

Ada Music Boosters News

Ada Music Boosters, Inc.

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Simply, Thanks!

Success of fall music programs attributable to many

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Music Boosters President

Now that the school year's well underway, there're so many parents and others who've done so much. It's time to pause for a moment to simply say "Thanks." Our directors have worked hard so far this year and there've been many successes by and for our kids.

Much of this newsletter will be devoted to wrapping up the fall; to say thanks to so many for doing so much. If you: "packed" (as in sack lunches for the kids while headed out on a long bus trip); or, "fed" (as in snacks the 3rd quarter at a football game); or, "drove" (as in to more practices, auditions and events than you can count); or, "loaded" (as in the truck for marching band); or, "loaned" (as in the Cribley's trailer, when the truck didn't feel like running); or, "washed" (as in cars, in Kenton, in the rain, no less); or, "rode" (as in the bus, as a chaperone); or, "smelled" (as in, of smoke, from working a long night at Bingo); or, "sold" (as in, the concession stand at football games); or, "donated" (as in old instruments, which have been put to good use); or, "folded" (and taped, this newsletter, so it can be

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So, What's a Drumline?

Ada's newest music performance group is "Rudiment 14"...

Consult American Heritage for the word rudiment and you'll find "a fundamental element, principle or skill, as in the field of learning; a mere beginning". Ask Mr. Ruhlen, Ada's Director of Bands, and you'll hear about "Rudiment 14", the newest music performance group at Ada High School, now in its second year.

An indoor percussion ensemble, or drumline, consists of the marching percussion and front ensemble (called pit) sections of a marching band. It marries elements of music, marching, and theater; thus, the activity is often referred to as percussion theater. Many indoor percussion ensembles are affiliated with high schools and typically start rehearsing after marching band season ends. The competition season usually culminates in April.

Music is arranged based on original works, as well as recreations of movie themes, popular music, classical music, and more.



2005-06 show: "Under Construction"

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Over the past 20 years, marching percussion has advanced and moved into auditoriums/gymnasiums as ensembles looked for ways to maintain their skills during the winter months. Indoor percussion ensembles arrange music and motion appropriate for a more intimate setting. Competitive groups are held to specific times and judged on criteria that change as technology and creativity blossom.

As Ada's Drumline enters its 2nd year, the excitement is building. Stay tuned for upcoming performance dates.

Ensembles often compete, but traditionally, it is treated as a place to grow together as a community, learn new techniques, and enjoy the work done by peers.

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mailed); or, "carried" (as in unloading the Century Resources sale items off the semi-truck, which the Junior High band did so well—6 pallets worth, in the rain, in under 10 minutes!); or, "checked out" (or, "in", as in band uniforms before and after the season); or, "bought" (as in chicken BBQ tickets or fund-raising sale items); or, "saved" (as in Community Market green sales receipts, UPC labels from "Our Family" brand of products and Tyson chicken A+ points, all which we make money from); or, "organized" (as in the mess we used to call costume storage, which smells better now as a result, too); or, "reigned" (as in royalty, since the County Fair, Harvest & Herb, and Homecoming Queens, King and Courts were all "our kids"); or, "researched" (as in all the V.S. alumni, back to the start, and invited them to an alumni reception at Music Feast); or, "paved" (as in the construction company, at the request of the Board, the new south/west lots for additional parking for Music Feast); or, in general, just "volunteered" (as in your valuable time); or, or, "gave" (as in your financial support, to be a Patron of Ada Music Boosters!)... we say, honestly and sincerely, THANK YOU! Our music programs, and the positive educational experience they provide for our young men and women, are stronger and more worthwhile because you took the time, you cared, you worked, you shared, you gave of yourself... to help others. Thank you!

In looking back over the fall, many things went well; some, not so well. Like life, there were many successes and many disappointments. Many students excelled; some faced challenging times, personally and collectively. We all learn from our mistakes; others learn from our mistakes, too, and we all emerge stronger, wiser and more determined for the future. Our music programs grew stronger, overall. With every event, they learned more and set the stage for future generations of underclassmen who'll follow in their footsteps.

