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Finneytown Music Parents' Association Newsletter

Summer 2012

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Dear Finneytown School Families,

It has been several months since you received your last copy of *Music Notes*, so what's new? Well, in regard to the music department, there is A LOT that is new! I would like to welcome our new **Director of Choruses, Beth Hofferber**, our new **Director of Bands, Carl Philipot**, and our new **Assistant Director of Bands, Aimee Collins** to Finneytown. They bring with them a lot of experience and enthusiasm, and we are so excited that they are here. You may read more about them on page 3.

The Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPA) also welcomes the following new members to our Executive Board for 2012-2013: **Heidi Reeb, Sharon Figgs, Jennifer Schmidt, Laurie Matzko** and **Dan Deitsch**. They join thirteen other returning board members, as well as our music teachers, to make up the core group of people who run the day-to-day business of the organization. Our membership-at-large is over 100 families strong, and they support music through their membership dollars and volunteer efforts. All members are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, which occur on the second Monday of the month in the MP conference room. Many, many thanks are due to outgoing board members **Ric and Jenny Towner, Cathy Zimmerly, Cheryl Shrider, Lori Kleiman and Joan Gordon**. All of these people have made a significant contribution to our music groups, some of them as members of the board for several years.

Also new this year is the option to join FMPA online! Please go to the **FMPA website ([finneytownfmpa.org](http://finneytownfmpa.org))** and click on the PaySchools link. Of course you may still mail your membership form, along with your payment, to FMPA membership chair Angela Murphy at the address on the form, or you can turn it in at the FMPA table on Open House night. However you choose to do it, I hope you will join us this year, and that you will do so at your earliest convenience. Your memberships do several things: help provide so many things that our students need to be successful in their music experience, show your support of our music programs, allow our teachers to purchase things early in the year if you join promptly, and provide even more opportunities for students if you include a patron and/or memorial donation. Membership information is included with this mailing.

Lastly, I invite you to check out our new Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPA) Facebook page. This does not replace our website, but it will provide quick updates to what's going on with the organization, and will remind you when you need to check the website for more information.

What an exciting new school year we have to look forward to!

Best wishes to all,

*Penny*

Penny Sauer, FMPA President

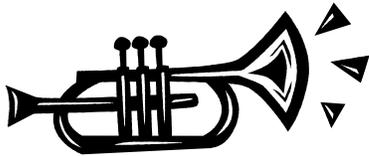
## Inside Music Notes:

 Details about the new Music Department directors, the Marching Band show, **Bravo, Brava**, thanks to this past year's Membership and **Notes on your Calendar**

# The Cookies are Coming!

by Penny Sauer

FMPA will once again sponsor its popular **Savory Sweets Cookie Dough** fall fundraiser. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year with Savory Sweets, and the cookie dough and popcorn has proven to be popular and easy to sell. This is our only student fundraiser of the year and generates over 50% of the money that FMPA invests in uniforms, instruments, sheet music, contest fees and student scholarships annually. Students will have the opportunity to win top-seller cash prizes as well as earn money for their own personal music education accounts for sales over 20 items. The sale dates for this year are **October 2nd** through **October 22nd**, with product delivery on **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for more information coming home in late September.



## 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 **Carl Phlipot** at [cphlipot@finneytown.org](mailto:cphlipot@finneytown.org). To donate a **stringed instrument**, contact **Heidi Johnson** at [hjohnson@finneytown.org](mailto:hjohnson@finneytown.org).

# “Emotions Through Dreams”

by John Marque

This year's marching band season begins with the hiring of two fantastic educators for our instrumental music department at Finneytown, in **director Mr. Carl Phlipot** and assistant director **Mrs. Aimee Collins**. Mr. Phlipot and Mrs. Collins are accompanied **Mr. John Marque**, Director of Percussion for the past year in taking on another masterful, original composition by **Andrew Markworth**. Andrew is the front ensemble (pit) music composer for The Carolina Crown (2007-present) and Crossmen (2008, 2011-present) drum corps as well as Rhythm X Indoor Percussion Ensemble.

This year's show is entitled, **“Emotions Through Dreams.”** Each movement of the show represents musically and visually, the concepts of “uncertainty, nightmare, love and triumph” respectively. The sophisticated work of the woodwinds, combined with the dark, powerful brass section, assimilate artfully with the colorful flag and weapon work of the color guard. This year's pit percussion and drumline are also working very hard to execute what is undoubtedly an ambitious and crucial voice in the show.

