

Music Notes

Finneytown Music Parents' Association Newsletter

Summer 2011

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 Thank you.

Dear Finneytown School Community,

Welcome to the first edition of *Music Notes* for the 2011-2012 school year. This is the official publication of the Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPA), and the place to find out what has been happening and what is planned for the world of music in the Finneytown Schools. If you are un-familiar with FMPA, I would encourage you to read the description on page 4 to learn more. Please especially note the comparison of the cost for a family to attend all the concerts in a year versus the \$25 per year cost of an FMPA membership. I think you will find that the small price difference is well worth it when you consider the things that your membership dollars help provide for your student's music education. For some families, it may even be a savings!

Our members are very proud of the fine music programs that we have here in Finneytown, and pleased to be able to support those programs on behalf of the students. The association's executive board is composed of the terrific group of people that you see listed to the left. Any one of them would be happy to speak with you further if you have any questions regarding FMPA. Also, please check out our website at www.finneytownfmpa.org. A membership form is enclosed in this mailing, and we will be available at the school open houses to take your memberships and answer questions.

Speaking of our executive board, I would like to take this time give a big THANK YOU to a few board members who are stepping down after several years of service to FMPA. They are **Kelley Hickey, Kim Kidd, Dawn Miklavcic, Jane Elliott and Dawn Gast**. All of these folks have played important roles in the success of our efforts in past years. A few are moving on because their youngest child has graduated, but others, I am happy to say, we will still be seeing at concerts, contests, etc. I also want to extend a warm welcome the following new members of the board: **Kellie and Jeff Smoker, Glenda Esslinger, Lori Kleiman, Joan Gordon, Lisa Lennon and Marsha Grubbs**. This group brings with them an enthusiasm and dedication that I know will serve us well in the coming year.

I hope you are as excited as I am to see what this year will hold for our music students in Finneytown. I look forward to seeing all of you at the football stadium, PAC, contest sites and wherever our students take their music in the months to come.

Best wishes for a wonderful school year,

Penny

Penny Sauer, FMPA President

Inside Music Notes:



Exciting details about the 2011 Marching Band's show *The Colors of Jazz*



Thanks to last year's **FMPA Member Honor Roll** and a membership form to join or renew your membership



Bravo, Brava!, Music Department News and **Notes on your Calendar**

A jazz musician is a juggler who uses harmonies instead of oranges. ~Benny Green

FHS 2011 Marching Band presents The Colors of Jazz

The show is titled "The Colors of Jazz", featuring the colors: RED for Latin Jazz, BLUE based on Ella Fitzgerald's "Black Coffee" with influences from Michael Bublé and Adele, GREEN and YELLOW for Dixieland and Mardi Gras featuring a Dixieland combo with a banjo. The final selection is a reprise of the RED which brings everything together to end the show.

The Drumline is led this year by **John Marque** and the Pit is led by **Lisa Pietrangelo**. Other percussion staff include **Jacob Mayer, Andy Hartman, and Andrew Young** (all three Finneytown Drumline Alumni).



The Color Guard is again being led by the amazing **Doug Davis** and our body tech **Amy Burgess** (who is also Rosie Red for all you Reds fans!). **Becky Stegman**, Finneytown Alum is helping out as well.

We are also happy to have a new Woodwind Tech, **Zack Stump** a recent Finneytown Band Alumni. **Adam Depew** will be our Brass Tech. Adam was Mr. Canter's student teacher this past spring and recently graduated from Miami University. **Sarah Woodson** will again be helping in a variety of roles throughout the season.

Both **Mr. Canter** and **Mr. Kennedy** are very excited about the potential for this year's marching band season. We have incredible leaders, talented band members and much progress was made during Band Camp.

Also notable is that the marching band has new uniforms and they will be looking sharper than ever. Join us for an exciting and dynamic season of marching band.

