

Music Notes

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Thank you.

Dear Finneytown Music Parents and Friends,

Have you ever wondered what life would be like without music? Imagine watching a movie or TV program, going to a restaurant or store, attending a sporting event, religious service or party without the benefit of music to set the mood, create enthusiasm, entertain or inspire. Most people enjoy listening to music of some kind, even if they aren't interested in performing it themselves. It's important to keep the study of music alive so that these musical experiences can continue to happen through the generations.

Our Finneytown students are fortunate because every one of them has the opportunity to learn to perform and/or appreciate music through their school curriculum. Starting with learning the building blocks of music with **Ms. Rusinak** at Brent, through the opportunity to learn an instrument or sing in a choir with **Mr. Jones, Mr. Canter, Ms. Johnson, Mr. McKee** or **Mr. Kennedy** at Whitaker, to developing those skills in the middle school years, then performing advanced music in high school, our students get to explore a wide range of musical opportunities. Each experience builds on the next to culminate in the high quality performances for which Finneytown is known throughout the state.

FMPA exists to insure that our music teachers have the resources they need to provide this quality music education and make it accessible to all students. Thank you for your support in helping us to achieve that goal by attending our **Dinner Before the Show** event on March 2nd. With your help, we were able to raise approximately \$3,400 for music education in one fun evening! Another opportunity to support this effort is the **Faculty Scholarship Concert** coming up on April 19th. Our music teachers, alumni and friends will bring you an evening of music, from serious to silly, to entertain and raise funds for student scholarships. See the article on page 6 for more details.

I hope you enjoy this final edition of **Music Notes** for the 2011-2012 school year. I'm sure I will be seeing you around the PAC for concerts several more times before the year ends.




Happy Listening!

Penny

Penny Sauer
FMPA President

“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” – Berthold Auerbach

Inside Music Notes:

-  Details about the **Charity Concert** and upcoming **Faculty Scholarship Concert**
-  Thanks to **FMPA Member Honor Roll**
-  Bravo, Brava!, Music Department News and **Notes on your Calendar**

FMPA NEEDS YOU!

Picture yourself here!



Are you interested in serving on the 2012-2013 FMPA Executive Board? There are a few key positions open for next year. Meetings are on the second Monday of the month, August through June, at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the MP at the secondary campus. To find out more, please contact **Penny Sauer** at 521-8896 or bpsauer@fuse.net. We would love to have YOU join us!

The Treasurer position is open for the 2012-2013 school year. This is a very important job and a wonderful way to get involved with a great group of parents and staff. If you are interested in learning more, please contact **Cathy Zimmerly** at cathy.zimmerly@gmail.com. Even if you don't have Excel experience, you should consider this position. Cathy is willing to work very closely with you as you learn the ropes.

We are gathering parents to help with leadership for **Band Camp 2012**. We need help with:

- planning evening activities
- organizing snacks and meals
- planning senior special events and treats

If you would like to be a part of this awesome event or would like more information please contact **Jeff and Kellie Smoker** at ksmoker@cinci.rr.com or 519-5112.


Attention! Class of 2012 Parents

We are looking for three (3) photos of your senior through the years, these photos depict your students growing up from a baby picture to grade school years and finally the senior photo.

In addition we are looking for two (2) group photos of your student with a group of his/her friends.

Clearly label the photos with the student name. I will have 6x9 envelopes in **Barb Osborn's** office for each student to put their name on to keep photo organized for returning. If it is easier send photos to me at **Patty Kathman** 1043 Thornfield Lane Cincinnati, OH 45224 or put in my mailbox. I can even pick them up if needed. Any questions? Call 235-4282





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Job Well Done

With kids in Finneytown schools, one quickly becomes aware of what makes our community special. We are blessed with teachers who care about their students and administrators who do their best to provide the tools which enable teachers to be their best. Knowing that, it's natural for parents to do what they can to support those who are responsible for enriching our children's lives. This is why FMPA does what we do.

With another successful *Dinner and a Show* behind us, it's time once again to thank those who made it all possible.

As always, we are grateful to the **Finneytown LaRosa's** for their generosity in supplying the necessities (pasta, sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, plates, napkins and utensils). Our fundraiser wouldn't be as successful without their major donation each year. Thank you, as well, to **Joan Gordon** and **KAO Brands** for providing salad this year.

Many thanks to **Kay Oaks**, Food Service Coordinator, who had the steam tables ready and the water on the stove so the pot wranglers, **Dave Clausing, Bill McMahon and Dan Murphy**, could begin their job of preparing the pasta.

