



# Music Notes



Finneytown Music Parents' Association Newsletter

Summer 2010

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Dear Finneytown School Community,

**Welcome to the first edition of *Music Notes*** for the 2010-2011 school year. It's the place to find out what has been happening and what is planned for the world of music in the Finneytown Schools. If you happen to be new to our district or to the secondary campus, I'd like to take a moment to tell you what the **Finneytown Music Parents' Association** is all about. Perhaps our Statement of Purpose says it best:

**The Finneytown Music Parents Association has been supporting excellence in music education in our school district for over 30 years. Keeping great music programs accessible to all of our students is a key to making a Finneytown education special. Music is important in a well-rounded education for all students and FMPA's core purpose is to provide the resources and support that our staff and students need to continually improve music education in our schools. We also think music education should be a lot of FUN!**

Through membership money and fundraising efforts, FMPA raises approximately \$25,000 each year to be used by our music staff for music, curriculum, contest fees, uniforms, instruments and other equipment, student scholarships and more. In addition, many FMPA members choose to volunteer their time as board members, chaperones, and helpers in many other ways at concerts, contests and special events.

Speaking of the FMPA Executive Board, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome **Colleen Grogan** back to the board, this time as our Membership Chairperson, and also welcome **Bill Fessler**, who will be overseeing our website. Also, deepest thanks go to outgoing board members **Jane Kennedy** and **Claire Snyder** for their valuable contributions and service.

We are very proud of our music programs here in Finneytown. We have been blessed with excellent teachers, and have enjoyed much success for our students. We eagerly look forward to seeing how this year's students will add to that tradition. Your membership in FMPA is essential in our ability to continue investing in the quality of music education that our students deserve. An FMPA membership form is included in this mailing. Won't you join us?

Best wishes for a wonderful school year,

*Penny*

Penny Sauer, FMPA President

## Inside Music Notes:



Marching Wildcats present halftime show ***From Darkness into Light***  
**2010 Finneytown Music Awards**  
 Music Department News and ***Notes on your Calendar***

♪ ..ever true to red and blue.. ♪



*"Nobody likes to practice, but what's worse: Practice or (doing poorly) at something?... Oh, give me a (bleeping) break, practicing is not worse than (doing poorly)."*

From *(Stuff) My Dad Says*  
 by Justin Halpern

### Apply for FMPA Student Scholarships

Thinking about private music lessons? September 15 is the last day to apply for an FMPA scholarship until next January. The application form is available on FMPA's page on the school website: [www.finneytown.org](http://www.finneytown.org). Application deadlines are:

- Fall: September 15
- Winter/Spring: January 22
- Summer: May 10.

### Let Them Eat Cookies

We tried some other recipes, but the FMPA Board voted unanimously that **Savory Sweets** is the best! FMPA kicks off its cookie dough/popcorn sale October 1. Please support this important fundraiser. It's still just \$10 a tub and half of the money we collect goes to our music program. The cookie orders arrive at school for distribution November 17—in plenty of time for holiday noshing.

### Choirs Superb at State!

Finneytown's **Chorale** and **Select Women's Chorus** received overall Superior ratings at the OMEA State Adjudicated Event on April 30th! Chorale, competing in Class AA, received straight Superior ratings on the floor and sight-read an incredibly difficult piece; Women's Chorus improved tremendously in sight-reading.

**Contact Us** (but let us have our family life too). Do you need to talk to a teacher after school hours? Our music teachers request that, rather than calling, you contact them via email, and leave a phone number where they can call you back. We know the pattern: First initial and last name @Finneytown.org.

### What we did on our vacation

Our Marching Wildcats spent an intense week of drills, sectionals, and rehearsals July 26-30 at Band Camp at the Secondary Campus. HS Band VP **Dawn Miklavcic** and many helpers organized meals and evening activities. The band presented a sneak preview of their new show **From Darkness into Light** Friday July 30 at McNulty Stadium to an enthusiastic crowd of parents, alumni, siblings and friends. See the show at the first home games, August 13 and 20!

### Working the Chops

An impressive 148 students signed up for summer music lessons this past summer!

### What vacation?

**Mr. McKee** took summer classes at **Miami University** toward his Masters degree, then instructed pit percussion for band camp, all while helping **Mrs. McKee** keep baby **Austin** on a sleep schedule.

### Off the Deep End

About 45 students from Wyoming, Winton Woods and Finneytown High School performed the song "YMCA" at the **Powel Crosley YMCA** on Saturday, as part of the grand opening of their new aquatic center. Over 250 people and band members filled the pool (without water in it) to dance, play and sign the YMCA in an attempt to break a new Guinness World Record.

### Faculty Scholarship Recital

Finneytown music faculty & friends will present a benefit concert for the music scholarship fund as they have for the past few years. Rather than a fall date, this year's benefit will be in April.



