

Ada Music Boosters News

Ada Music Boosters, Inc.

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Welcome Back!

Music programs doing well this fall; ways you can help.

Dave Smittle
Music Boosters President

Welcome back to a new school year! If your family's like ours, the question remains "Where'd the summer go?" Since your child's in one of our music groups, chances are they spent part of their summer at the school for either Marching Band or Varsity Singers camp (or, both?). So, if you've not yet had a chance to see the results of their hard work first-hand, you'll want to do so soon... I know the kids are getting fired up as the competition seasons quickly approach; they'll look forward to seeing you in the auditorium or the stands cheering them on! Come out and support our kids!

You might know Music Boosters just for the fund-raising sales we do. Yes, we financially support all of the instrumental and vocal programs at Ada, but we also cheer on our kids as they learn, perform, compete and excel using music as their medium. Your input and involvement is welcome and needed at all levels. How, you might ask? Join Music Boosters, then volunteer!

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Marching Band asks, "Hey, do you remember the 80's?"

Competition Show Nearing Completion; Practices Added

The summer started with Marching Band Camp! Music was learned evenings the week of July 10, with day-long drills the week of July 17. Two additional post-band camp days were held in August. All music has been learned; additional field maneuvers are coming!



Many thanks to Mr. Ruhlen, Miss Lehman and the college helpers who staffed the camp. Special thanks goes to Eileen Risser for coordinating lunches and the many parents who fed the kids during the full-days.

The band's been gaining confidence each week and continues to improve, but there's still more to be done! Mr. Ruhlen has announced the addition of Tuesday evening practices and cancellation of our participation in the Columbus Grove competition on Sept. 23.

Marching Band will have practices Tuesdays from 6-8:00 p.m. Participation in the Sept. 23 Columbus Grove show has been cancelled. Our first competition is now Oct. 14 at Meadowbrook, which is an overnight trip.

This year's show opens with *Grand Illusion* and *Renegade* by Styx; the ballad is *Open Arms* by Journey; closing with *You Give Love a Bad Name* by Bon Jovi and *Sweet Child of Mine* by Guns N' Roses. The band has 40 members. Upcoming events include: Harvest & Herb Festival parade on Sept 16, with a Noon concert performance; the Allen-East M.B.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Ada Music Boosters is a successful organization dedicated to supporting the numerous music programs of The Ada Exempted Village Schools. This happens through the continued involvement and assistance of our wonderful volunteers. We invite and encourage you to become involved! Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Band Room at 6:00 p.m. *No time for dinner beforehand? We simply order pizza to be delivered and split the cost.*

To help with Music Feast (our 29th annual show choir invitational, November 11, 2006), please contact Marcia Prater, 634-1435; m-prater@onu.edu. It should be noted this is a **major** event for our school and lasts from early morning until late at night. Every family in the music program will be asked to assist in some way. Many hands will make lighter work for all. Thanks for your consideration/assistance when you're called.

Parent Chaperones are needed for away football games (4 for each). Away games left are 9/22 at Bluffton and 10/13 at Allen-East. Please contact Barb Smith, 634-9453; smithv@peoplepc.com, or Shelly Benfield, 634-8170. Parents are also needed to chaperone marching band competitions; call Patty Cribley, 419-326-8681; pcribley@kentoncitieschools.org. And, it's not too early to start thinking about parent chaperones for late fall, winter and spring Varsity Singer competitions; call Betty Young, 634-8706; rbyoung@email.com. We help with Ada Bingo, held at the N-men's Club (near the depot) the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 5:45-9:00 p.m. Please contact Marcia Prater, 634-1435; m-prater@onu.edu. We're also looking for a new Bingo Coordinator and a Crew Leader to supervise volunteers (Marcia is moving up to manage the whole night, so we need someone to step into these positions!) Music parents also help work the Football Game Concession Stands; call Deb Hays, 634-7330. If you're a Past Ada V.S. Member, call Kim Smittle 634-1475 or Arlene Allison 634-1144 (smittlek@ada.k12.oh.us or allisona@ada.k12.oh.us) to help form a group of interested alumni. If you can help with Colorguard, see Annika Lehman, 634-0988, a-lehman.1@onu.edu. To serve on the new Fund-raising Committee, call Mike Raines, 634-0525, mrain@wcoil.com. And,

we're looking for a publicity chairperson to help submit articles for the local newspapers, promote music program events and other ways to keep the public informed of the many good things accomplished by our students. If you're interested, contact a booster officer. 🎵



Save Labels from "Our Family" Brand at Community Markets

Music Boosters are collecting labels from "Our Family" brand of products sold at Community Markets. We receive 5¢ when redeeming these. Simply save the UPC (bar-code) with the "Our Family" logo attached—cut the label so both are kept together, like shown below. Drop them off in the high school or elementary offices, bring to Booster meetings or give to any officer.