Harry Potter and the Prisoners of Azka-Band Camp

By **Jeff** and **Kellie Smoker**, FMPA VPs for HS Band

Band Camp 2011 is over and we are anxiously anticipating the beginning of the Marching band season. The first event will be at the football game on August 26th. It will be exciting to see all of the hard work pay off as they perform the show, *The Colors of Jazz*. We had an awesome week at band camp with all **131** students. The theme for this year's band camp was based on the Harry Potter series. We broke the band up into six houses to compete for the "house cup" which was awarded on Friday. We had various competitions throughout the week that allowed the houses to earn points. There was a scavenger hunt, capture the flag, battle of the houses, and fugitive just to name a few of the activities in which they participated. We also had a senior night at Newport on the Levy including a reception before and a special mode of transportation (thanks to **Cheryl Shrider** and her committee). On Thursday we invaded Brentwood Swim club for a night of swimming, sundaes and YUK-YUKS. The week ended Friday night with a wonderful preview of the show performed in front of all our awesome band parents!

Jeff and I realized this week just what a great community we live in and how special this band family is. We really were not sure what to expect when we started the week, but by the end of the week we were overwhelmed with the support that our band families provided! Thanks to all the cooks and bakers who donated all the yummy treats and dishes for Monday and Thursday. Because of the donations we were able to stay under our budget for the week and still have great meals and fun activities for the students. We also owe a special thanks to all our chaperones that gave countless hours to help during the week. **Carolyn Gifreda, Lillie Healy, Pam Taylor, Sue and Dan Burton, Karen Bramble, Glenda and Todd Esslinger, Penny Sauer, Ann Auffrey, Nancy and Keith Brown, Cathy Zimmerly, Janet Leal, Dawn and Brandon Fink, Kay and Dave Bingham, Rhonda Closson, Barb and Jeff Hershey, Emily Clausing, Steve and Colleen Jacobs, Dawn Bouman, Claire and Dave Snyder, Kim Besserman, Lisa Siegel, Donna Saul, Judy Oakman, Dave and Carla Earlywine, Cindy Heath, Jana Brueggemeyer, Linda and Bruno Carlsson, Lori Kleiman, Chris and Mark Evans, Leslie Gamble, Lynne and Scott Steel, and Jeff Purvis**. Special thanks also to my "right hand woman" who was with me every day from 8-4, **Trevor Dees!** **Cheryl Shrider** also played a huge role in camp and made sure all the seniors felt special with either treats or gifts every day! Thanks to **Jenny Jones** too, who was the chaperone coordinator and made my life so much easier with her great organizational skills. Last but not least many thanks to **Rick Canter** who makes this all happen. Our students are truly blessed to have such an awesome band director!



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The Cookies are Coming!

By Ric and Jenny Towner



FMPA will again sponsor its popular **Savory Sweets Cookie Dough** fall fundraiser. This is our 6th year with Savory Sweets and the cookie dough and popcorn have proven to be popular items that are easy to sell. The fall sale is our only student fundraiser of the year and generates over 50% of the money that the FMPA invests in uniforms, instruments, sheet music, drill writing and music education scholarships annually. We're counting on this year's students to sell over 3,000 tubs of cookie dough and popcorn and to raise over \$14,000 for music education in Finneytown! Students will have the opportunity to win top-seller prizes as well as earn money for their own personal music education accounts for sales over 20 items. If you have any questions about this year's sale and/or would like to volunteer as part of the fundraiser team, please contact Penny Sauer or Jenny Towner. Sale dates are **Oct. 7th – Oct. 24th**, with product delivery on **Nov. 17th**. Watch for more information coming home with the students in early October.

2011 Finneytown Music Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following music students who received recognition and/or awards at the annual Music Awards Ceremony held on May 22nd in the PAC.

2011 Finneytown Musicians of the Year **Tim Ovia**
Zack Stump

2011 All-State Band Participants **Alina Murphy**
Zack Stump

2011 All-State Choir Participants **Danielle Chatman**
Tim Ovia
Kody Sexton

2011 Finneytown High School Choral Awards

National School Choral Award **Tim Ovia**
Esprit de Corps Award **Rachel Sauer**

2011 Finneytown High School Orchestra Awards

National School Orchestra Award **Tim Ovia**

2011 Finneytown High School Band Awards

John Philip Sousa Award **Zack Stump**
Semper Fidelis Band Award **Rachel Sauer**
Alan Huhn Spirit Award **Jessica Hadley**
Matthew Miklavcic
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award **Eric Mizelle**
Marchers of the Year **Eric Mizelle**
Rachel Sauer

2011 Finneytown Middle School Directors Awards

Band **Janelle Bouman**
Heather Gamble
Charlie Payne
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2011 FMPA Senior Scholarships **Tim Ovia**
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What is the Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPA)?

