? W: The girls are a lot more competitive than the guys because that's just how they are. K: Finally, are you going to miss V.S. next year and why? W: I am going to miss it because of all the trips and being with all my friends. K: Thanks, Wes! W: Anytime! ♪

## Vocal Music Results from OMEA District Contest

Various choral groups also competed in the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Competition at Shawnee High School in March. The 17-member Men's Chorus sang, "The Noble Son," "Sing Me a Song of a Lad that is Gone," and "Homeward Bound," for which they received a collective rating of II ("very good" on the five-point scale). The Ada Concert Choir, 60 members strong, sang, "Exsultate," "Ezekeil Saw the Wheel," and "Song of the Sea," for which they received a collective rating of II. And, the pride of Ada for the day proved to be the 25-member Ada Women's Chorus, which sang, "The Violet," "There is Sweet Music Here," and "Gloria Alleluia," for which they received a collective I rating—superior on all counts. This top-notch rating enables the Ada Women's Chorus to go on to compete at State finals, to be held the last weekend of April!

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*The Ada Women's Chorus' "Superior #1" rating has earned them a trip to State finals last weekend of April!!!*

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Great job ladies! And, congratulations are extended to all the band and choir members for a wonderful showing at Districts this year! ♪



**2006-07 Pep Band Fun!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MUSICAL

8:00 P.M., FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 13-14 IN THE AUDITORIUM

### VARSITY SINGERS REHEARSALS

2006-07 year is winding down... Spring Fever Follies last performance. Rehearsals (usually 6-8 p.m.) on: 5/2 and 5/9.

### V.S. AUDITIONS

5/14-16 FROM 7:55-8:30 A.M. AND 3:30-5:45 P.M. 5/17 CALL-BACKS, IF NEEDED. ROSTER FOR 2007-08 V.S. TO BE POSTED 5/18.

### V.S. SUMMER CAMP

MONDAY, JULY 23 THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 28. EXACT TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED, BUT REHEARSALS ARE USUALLY FULL-DAYS.

### DRUMLINE

Practices are usually 6-8:00 p.m. on: 4/16, 23 and 30.

### FIRST -GRADE MUSICAL

5/1 First grade musical, 1:00 and 7:00, in H. S. Auditorium

### ADA WOMEN'S CHORUS

4/27-28 OMEA State Choir Large Group Contest; time TBA.

### CHOIR AND CONCERT BAND

4/20 Band Fun/Movie Night 5:30 p.m. (bring a snack & drink); 5/7 Spring Band-o-Rama Concert; 5/11 Spring Fever Follies; 5/18-19 OMEA District 3 Junior High Large Group Contest @ Lincolnview; 5/22 Spring Vocal Concert, 7:00, grades 6-8; 5/27 Graduation ceremony in gym. Note: sometime late May, the Marching Band will be going to Cedar Point. A letter will be sent home by Mr. Ruhlen when date is confirmed.

### MARCHING BAND CAMP

Ada High School, Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and, Monday, August 6 – Friday, August 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The marching band will be in the F&M Picnic parade 8/11, the Harvest & Herb Festival parade 9/15 and the ONU Homecoming parade 10/6/07.

### WORK BINGO

5:45 – 9:00 p.m. on 4/19 and 26; 5/10 and 24; 6/14 and 28; 7/12 and 26; 8/9 and 23. Contact Cindy Mowery, 634-1338.

### MUSIC BOOSTER MEETINGS

6:00 p.m. in High School Band Room on 5/8, 6/12 (Potluck at Ada Park Shelter House-election of officers), 7/10 and 8/14.

### 2007 ADA MUSIC FEAST

It's confirmed... mark your calendars now! Ada Music Feast, the show choir competition we host, is Saturday, Nov. 10. The day will start before 6 a.m. and clean-up will end sometime after midnight. Also, reserve Friday, Nov. 9, for the set-up of the school. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ada Music Feast!

### TENTATIVE DATES FOR DISNEY TRIP

Tentative dates for the Band/Choir trip to Walt Disney World is March 16-22, 2008, pending Board of Education approval. This is the week preceding Easter, 2008.

<http://calendar.ada.k12.oh.us> <http://calendar.ada.k12.oh.us/band>

## BINGO WORKERS NEEDED!

By Marcia Prater

Parents who've preferred not to work Bingo in the past because of the smoke will be pleased to know, since Dec. 8, Bingo has been a smoke-free environment. Cindy Mowery is our new Bingo calling coordinator. We very much appreciate her assistance with this important task. Please be responsive to her request when she calls you. Or, you may volunteer by calling Cindy at 634-1338. For those of you who may not be familiar with this fund-raiser, the Ada Music Boosters work Bingo the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of every month at the N-Men's building behind Liberty Bank. This project has the potential to be one of our biggest money-makers for the Music Boosters. In order for it to continue to be a success, we are in need of additional help from parents. If each parent worked two Thursdays a year we would have enough help to keep this fund raiser project going and our Crew leaders would not have to worry about having enough help. The commitment is simple—it involves parents working from 5:30 p.m. to about 9:00 p.m. several times a year. There are several job functions. One is similar to working the concession stand—selling snack foods and drinks; another is selling instant games behind the counter in the kitchen, whereas, help is also needed selling \$1 tickets called floor games. Since the passing of the no-smoking law, bingo players can not smoke in the building. This has made it much nicer to work for our parents. There is one other important advantage to working Bingo! Every time a parent or family member (over 18) works a night, their student will receive \$5 towards their Disney trip next spring. This may not seem like a lot of money, but it does add up and is one more way of helping your student earn money for their trip. In fact, some families have been able to raise almost all of the cost of their child's trip using Bingo and the other fund-raising opportunities throughout the preceding year. So, if you would like to help with Bingo, please call Cindy Mowery at 419-634-1338 with dates which work well for you. Thanks! 🎵