Green Sales Receipts and Tyson Chicken Project A+

We also collect green Community Market sales receipts and A+ points from Tyson chicken products. We get 1% of sales receipts and 24¢ per A+ point. Simply drop them off in the band or choir rooms. Thank you for supporting Ada music!



CONDOLENCES

We were saddened by the death of former band director Ron McVicker on July 15. Our thoughts are with his family. Memorial contributions to the Ronald R. McVicker Memorial Scholarship may be made to Ada Exempted Village Schools. This year's *People's Choice* award at Music Feast will be done in this memory.

PATRONS

We greatly appreciate the response so far to the annual Patron letter. They were mailed to everyone living in the school district. If you've not joined yet for 2006-07, please send your check to Jennifer Fincher, 119 W. Montford, Ada.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VARSITY SINGERS REHEARSALS

6-8:00 on Mon. 9/18, Wed. 9/27, Mon. 10/2, Wed. 10/11, Mon. 10/16, Thurs. 10/19, Mon. 10/23, Thurs. 10/26, Thurs. 11/2, Mon. 11/6, Wed. 11/8, Fri. 11/10, Thurs. 11/16, Mon. 11/27, Tues. 12/5, Mon. 12/11

COLUMBUS GROVE OMEA COMPETITION NIXED

9/23: This marching band competition has been cancelled. Mr. Ruhlen will be inviting students to sign up to go watch it. Parent volunteer drivers will be needed. The Revere H.S. competition on 10/7 has also been cancelled.

ONU HC; MEADOWBROOK H.S. OMEA COMPETITION

10/14: REPORT 9:15 A.M.; STEP-OFF IN ONU HOMECOMING PARADE 10:00 A.M. SEE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TIME FOR MEADOWBROOK COMPETITION... PROGRAM BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M. Near Cambridge; overnight trip, returning Sunday morning.

SWANTON H.S. OMEA COMPETITION

10/21: TIME TO REPORT/DEPART TBD. PROGRAM BEGINS 5:00 Toledo area; Parents—come out and support your band!

SENIOR NIGHT AND REHEARSAL UNDER THE LIGHTS

10/27: SENIOR RECOGNITION DURING L.C.C. GAME Parents, students, football players and coaches are invited to stay after to watch our competition show under the lights!

V.S. TO FINDLAY FALL FEST; KENTON; WEST CLERMONT

10/28: FINDLAY EXHIBITION AT CENTRAL J.H. AUDITORIUM
11/5: KENTON EXHIBITION AT MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
11/18: WEST CLERMONT (CINCINNATI) OUR 1ST COMPETITION!
Times TBA, watch school calendar. Parents—cheer us on!

MUSIC FEAST

11/10: ALL MUSIC STUDENTS TO SET-UP ALL DAY
11:11: ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS NEEDED 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT
This is a major event for us, but fun! Your help is essential!

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

Invitational the evening of Sept. 16; the Meadowbrook competition on Oct. 14; and, the Swanton competition on Oct. 21. Come out and support your Ada Bulldog Marching Band! The kids will appreciate it—more than you know. Come on, let's fill the stands with Ada fans!

Meet the A.H.S. Colorguard!

Seven new young ladies comprise the 2006-07 colorguard squad. They are again directed by Miss Annika Lehman, a 2003 A.H.S. graduate, who is in her junior year as an early childhood education major at Ohio Northern. A native of Summerville, SC, she moved to Ada during her junior year in high school. A percussionist by training, she marched one year carrying cymbals, with her last 3 years as a member of the colorguard. She's advised Ada's colorguard for two years.