In closing, don't forget Music Booster meetings... We're a successful organization as a result of the continued involvement and assistance of our wonderful volunteers. We invite everyone to become involved! Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Band Room at 6:00 p.m. Thanks, again, to all of you who do so much for the benefit of our music programs! ♪

Costume Fun at Halloween Parade



We salute Marching Band graduating seniors: Amanda Cribley, Kim Davis, Annalisa Hughes, Teresa Karcher, Leah Lehman and Hope Risner. Thanks for your leadership this year; we wish you the best for the remainder of your senior year!



Music Feast Recap & Thank-yous!

Music Feast was a resounding success and we thank... Chairperson, Marcia Prater; Chairperson-elect, Karen Yankee; Tod Fincher for the cafeteria; Janet McInturf for concessions; Jeff Oestreich for running the computer; EMS volunteers for being on-site; Ada's janitorial staff, the teachers, staff, administration and Board of Education for use of the facilities; directors Lindsey Baumgartner and Billy Ruhlen; ONU students workers and Sigma Theta Epsilon Christian Service Fraternity; and, parents, family and so many volunteers from the community!

Mark your calendar—the date for next year's Music Feast is Saturday, November 10, 2007—our 30th annual event!

The Ada business community and parents were great supporters by sponsoring all the trophies and plaques for the day's events. We greatly appreciate the support of: Allen County Trophy; John Falk and Instrument Care Center, Findlay; Ohio Northern University, Bill & Gretchen Robinson; Roger and Betty Young; Liberty National Bank; Reichert's Clothing; Kevin Young - Ameriprise Financial; Cole-Humphrey Insurance; Robert and Marcia Prater; The Knoble Family; The Laubis Family; The Jeff Sheldon Family; Century 21 Beacon Realty; Carol Slane Florist; Ada Marathon Express Mart; Grimslid & Hood, Attorneys-at-Law; Kline's Auto Repair Center; Bella Rose Boutique; Ada Family Dentistry; Keith's Hardware; Four Seasons Drive-thru; Jeffrey M. Schulman, Attorney-at-Law; The Houx Family; The Simon Family; In Memory of Martha Zimmerly, by the Raines Family; The Woodruff Family; The Beaschler Family; The Yankee Family; The Dysert Family; The David Collins Family; The Mowery Family; Ron and Angie Ring and Family; John Mark Flower, Class of 2002; The Risner Family; The Wagner Family; The Woodruff Family; The Das Family; and, The Smittle Family.

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!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Cory-Rawson won the People's Choice at Music Feast. All proceeds went to the Ronald McVicker Scholarship!

COMMITTEES BEING FORMED

We will be forming 2 new committees soon and seek volunteers to: 1.) Evaluate and provide oversight for the Kelly Drake scholarship fund, administered through the Ada Music Boosters treasury; and, 2.) Research hosting our own fall marching band invitational at War Memorial Stadium. Please contact any Booster officer for more info or to offer to serve.

BINGO GOING SMOKE-FREE

Parents who've preferred not to work Bingo because of the smoke no longer have an excuse! Starting Dec. 8, Bingo will go smoke-free as a result of the recent election. We'll look forward to seeing you at Bingo soon! Cindy Mowery is our new Bingo calling coordinator. Please call her at 634-1338.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VARSITY SINGERS REHEARSALS

Time is usually 6-8 p.m. on: 11/27; 12/5; 12/6 (perform 12:30 for Senior Citizens luncheon); 12/7 (perform 9:30-Noon for Hardin Co. Chamber of Commerce); 12/11; and 12/13 (sing at Lima Mall 4-8 p.m.—parents needed to help wrap Noon-4:00!).

V.S. COMPETITIONS

1/20 GARFIELD HTS; 1/27 CUYAHOGA FALLS; (2/17 CANCELLED, BEING REPLACED); 2/23 TWINSBURG (OVERNIGHT); 3/17 ST. CLAIRSVILLE.

MUSICAL

Auditions for the high school production of *The Wizard of Oz* will be the week of 12/11. Performances are 3/30-31.

RUDIMENT 14 – ADA HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR DRUMLINE

Practices are 6-8:00 p.m. (*note time change!*) on: 11/20 and 28; 12/4, 12 and 18; 1/3, 8, 16, 22 and 29; 2/5, 12, 19 and 26; 3/5, 12, 19 and 26; and, 4/2, 10, 16, 23 and 30.