## MUSIC BOOSTER TRUCK FOR SALE

Music Boosters are selling the truck. It's a 1994 Mitsubishi Fuso with a hydraulic lift gate. Asking price: \$5,000. Contact Mike Raines, Gary Cribley or Jeff Oestreich for more details.

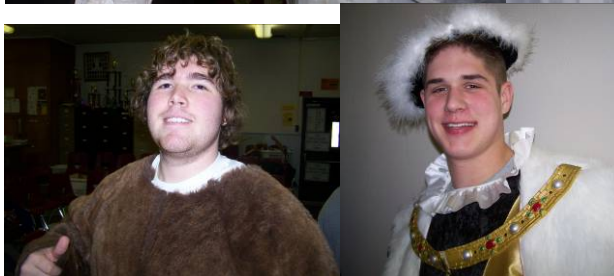
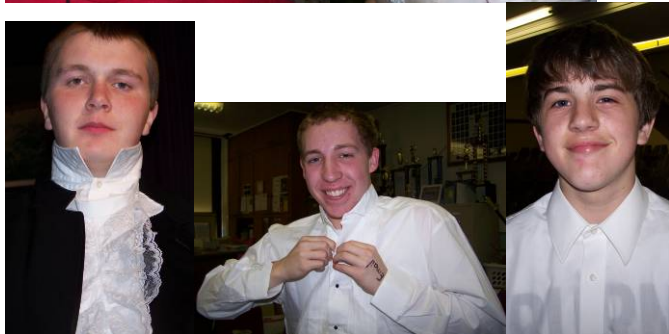
## KEEP SAVING RECEIPTS/LABELS

Band/choir rooms are collection points for Community Market green sales receipts, UPC labels from "Our Family" brand of products and Tyson chicken A+ points. Please remember to save these and turn them in. We get cash in return for these!

## MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

A committee will be formed in May to investigate Ada hosting its own marching band competition, starting in the fall of 2008. If interested, please contact Dave Smittle (page 1).

# Musical fun!



Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, 8:00

daughter of Patty and Gary Cribley, as the Baker's Wife; freshman Hannah Gunn, daughter of Angie and Sterling Brown, as both Jack's Mother and the Granny; junior Kim Howard, daughter of Beth and John Howard, as Cinderella's Mother; sophomore Myles Johnson, son of Brenda and Scott Johnson, as Rapunzel's Prince; junior Trevor Kline, son of Carla Kline and Jim Kline, as both The Narrator and the Mysterious Man; sophomore Shaun Laubis, son of Amy Rose and Tim Laubis, as both Cinderella's Father and Milky White the Cow; senior Leah Lehman, daughter of Connie and Tom Lehman, as Cinderella; junior Hannah Lomax-Vogt, daughter of Elizabeth Vogt and John Lomax, as the Witch; junior Garrett Oestreich, son of Deb and Jeff Oestreich, as the Baker; junior Samantha Raines, daughter of Patti and Mike Raines, as Florinda; senior Hope Risner, daughter of Betty and Bill Risner, as Little Red Ridinghood; freshman Claire Romanowski, daughter of Janet and Mike Romanowski, as Lucinda; sophomore Doug Smittle, son of Kim and Dave Smittle, as Jack; junior David Yankee, son of Karen and Mike Yankee, as Cinderella's Prince; and, sophomore Kaitlin Young, daughter of Linda and Curtis Young, as Rapunzel. Stage crew members are: sophomore Eleni Guyton, daughter of Christine Cavallaro and Steve Guyton; and, freshman Katlin TenEyck, daughter of Kaylene and Tom TenEyck. Sophomore Daniel Wagner, son of Rhonda and Dan Wagner, assists with sound and lighting. Eighth-grade student, Kaity Oestreich, daughter of Deb and Jeff Oestreich, also participates in the role of the Chicken.