This year's members are: freshmen Hannah Gunn and Katlin Ten Eyck; and, eighth-graders Diana Bollinger, Tiffani Decker, Brittany Holland, Sammi Ward and Torie Wright. All girls tried out in the spring, working as early as March and April on a routine.

They've continued their enthusiasm by working hard all summer learning the choreography written for them by the Captain of the ONU colorguard, Kristen Penewski. Advisor Annika Lehman said, "The girls are working hard and I feel the choreography is good this year."

New uniforms, ordered in July, should arrive soon. Cost was \$619; \$1000 was budgeted. They are eagerly awaited and are a one-piece jumpsuit-style outfit of purple and black with gold sequins. Until they arrive, the girls have been wearing their warm-ups.

Come out and show your support of the marching band and colorguard this fall! To the colorguard, we say, "Good work, ladies! – we appreciate the added color, flair and excitement you add to the band's show through your flag and dance routines." 🎵

KUDOS, TIDBITS, SHOUT-OUTS...

THIRD-QUARTER MARCHING BAND SNACKS AT AWAY GAMES

Thanks to Mike and Patti Raines for conveniently locating their truck/tent just outside the Spencerville & Grove games, offering tasty snacks and drinks. If you can help provide drinks or make food, please contact them at 634-0525. Or, there's talk of pizza/other warm food when it gets cold.

MR. RUHLEN'S NOT DEAD, BUT WAS A BIG HIT IN OK

Some families traveled to Jonathan Alder H.S. in Plain City to see Mr. Ruhlen in the Madison County Arts Council summer production of Oklahoma! He played Jud Fry, who dramatically dies in the show. His wife, Jennifer, was also in the show. Great job, Mr. and Mrs. Ruhlen!

V.S. AND CHOIR NUMBERS UP

Varsity Singers now numbers nearly 50, with 30 singers and dancers, plus band and crew! And, looks what's coming up... there are 105 in the junior high choir; 60 in H.S. choir! V.S. will be featured in the next issue!

COMMUNITY DONATIONS OF USED INSTRUMENTS

Several donations of used instruments have come in from members of the community. Thank you! Word is they've been put to good use!

V.S. CAR WASH NOT QUITE A WASH-OUT

Thanks to the Oestreich family for planning a car wash in Kenton over Labor Day weekend. Close to 30 cars were done by an enthusiastic group before the rain took over. This event helped V.S. members earn over \$260 which will be split among them and applied towards their fees.

ALL-HAIL, QUEEN AMANDA

Before the county band show was rained out, we cheered on our own Amanda Cribley as she was crowned Fair Queen! Good job, Amanda!

CHICKEN BBQ A SUCCESS

Many thanks to Marcia Prater for handling everything related to the Chicken BBQ before the first FB game. We easily sold over 300 meals.

5TH GRADE BAND – GREAT PARENT MEETING TURNOUT

Mrs. Wilson held a successful meeting 9/13 for fifth-graders interested in band. Over 30 students have expressed interest! Way to go 5th grade! We look forward to your involvement and enthusiasm for years to come!

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Fall fund-raiser began 9/12

Why another fund-raiser?

Your child should have already brought home materials for a Century Resources fund-raising sale which has already begun. This sale will be just food items: cheese, summer sausage, candy, cookie dough, etc. This sale was planned in conjunction with last years sale, with an emphasis on not continuing to sell some of the trinket-like "junk" which has been a cause for concern, i.e. high price for low quality.

We always get the question, "Why another fund-raiser?" Financially supporting our groups and enhancing programming is a key purpose of Music Boosters. We operate with an annual budget of almost \$30,000. Numerous fund-raising efforts have been necessary to meet our budget. However, a change in approach for future sales is currently being considered.

The Century Resources sale will go through Sept. 25. Delivery is scheduled Oct. 16-20. Money is to be collected after delivery and due to directors by Oct. 26! – Don't be late! Checks to be made payable to "Ada Music Boosters".

VP Mike Raines is chairing a new committee charged with evaluating options and recommending a course of action for future fund-raising efforts. The goal is to get away from numerous "lower price/profit" sales and plan fewer "higher-profit" solicitation efforts. The committee will meet over the fall and winter, with a goal of having plans for 2007-08 in place by spring. If you'd like to serve on the committee, please let us know a.s.a.p. 🎵

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