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# 2010 Finneytown Music Awards

May 16, 2010 7pm, PAC

2010 Finneytown Musicians of the Year **Molly Hickey**  
**Andrew Polter**

FMPA Memorial Scholarship **Rick Payne III**

2010 All-State Orchestra Participant **Zack Stump**

2010 All-State Choir Participant **Timothy Ovia**  
**Danielle Chatman**

## 2010 Finneytown High School Choral Awards

National School Choral Award **Hillary Amann**  
2009 FHS Choir Esprit de Corps **Linden McGuffey**

## 2010 Finneytown HS Orchestra Award

National School Orchestra Award **Nikki Towner**

## 2010 Finneytown HS Band Awards

John Philip Sousa Award **Rick Payne III**  
Semper Fidelis Band Award **Sarah Baker**  
Alan Huhn Spirit Award **Haley Cator**

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award **Hillary Amann**  
Marchers of the Year **Andrew Polter**  
**Molly Hickey, Kelly Lutz**

# 2010 Middle School Directors Awards

Middle School Band **Kristina Cowan**  
**Brad Steimle**

Middle School Orchestra **Morrelia Allen**  
**Kelsey Blauser**

Middle School Choir **Colleen Sauer**  
**Dallas Howard**

The following **FMPA Board members** were recognized for their service to the Finneytown Music Parents' Association, as some retire from the board and others move into a new position.

**Claire Snyder**  
**Kim Fain**  
**Kelley Hickey**  
**Dawn McLavcic**  
**Jane Kennedy**



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**TO DO LIST:**

- Join FMPA, or Renew my FMPA membership
- Explore [www.finneytown.org](http://www.finneytown.org) for all kinds of school news and calendar info.
- See whether my students concert clothes still fit (white shirt or top, black shoes, longish black skirt or pants)
- Write check to FMPA. & fill out my membership form
- APPLY for FMPA lesson scholarship by Sept. 15.
- make sure band or orchestral instrument has all its necessary parts, still fits me, and is in good condition.
- Mail my FMPA membership form!

*Coming to your mail box  
in the October issue of **Music Notes***

- 🎵 F.A.Q.'s about Attending Concerts, Concert Etiquette, and Performance Attire
- 🎵 **Bravo Brava!** Tell us what your child is doing in the performing arts outside of school, and we will tell Finneytown! Our readers' input is welcome and encouraged.
- 🎵 FMPA Membership Honor Roll (Join FMPA and see your name in print!)
- 🎵 Notes about Holiday Concerts & more!

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**🎵 Notes on Your Calendar 🎵**

As of August 6, 2010

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| <p>Aug 9: <b>FMPA Meeting*</b></p> <p>Aug 9: Band Post-Camp every M, W &amp; Th until school starts</p> <p>Aug 13: Football (H) 7pm</p> <p>Aug 17-18: Sec. Campus Schedule Pickup</p> <p>Aug 19: Brent Celebration</p> <p>Aug 20: Football (H) 7pm</p> <p>Aug 23: Whitaker Celebration</p> <p>Aug 24: 1st Day of School Gr 1-7 and 9 (staggered start days at Whitaker)</p> <p>Aug 25: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Gr 8, 10, 11, 12</p> <p>Aug 27: Football (A) 7:30</p> <p>Sep 3: Football (H) 7pm</p> <p>Sep 6: NO SCHOOL Labor Day</p> <p>Sep 7: Fall Theatre Auditions 3:30</p> <p>Sep 10: Football (H) 7:30</p> <p>Sep 13: <b>FMPA Meeting*</b></p> <p>Sep 15: Early Release for Secondary Campus 1:05 and Whitaker 1:35</p> <p>Sep 17: Football (A) 7:30</p> | <p>Sep 18: Tipp City Band Contest</p> <p>Sep 24: Football (A) 7:30</p> <p>Sep 30: <i>Homecoming Parade</i> 6:30</p> <p>Oct 1: Savory Sweets Sale Kickoff<br/>Football (H) 7:30 <b>Homecoming</b></p> <p>Oct 8: Football (H) 7:30</p> <p>Oct 9: Harrison Band Contest</p> <p>Oct 11: <b>FMPA Meeting*</b></p> <p>Oct 13: Early Release</p> <p>Oct 15: Football (A) 7:30</p> <p>Oct 16: Hamilton Band Contest</p> <p>Oct 21: <b>HS Choral Concert,**</b></p> <p>Oct 22: NO SCHOOL. Football (H) 7:30</p> <p>Oct 23: Forest Hills Band Contest</p> <p>Oct 29: Football (A) 7:30<br/>(STATE MARCHING BAND FINALS TBA)</p> <p>Nov 8: <b>FMPA Meeting*</b></p> <p>Nov 12-13: Theatre Production, PAC</p> | <p>Nov 17: Savory Sweets order pickup <i>and</i> Early Release</p> <p>Nov 18: Elem. Instrumental Concert 7pm</p> <p><i>Looking ahead.</i> The OMEA conference &amp; All-State ensembles are in Cincinnati January 27-29, 2011.</p> <p><b>www.finneytown.org</b><br/>Please visit Finneytown's official website for school information and links to several other sites of interest, or go directly to one of the following:</p> <p><b>www.finneytownfmpa.org</b><br/>to visit a newly designed FMPA site!</p> <p><b>http://finneytown.intand.com</b><br/>See the new online school calendar and link it to your own electronic calendar for news, events and updates.</p> <p>*FMPA meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm in the Secondary Campus Media Center. All FMPA members are encouraged to attend.</p> |
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