Veteran kitchen crew members **Bruno Carlsson, Emily Clausing, Kim Besserman, Julie Steimle, and Tony Gast** were right at home on the serving line, dishing up LaRosa's best. Several students were also of help this year. **Becky Clausing, Jenny Besserman, Alina Murphy, Jonas Carlsson and Conrad Murphy** did everything from setting up the salad bar and drink table to collecting trays as families were dining, to wheeling trash cans around to clear tables as folks finished eating.

Elementary music teacher, **Marya Rusinak** manned the salad bar which gave her a prime spot from which to enjoy all the talented musicians as they performed. Cold beverages were served by **Joan Gordon, Mary Jo** and **Kevin Berlon**, with emergency assistance from **Tina Wuorinen** and whoever else was around when needed. Thanks to **Cathy Zimmerly**, we were also able to provide hot coffee for the masses.

Once again our professional clean-up crew members, **Molly Davenport** and **Barb Hershey**, were on the job, making short work of restoring the kitchen to its original condition. **Brenda Dennis** volunteered for the dish room, even though she wasn't on the "official" kitchen crew roster. Many other folks stayed past their scheduled time to help clean up; my apologies if I've forgotten to mention you by name. I do appreciate all you do to help.

Every year I coordinate the kitchen for our fundraiser, I'm always amazed how people don't hesitate to step up to do what needs to be done, often times without being asked. Indeed, it takes a village to feed a village. How proud I am to be part of this caring village.

Thank you, all.
See you in the kitchen again next year!

Angela Murphy



Additional Thanks:

Marsha Grubbs would like to thank **Glenda Esslinger** and **Laurie Matzko** for helping dip up and serve the desserts. To all the people who brought desserts and two-liters, we give a heartfelt thanks. Yes, you bakers out there provided an outstanding finale for the spaghetti dinner, and many people commented on the wonderful selection of goodies. You are the best!!

Jane Kennedy and **Penny Sauer** thank the following people who helped with set-up and clean-up: **Jennie Baumgartner, Dave and Kay Bingham, Dawn Bouman, Dave and Emily Clausing, Dave Dennis, Leslie Gamble, Nancy Gamon, Joan Gordon, Jeff and Barb Hershey, Bart Sauer, Kellie Smoker, Claire Snyder, Lynne Steel** and **Tina Wourinen**.

Renee Keith expresses her gratitude to **Sue Burton** and **Kellie Smoker** for handling ticket sales at the door!

Thanks to the entertainment: **Jazz Band, Fusion, Whitaker Choirs, Whitaker Advanced Strings, Allie Towner, FMPA Jazz Ensemble, Brenda Hartman, Alumni; Rachel Sauer, Tim Ovia and Andrew Polter,**

And last but not least, thank you **Ric and Jenny Towner** for organizing the Bid-n-Buy.



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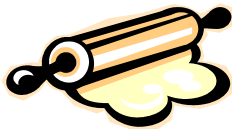
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Cash in your Dough before it's too late!

Cookie dough accounts are still open! Thanks to all who participated in the Fall cookie dough sale! Many of you earned "cookie dough" incentive money to put towards your musical expenses. Only 2 months remain to use your funds until the money will be turned back into the FMPA general account. This is a great way to pay money towards Band Camp, voice and instrument lessons, musical accessories, Solo and Ensemble fees, etc. Please contact **Cathy Zimmerly** at cathy.zimmerly@gmail.com **before May 21** in order to use your cookie "dough".



Charity Concert Success!

by **Phil Reinhart**

The bright students and knowledgeable teachers of the Finneytown Band have made many great accomplishments in the past years. Along with the band family's great success, they have found time to connect their music with service for their community.

On March 22nd, the Finneytown Band hosted a **Band Concert for Charity** to raise awareness and donations for **Valley Interfaith** and **The American Red Cross**. The concert not only featured the Finneytown band, but also two bands from **North Olmstead** who also collected donations in their hometown. The contributions to the charity event ranged from personal products and canned goods to monetary donations. A representative from Valley Interfaith attended the concert and expressed much appreciation for the donations to the local non-profit.

It is quite incredible how a high school program can find the time to accomplish as much as the Finneytown Band. The Band Concert for Charity brought two communities together to work for a common purpose, and it was an amazing event. The charity event collected about thirty full grocery bags of donations for Valley Interfaith and about eight-hundred dollars for The American Red Cross. The Finneytown community would not be the same without the Finneytown Band.