Please support these cast and crew members by attending the musical – the last one in the old Ada auditorium. Let's make it one to remember! 🎵



## Musical Special Thanks

We want to thank the following for their assistance in making the musical a success! Our directors Mrs. Baumgartner, Mrs. Davis and Mr. Ruhlen, and, their spouses, Chris, Bob and Jen; chairperson, Deb Oestreich; set-builders, Jeff Oestreich, Gary Cribley and Don Spar; costumes and props, Marcia Prater, Kim Smittle and Amy Rose; tickets and program, Patti Raines; lighting and sound, Bill Ruhlen; t-shirts, Patty Cribley; advertising and promotion, Barb Smith and Dave Smittle; Crouse Lumber; Ohio Northern University Admissions Office and Switchboard; Cathy Smalley and Ohio Northern University Costume Shop; Tractor Supply Company of Lima; ReStore Center; Shelleigh Alexander; Susan Baughman; New Leaf Garden Center; ONU students Sydney Kuhlman and Jamie Raines; Karen Yankee, Janet Romanowski and Angie Brown; school treasurer Christy Beaschler, Gigi Fetter, Ada High School staff and administration; Ada Board of Education; and, all parents who helped in any way. 🎵

## KUDOS, TIDBITS, SHOUT-OUTS...

### MRS. SMITTLE / CRIBLEY TO CO-CHAIR ADA MUSIC FEAST

Kim Smittle and Patty Cribley will co-chair the 2007 Ada Music Feast, our own show choir competition which we host at our school. The dates have been confirmed... set-up will occur on Friday, Nov. 9, with the competition taking place all-day on Saturday, November 10, 2007. Families of kids involved in any Ada music program are needed to work these days. We encourage you to mark your calendars at this time—we'll need volunteers from before dawn until after midnight on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>! This will be an exciting year, as this is our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ada Music Feast! ☺

### MCINTURF & PRATER TO CO-CHAIR 2008 DISNEY TRIP

Janet McInturf and Marcia Prater will co-chair the 2008 music department trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. Pending approval of the Board of Education, the tentative dates for the trip are the week preceding Easter next year: departing Sunday, March 16, returning Saturday, March 22, 2008. Several options are currently under consideration, but we're certainly fortunate to have the leadership of these two women, both of whom have chaperoned the trip several times in the past. Plans are to take the best of what has worked well in the past, reconsider things which might have been lacking, and come up with a first-rate trip—at the most affordable price—for our students. If you have input, please contact Mrs. McInturf at 634-9695 or Mrs. Prater at 634-1435. ☺

### DISNEY TRIP TO GENERATE INTEREST IN MUSIC PROGRAMS

Students interesting in making the trip to Walt Disney World with the Ada Music Department next spring should be sure to get involved in band or choir next school year! We know kids are busy, and sometimes take a break from certain extra-curricular activities. But, all musically inclined students should be sure to get involved in marching band, choir or Varsity Singers in 2007-08 to take full advantage of the excitement next year! ☺

### THANKS FOR PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT

Thank you to Connie Lehman for providing piano accompaniment for the choir performance at TV-44, the Christmas concert, Solo & Ensemble contest and OMEA Large Group contest for the choir, Men's choir and Women's chorus. Thanks, also, to Helen Ruhlen who provided piano accompaniment for instrumentalists at Solo & Ensemble contest. Thank you, ladies, for your dedication and support of the music programs in this important way. It is much appreciated! ☺

### THANKS FOR USE OF STUDENT ARTICLES FROM *DOG BONE*

Thanks are extended to the student writers who contributed music-related articles to *The Dogbone* student newspaper which were reprinted here. We appreciate the support of *Dogbone* editor, Miss Megan Elliott, and faculty advisor, Mrs. Sue Bennett. We hope you enjoy the student perspective. ☺

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### V.S. PARENT CHAPERONES

Thanks goes to Betty Young for coordinating the parent chaperones for the V.S. trips! Thanks, also, to the parents who traveled with the group: Barb Agner, Gary and Patty Cribley, Darlene Musser, Chris Cavallero, Amy Dumbaugh, Dan and Kay Houx, Carla Kline, Deb and Jeff Oestreich, Janet Romanowski, Barb and Vern Smith, Shelly Pitts, Patti and Mike Raines, Rhonda Wagner, Karen Yankee and Linda Young. Thanks to all for your willingness to support V.S. on the road! ☺

### V.S. FUN DAY SPONSORS

In conjunction with the last Varsity Singers overnight trip, the kids were treated to a surprise afternoon at Foggy Bottom laser-tag and pizza in Wheeling, WV. This event was made possible through the generous support of Karen Yankee/Kenton Dairy Queen, Gary Cribley/Snap-on Tools, Mike and Patti Raines/Raines Quality Homes and Marcia Prater. The kids had a fantastic time and really appreciated your support. Thank you! ☺



### NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

This newsletter started out with the first issue in September going to about 250 households/parents of students involved in music programs for grades 7-12, as well as, 95 administrators, teachers and staff at the school and over 150 families of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade students sent home by classroom teachers. Over the past few months, we've added Patrons, Music Feast sponsors and many others to the mailing list, to the point where we now distribute over 650 newsletters each month! We hope you enjoy it and find the information useful! This newsletter is very economical to print and mail. Therefore, if you know of friends or neighbors who would enjoy receiving it, simply forward their information to Dave Smittle to be put on the mailing list. Spread the word! Our goal is to ensure all families feel well-informed of the events/opportunities available to their children. Your comments/input are welcome, as well. ☺

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