We are a group of parents, relatives and friends of music students in the Finneytown Local School District, as well as alumni, who recognize the importance of opportunities for the study and performance of music in our schools and desire to support it. The activities of the organization are overseen by an executive board, made up of parents and music teachers, which meets monthly. All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

We help fund:

- Music, supplies, equipment and instruments for all band, choir, orchestra and elementary music groups in the district
- Uniforms
- Contest fees
- Student Awards
- Scholarships for private lessons, All-State ensemble participants and college scholarships for teacher-selected graduating seniors planning to major in music

We volunteer:

- As chaperones for band camp, concerts, contests and trips
- With food donations for meals and special celebrations for students
- Our time and energy toward fundraising efforts
- As audience members and "cheerleaders" for the students in all the performing ensembles
- As hosts to outside groups who may come to our school, such as the Charity Band Festival and the Boston String Quartet

We sponsor:

- The only student fundraiser of the year, the Fall Cookie Dough Sale
- Light up Finneytown
- The "Dinner Before the Show" Spaghetti Dinner and Bid-n-Buy
- The Faculty Scholarship Recital

We inform:

- Through our newsletter, *Music Notes*
- Through our website, www.finneytownfmpa.org
- Through various opportunities to advocate for the importance of music programs in our schools

Every member is important!

- Memberships make up approximately one-fourth of our annual budget
- Membership dollars directly benefit your son/daughter's music experience
- A strong membership shows strong support of the importance of music in our schools to the school district, administration and community
- Annual family memberships are only \$25, and include free admission to all concerts! A non-member family of two adults and one non-performing student will pay a total of \$15 at the door to attend all three concerts of the year for one performing group (\$30 if their child is in two groups!). For \$25, that same family doesn't have the hassle of paying each time at the door, and helps provide their music student with needed things to have a successful year of music at school.
- You don't **have** to volunteer your time to be a member. Many members want to volunteer for certain events, and we welcome that, but this aspect of the organization is optional. Just by sending in your membership fee, you are supporting our music programs in an important way.

Items which have recently been purchased, all or in part, by FMPA funds:

- New uniforms for our marching band
- Several student-model string instruments and recorders for use by elementary students
- A baby grand piano for use during concerts in the PAC

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Bravo, Brava!

Finneytown Theater Awards 2011

Congratulations go out to the following talented actors and actresses.

Outstanding Actress in a Musical

Katie Connell

Outstanding Actor in a Musical

Zack Stump

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical

Hannah Heath

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical

Tim Ovia

Outstanding Designer

Adam Crowell

Outstanding Technician

Matt Miklavcic

Outstanding Actor in a Drama or Comedy

Phillip Colegrove

Outstanding Actress in a Drama or Comedy

Caroline Michaelson

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama or Comedy

Colleen Sauer

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama or Comedy

Ben Burton

Outstanding Walk on Performance

Becca Huff

Lauren Wade



DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

By **Shawn Maus**

The fall show will be "*Larceny and Old Lace*". Audiences of all ages will love this clever and well-crafted spoof of the theatre classic "Arsenic and Old Lace!" Harold Peabody's sweet aunts, Millie and Gertie, are gambling in Las Vegas while Harold stays at their home to watch over his eccentric Uncle Charlie, who thinks he is a pirate and is constantly "burying treasure" in the basement. When Harold hears the local bank has been robbed and then discovers a bag of money in the house, he declares that Charlie has buried his last treasure and decides he must go to a home for senior citizens. When Harold's jailbird cousin Mordred shows up with his own bundle of money and the FBI hot on his heels, the pandemonium multiplies. Join the madness as Harold attempts to keep his aunts out of jail, Mordred from killing them all, his fiancée from walking out on him and himself from going insane!