JAZZ BAND

Practices are 3:45-5:00 on: 11/28; 12/4, and 12; 1/3, 8, 16, 22 and 29; 2/5, 12, 19 and 26; 3/5, 12, 19 and 26; and, 4/2, 10, 16, 23 and 30.

PEP BAND

Perform for Games on: 12/22 (meet at 6:30); 12/27 (6:00); 12/28 (5:00); 1/12 (6:30); 1/20 (6:30); 1/25 (6:00); 1/26 (6:30); 2/3 (6:30); 2/9 (6:30); and, 2/23 (6:30).

MARCHING BAND - 11/27 Santa Parade to Depot; report 5:30.

CHOIR AND CONCERT BAND

11/29 Choir Sing at Depot (5:30-7:30); 11/30 Choir to TV-44 for taping of holiday special (during school day); 12/14 Fourth/Fifth Grade Musical (performances 1:00 and 7:00); 12/18 Christmas Choir Concert, grades 7-12 (7:00); 2/3 OMEA H.S. Solo & Ensemble @ Lima Senior; 2/22 Second/Third grade musical; 3/9-10 OMEA Large Group Contest @ Bath; 3/24 OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble @ Liberty-Benton; 4/26 First grade musical; 4/27-28 OMEA State Band and Choir Large Group Contest TBD; 5/11 Spring Fever Follies; 5/18-19 OMEA District 3 Junior High Large Group Contest @ Lincolnview; 5/27 Graduation ceremony @ school.

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

Instrumentation is anything that would or could be used under the percussion category of any musical group, including: snare drums, tenor drums, bass drums, cymbals, xylophones, marimbas, vibraphones, tambourines, chimes, timpani, drum kits, and other similar instruments. Electronic instruments such as guitars and synthesizers are also allowed, however, no prerecorded music may be played. Unconventional instruments such as trash cans, barrels, pipes, brooms, and other things that make percussive sounds are sometimes used. A notable difference used in indoor percussion is all toe-down marching. Marching within indoor percussion is much more group dependent due to the lack of yard lines. Some indoor ensembles even incorporate basic dance moves into their shows for a more dramatic effect. Depending on the financial situation and show design, sets can be created to help the audience engage in the performance to a greater depth. Painted floor coverings and backdrops are used to portray a story as the group performs the music in and around the props. Sets must also be designed to function within the space provided. During competition, there are strict rules on the area sets can be placed on and the time allowed for set up. At first, indoor percussion ensembles wore traditional marching band uniforms. As shows and concepts increased in detail, uniforms were left behind, and theatrical costumes took their place.

20 students comprise the 2006-07 Ada Drumline.

This year's show concept is called, "H2O".

The first week of November, 20 young people auditioned for this year's drumline ensemble. Practices have already begun. They are generally from 6-8:00 p.m. on the same days when Jazz Band practices immediately after school. There will be a \$20 participation fee for each student in drumline. This fee will fund the cost of the music and show concept, which is nearly \$1,000 for an original composition. Student participants are: Snare Drum: Michael Reese, Kaitly Oestreich and Shaun Laubis; Bass Drum: Dusty Risser, Sarah Smith, Samatha Raines and Amanda Cribley; Tenors: Kinsey Ring and Michael Nwankwo; Keyboards: Progga Das and Leah Lehman; Mallets: Kim Howard, Lorna Spar, Ben Garmon, Stephanie Cribley, Hannah Gunn, Parthib Das and Hannah Lomax-Vogt; Bass: Caleb Agner; and, Timpani: Mitchel Boehm. ONU students, to be paid by Ada Music Boosters, will also be assisting. Mr. Ruhlen is the director, Kim Smittle will assist; Garrett Oestreich is the student conductor. ♪



KUDOS, TIDBITS, SHOUT-OUTS...

PATTI & MIKE RAINES SAY THANKS FOR FB TREATS

Patti and Mike Raines want to be sure to thank all who helped provide treats for the band during the football and competition season. Thanks!

VARSITY SINGERS BACKDROP DESIGN COMPETITION

Music Boosters is sponsoring a competition for students to design the backdrop for this year's show choir. The Boosters are providing prizes for the winning team. Let us know if you can help with building the backdrop.