Sincere Thanks



By **Jason McKee**

I wanted to thank all of the amazing parents who helped make the trip a huge success. All of you were so flexible and helpful, and I appreciated everything that you did to make it a special experience for the students. The Chorale students had an amazing clinic with one of the Disney performers, and they gave a wonderful performance in the middle of Downtown Disney. Special thanks to my student teacher, **Mr. O'Neill**, for successfully ensuring that **Mrs. Hartman's** music didn't blow away! We were very fortunate to have parents of Finneytown alumni present in the audience, and the students were complimented by the Disney staff for their professionalism. They learned valuable lessons that will serve them well as adults in whichever field they choose to work. Thanks again to everyone for their support of an amazing Disney experience!

By **Marsha Grubbs**

Although the marching band season was long ago, we needed those uniforms for the parade down Mainstreet in the Magic Kingdom in February. **Cheryl Shrider** and I would like to thank the many people who helped before, during and after the trip. Many thanks to **Bruno Carlsson, Ruthann Schwartz, Tammy Barker, and Stefanie Inman** for all of your help packing the garment bags with the uniforms and shoes on the night before we left. To **Art and Ruthann Schwartz, Gary Huff, David Geiger, Cathy Zimmerly, and Glenda Esslinger**, thank you for all the unloading, distributing, and reloading of all the stuff that outfits each of our band members from head to toe. And to the many who helped unload when we returned to the school when all of you were anxious to get home or anxious to talk to your kids about the trip, we thank you for helping us put away all the uniforms. Mr. Canter made sure the band sounded great, but we all made sure they looked super, and they made us proud!

Rick Canter and **Jason McKee** thank the following chaperones for their support on the Disney trip:

Mary Barkocy, Kay Bingham, Carla Earlywine, Glenda Esslinger, Chris Evans, Karen Bramble, David Geiger, Marsha Grubbs, Brenda Hartman, Gary Huff, Jenny Jones, Lori Kleiman, Heidi Reeb, Art and RuthAnn Schwartz, Kellie Smoker, Chandra Ward, Sarah Woodson, Tanya Young, and Cathy Zimmerly

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Bravo, Brava!

OMEA District 14 Junior High Honor Choir
 Congratulations to the following participants:

Keir Adams
Maddie Baker
Molly Brown
Tess Enderle
Ian Esslinger
Alex Geiger
Katherine Germann
Mathieu Hall
To'Lisa Hinkston
Krista Lee
Jalynn Lunsford
Aidan Matzko
Jacob Stevens
Olivia Williams

OMEA District 14 Solo & Ensemble— Feb 2012
Tara Keller,
 Superior rating in Class A vocal solo

OMEA All-State Choir – Feb 2012
Abby Bolling
Philip Colegrove

OMEA District 14 JH/MS Honors Orchestra
 Congratulations to the following participants:

Keir Adams
Luke Brueggemeyer
Heather Gast
Stevan Rademann
Sam Rice

OMEA District 14 Orchestra Solo & Ensemble
Abby Bolling: Violin solo, Excellent Rating
Jeff Grogan: Violin solo, Superior Rating

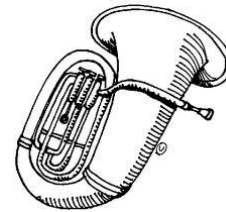
OMEA All-State Orchestra – Feb 2012
Kristi Cowan

Bravo, Brava!

OMEA District 14 HS Solo & Ensemble - Feb 11, 2012
 Congratulations to all of the students that participated in Solo & Ensemble contest on Saturday at Elder High School.

Kristina Cowan: Horn, Superior Rating in Class A
Kara Sauer: Horn, Superior Rating in Class A
Heather Gamble, Flute, Superior Rating in Class A
Janelle Bouman, Flute, Superior Rating in Class A
Colleen Sauer, Alto Sax, Excellent Rating in Class A
Maureen Hickey, Horn, Superior Rating in Class A
Cameron Owens, Marimba, Superior Rating in Class A
Benjamin Burton, Piano, Superior Rating in Class A
Alex Brown, Trumpet, Excellent Rating in Class A
Alina Murphy, Tenor Sax, Superior Rating in Class A
Noah Stump, Alto Sax, Good Rating in Class C
Eddie Reeb, Bassoon, Superior Rating in Class B
Sarah Fessler, Trombone, Superior Rating in Class B

Finneytown Horn Ensemble:
Cowan, Sauer, Inman, Hickey; Superior Rating in Class B
 Finneytown Flute Trio:
Zimmerer, Bouman, Gamble; Superior Rating in Class A



Congratulations to **Ken Bouman!** In addition to an academic scholarship, Valparaiso University has awarded Ken the Forte Music Scholarship for tuba performance. This scholarship, given to music majors and non-majors who "will make an immediate impact upon the musical life" at Valparaiso, is for \$20,000 (\$5,000/year). Ken plans to study Engineering at Valparaiso and has also been admitted into Christ College, the honors program in humanities. Valparaiso University is a Lutheran university located in northwestern Indiana, one hour from Chicago.