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, September 14 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. We're looking to encourage middle school students to join the cast and crew. We realize there is a tremendous group of talented actors and crew members coming here from the Whitaker Drama Club. We encourage them to join the fun at the Secondary Campus Theater group. We need 16 actors for the show. We're looking for crew members also. There will be details on the Finneytown website and attachments for the audition process are posted on the Finneytown online calendar (<http://finneytown.tandemcal.com/index.php?type=view&action=event&id=5438>)

Welcome to New Thespian members:

Michael Osterwisch, Joseph Brueggemeyer, Eddie Reeb, Maddy Fessler, Becca Huff, Colleen Sauer, Kara Sauer, Jeffrey Grogan, Thomas Steel, Will Young and Tess Healy.

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Color Guard News

By **Doug Davis**, Color Guard Advisor

Since early March, the Wildcat Color Guard has been busy preparing for the 2011-2012 marching season. On the practice field, the kids are learning to march, dance and to spin equipment. This season will prove to be challenging for our members. The complex nature of the drill when combined with the challenging equipment work and body movement will continue to drive this color guard program to new levels. The visual contributions from this year's color guard will complement the band's overall general effect beautifully.

The 2011-2012 edition of the Finneytown Color Guard is a growing in membership and takes the field with a cast of 15 members, 9 of whom are completely new to the color guard activity. This year's guard staff welcomes FHS Alumni, **Becky Stegman**, who is working as an equipment technician. Becky brings a big smile and practical working knowledge of the activity which make her a valued member of the staff. **Amy Burgess** is returning this year as body/movement technician. Amy's fresh design style allows the dance sections to be new and contemporary while maintaining the spirit of the musical style in each section of the show.

On a personal note, wow...what an opening to the season! While the guard is young this season, they came into band camp this year having already learned the equipment and body work for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th movements of the show. The group worked to polish and memorize these sections while learning the 1st movement at camp. The members are driven this season and it shows. They accept the challenges presented with a strong drive to succeed. I want to thank all the students, parents, staff and, of course, **Mr. Canter** for making this, my 3rd official season, truly a wonderful experience. Every season I am inspired by the students & amazing staff, as well as the parents who lend their support to me and this wonderful program. The Wildcat Color Guard looks forward to building lasting memories, working to achieve group accomplishments and celebrating personal successes with the Finneytown Marching Wildcats during the 2011-2012 season.



Used Musical Instruments

Do you have, or know of someone who has, an instrument sitting unused in a closet somewhere? That same instrument could be making a Finneytown student very happy! Our Music Department is seeking used instrument donations so that they can provide the opportunity for more students to participate in band or orchestra. If you can donate a **woodwind, brass or percussion instrument**, please contact **Rick Canter** at rcanter@finneytown.org. To donate a **stringed instrument**, contact **Heidi Johnson** at hjohnson@finneytown.org.


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Bart and Penny Sauer in memory of Jewel and Louise Vidito

Vickie Stump in memory of Myrtle Barto

Cathy Zimmerly & Seth Rensberger, in memory of Miles (Mick) Michaelson

Finneytown Music Parents' Association wishes to thank all who gave 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 contact **FMPA Membership Chair Angela Murphy**, 8413 Sunrise Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231, 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 throughout the 2010-2011 calendar year, please consider joining this coming year!

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To the Family of:

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♪♪ Notes on Your Calendar ♪♪

As of August 2, 2011

Aug 24: 1st Day of School for 1-6, 7&9

Aug 25: 1st Day of School for 8,10,11,12

Aug 26: Varsity Football (H) 7:30

Sep 3: Varsity Football (A) 7:30

Sep 5: NO SCHOOL.

Sep 9: Varsity Football (A) 7:30

Sep 12: **FMPA Meeting ***

Sep 16: Varsity Football (H) 7:30

Sep 17: Tipp City Band Invitational 4:00

Sep 22: Homecoming Parade

Sep 23: Homecoming Football Game 7:30

Sep 24: Homecoming Dance 8:00

Sep 30: Varsity Football (A) 7:30

Oct 1: Lockland Band Invitational 11:00

Oct 7: Varsity Football (H) 7:30

Oct 8: Harrison Band Invitational 5:00

Oct 10: **FMPA Meeting ***

Oct 14: Varsity Football (A) 7:30

Oct 15: Forest Hills Band Invitational 2:00

Oct 21: NO SCHOOL. Varsity Football (H) 7:30

Oct 28: Varsity Football (A) 7:30

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*FMPA meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm in the Secondary Campus Media Center. All FMPA members are encouraged to attend.

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