ADA H.S. CHOIR TO APPEAR ON TV-44

The choir will again travel to WTLW, TV-44 studios, on Thursday, Nov 30 to video tape for the Holiday Music Festival. The shows will air on Christmas Eve, 12/24, from 4 - 7:00 and 10 - 1:00 a.m., and, Christmas Day, 12/25, from 7 - 10:00 a.m. and Noon - 3:00 p.m. Please watch!

TRAILER FUTURE-NEEDS COMMITTEE / TRUCK FOR SALE

The committee of Mike Lenhart, Gary Cribley, Jeff Oestreich and Bill Ruhlen got right to work on this project! At the Nov. Booster meeting, a motion was passed to buy a 2004 Haulmark 20' trailer for \$4350. It needs to be modified for band and choir use immediately. If you are able to help with this project, please contact the committee. The truck is for sale. It's a 1994 Mitsubishi Fuso, asking \$5000. Thanks for your work, men!

NEW CLAVINOVA PIANO TO TRAVEL SAFELY

The new Clavinova electronic piano purchased by the Board of Education will travel to V.S. and concert band competitions properly protected in a wonderful custom-designed protective case built by Allen Wilhelm of Toledo—Chris Baumgartner's grandfather. Thank you, Mr. Wilhelm!

HIGH SCHOOL BAND ELECTS OFFICERS

The Ada High School bands recently elected the following students as 2006-07 officers: Amanda Cribley, president; Garrett Oestreich, VP; Courtney Archer, Secretary and Hannah Lomax-Vogt, Treasurer. They will help manage operations of the organization and have already started planning many fun events for the benefit of their peers. Congrats officers!

O.M.E.A. DISTRICT 3 HONORS

Kudos to the young men and women of Ada's bands and choirs who were invited to audition for District 3 of the Ohio Music Education Association's honors band, choir and jazz band. They were: Caleb Agner (bass), Ethan Collins (bass), Progga Das (clarinet), Megan Elliott (alto), Hannah Gunn (soprano), Wes Houx (bass), Kim Howard (french horn), Trevor Kline (tenor), Hannah Lomax-Vogt (alto), Garrett Oestreich (alto saxophone), Samantha Raines (trumpet), Kinsey Ring (jazz band bass), Hope Risner (soprano), Doug Smittle (tenor), Ashley Wagner (alto) and Katilin Young (flute). Congrats to all! It is an honor to be invited to audition!

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CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT DEC. 18 ~ DONATIONS

It has been requested we announce the donations policy for the Christmas Choral Concert to be held in the Auditorium at 7:00 on 12/18. The only concert for which we "charge admission" is Spring Fever Follies in May. Other times throughout the year, such as this one, we'll "accept" donations at the door. We do so, as parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles often want to support the music program in a token way for the quality entertainment they've received. We look forward to seeing you at the concert!

YES, THAT'S AN OLD-FASHIONED UPRIGHT ACOUSTIC BASS

If you've seen the Varsity Singers lately, you've probably noticed the large upright acoustic bass being played during *Moondance*—it's being rented by Boosters through May. This is a difficult instrument to learn, but has been expertly mastered by highly-talented band member Kinsey Ring. Good job!

FESTIVAL OF TREES AT ADA DEPOT

The marching band will escort Santa to the Depot on Monday, Nov. 27. The choir sings at the Depot on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Please come support our students at the Festival of Trees, an annual project of the Ada Visiting Nurses and Hospice.



V.S. TO SING / WRAP AT LIMA MALL

The Varsity Singers will work at the Lima Mall on Wednesday, Dec. 13, earning money by staffing the Holiday gift-wrapping service. Parents will be needed to help gift wrap, especially from Noon-4:00. After 4:00, members of the Varsity Singers band and crew will gift wrap while the singer/dancers stroll throughout the mall singing carols and passing out flyers promoting the gift-wrapping service. Parents are needed to help with this project, which is a fund-raising effort for V.S.

STILL TIME TO BE LISTED AS A PATRON FOR 2006-07

Many thanks are extended to those who've joined Ada Music Boosters at a Patron level. Your support is invaluable as we attempt to meet the costs of running our music programs. There's still time to be listed as a Patron in the upcoming Christmas and other band/choir concerts throughout the year! Please send your check to treasurer Jennifer Fincher, 119 W Montford Ave.

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