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New Kroger Card Earnings Program

By **Kim Fain**

Kroger is ending their fixed-rate Kroger Card reward program as of April 30th. In its place, Kroger is introducing a new program beginning May 1st that will track spending by using your Kroger Plus Card where proceeds will be determined according to what other groups are spending.

Thanks to our record-keeping, Finneytown Secondary PTA is very confident that we can continue this tradition of using the new Kroger Plus card program to raise funds for band camp, school trips as well as PTA while also supporting the entire school community. Be assured that PTA will continue to accrue funds with the current cards until April 30th. Anything loaded after April 30 will not go toward your current account!! You only have until April 30 to load funds and earn the 4%.

Although we are unable to determine exactly what the earnings will be after May 1st for individual families since the fixed rate no longer applies, we hope that you will continue supporting PTA by signing up when the times comes. After we have completed the application process, we will notify the entire school community about the new procedure and specific details which will require a simple online sign up directly through Kroger Plus. No more purchasing and reloading your cards!! All that is required is a simple designation of "Finneytown Secondary PTA" as the recipient. We will also streamline the process as we have done in the past by providing a form to complete quarterly statements to designate trip, camp, or both.

We will keep you apprised of this new process and notify you when the registration is complete and you can begin registering your plus cards. If you have any questions about your current card and balance, please direct them to **Kim Fain**. If you have any questions about the new Kroger Plus-Community Rewards program, please direct your questions to **Tony Gast** or **Donna Saul** after April 30th.



Don't Miss the...

Faculty Scholarship Concert

Thursday, April 19, 2012

7:00 pm

Performing Arts Center

Featuring:

Richard Canter, Brenda Hartman,

Heidi Johnson, Steve Jones,

Michael Kennedy, Jason McKee

and Marya Rusinak

With special guests:

student teachers, alumni, parents and friends

Admission:

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\$5 – Students and Seniors

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Alumni Conductors Club

Bill and Elise Fessler for Maddy Fessler
 Joe and Kelley Hickey for Monica & Molly Hickey
 Mike and Donna Saul for Erin Saul
 Emily Ehrle

Finneytown Alumni who join FMPA at the basic membership level or higher become members of the Alumni Conductors Club.

Harp Fund

Bill and Elise Fessler

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Brian and Alison Baty in memory of Rebecca Archambeault
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 Rick and Kimberly Payne in memory of Richard Payne I
 Bart and Penny Sauer in memory of Jewel and Louise Vidito
 Brian and Vickie Stump in memory of Myrtle Barto
 Cathy Zimmerly & Seth Rensberger, in memory of Miles (Mick) Michaelson
 Anonymous donation in memory of Rebecca Archambeault

Finneytown Music Parents' Association wishes to thank all who give financial support to FMPA through their membership dollars. To become a member (or to give the gift of FMPA Membership—including a year's subscription to **Music Notes**) please send your membership form to **FMPA Membership Chair Angela Murphy**, 8413 Sunrise Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231, or contact her at 522-1120, or email a.murphy720@gmail.com. FMPA is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization, which means that all contributions are tax deductible to the extent that nothing of tangible value has been received in return. Your cancelled check is your receipt, but if you need an additional receipt for tax purposes, Angela Murphy will be happy to provide it. The **FMPA Honor Roll** reflects contributions received through March 2012.

Finneytown Music Parents' Association

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As of March 23, 2012

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| Apr 2-6 No School – Spring Break | Jun 1 Summer Break Begins |
| Apr 9 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p | Jun 11 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p |
| Apr 21 OMEA District 14 JrHi Solo & Ensemble | Jul 23-27 Band Camp |
| Apr 28 Prom and After Prom | Aug 13 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p |
| May 4-5 OMEA State Band and Choir Contest | Aug 21 First Day for Grade 1-6, 7&9 |
| May 8 Choral Festival 7:00p | Aug 22 First Day for Grade 8,10,11,12 |
| May 10 Whitaker Choral Concert 7:00p | Aug 24 First Day for Kindergarten |
| May 14 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p | |
| May 15 Band Festival 7:00p | |
| May 16 Early Release | |
| May 17 Orchestra Festival 7:00p | |
| May 18-19 OMEA District 14 Jr. Hi Band, Choir, Orchestra | |
| May 28 No School – Memorial Day | |
| May 31 Last Day of School | |
| May 31 Graduation 7:00p | |

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Also visit the school website:
www.finneytown.org

*FMPA meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm in the Secondary Campus Teacher's Lunch room next to the cafeteria. All FMPA members are encouraged to attend.

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