The past two weeks would not have been possible without the parent and school administrative support, as well as our wonderful pre camp and band camp staff:

**Jodi Smith** instructed flutes, **Zack Stump** worked with clarinets, **Penny Sauer** refined the saxes, **Tom Frank** was with our horns, low brass was handled by **Shawn McGee** and **Adam Stokes**, trumpets were with **Brian Huhtala**, pit percussion was **Andrew Polter**, drumline worked with **Andrew Hartman**, **Mitchell Curry** worked with new marchers, and our color guard worked with **Kelly Wimmers** and **Christina McGuire**.

Another season of hard work, critique and competition is ahead of us and we hope that you will join us for each competition and welcome in our wonderful directors to this warm and incomparable community that is Finneytown.

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**Beth Hofferber**, Choral Teacher grades 7-12  
Finneytown Secondary Campus

Beth Hofferber comes to Finneytown from Lakota West High School, where she was the assistant choral director and accompanist for the choirs. In addition, she also taught sophomore English and Advanced Composition for the Language Arts department. Mrs. Hofferber toured and performed with the Lakota West choirs in New York City and the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, as well as local concerts and OMEA competitions, CCM's "Feast of Carols" and a full performance of a major classical work each year. During her tenure at Lakota, she directed the pit orchestra for Lakota East's production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie" and served as rehearsal accompanist/vocal coach for Lakota West's musical productions.

Mrs. Hofferber has also taught music for five years at Winton Woods Middle School, one year at a middle school in Prior Lake, Minnesota, and as the vocal music director at North College Hill Jr./Sr. High School. She is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

**Aimee Collins**, Assistant Band Director (part-time)  
Whitaker & Secondary Campus

Aimee Collins recently returned to Cincinnati from Tallahassee, Florida where she earned her Master of Music Education degree at Florida State University. While at FSU, she was the graduate assistant conductor for FSU Bands, including the Symphonic Band, the Concert Band, the Marching Chiefs, and the Seminole Sound Pep Band. Prior to moving to Florida, Mrs. Collins was a Band Director in Milford, working with students in grades six through twelve for three years. Her first teaching position was in Riverside, Ohio at the Mad River School District teaching fifth and sixth grade band and orchestra.

Mrs. Collins is also a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and was Drum Major of the Miami University Marching Band during her tenure there! Her primary instrument is saxophone.

**Carl Phlipot**, Band Director (full time)  
Whitaker & Secondary Campus

Carl Phlipot (rhymes with "hippo") brings a variety of experiences and enthusiasm to Finneytown Schools. He earned both his Bachelor's degree and his Master's degree at Bowling Green State University, where he participated in the Bowling Green Falcon Marching Band, the University Concert Band, and the BGSU Men's Chorus. His first teaching position was in Marion, Ohio as the assistant band director. From there he moved to Marion Local Schools in Maria stein, Ohio where he was the Director of Bands, grades 5-12 for three years and then on to Glen Este High/Middle School as Director of Bands, grades 6-12.

At Glen Este, the marching band made the top 10 at Mid-States Championships and the concert band went to State both years. Although he had a very successful program, his time at Glen Este ended after just two years due to budget cuts. Last year he was the Intermediate Director of Bands in Piqua, OH—but really wanted to be back in Cincinnati, so he jumped at the opportunity to work in Finneytown!

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# March On!

By **Jeff and Kellie Smoker**

Wow...What a week! There is no way to say thank you enough to everyone that helped make band camp a success. At band camp 2012 we served 1,260 meals, poured 260 gallons of water, 130 gallons of Gatorade, 80 gallons of lemonade, served 500 popsicles, filled 500 water balloons, and had over 750 volunteer hours. Finneytown Band Parents Rock! It is always exciting to see the Finneytown community come out to support our Marching Wildcats. That is what keeps us passionate about band camp.

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all of you that made Band Camp a success this year. There are so many people that helped in every area. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We would also like to say a special thank you to a few people who took on key roles. Thank You to **Jenny Jones** for coordinating all of the chaperones again this year, to **Penny Sauer** for being our snack mom, to **Carla Earlywine** who organized all of the First Aid Gear and planned the pancake buffet, to **Bev Nichols, Karen O'Connell** and **Lillie Healy** for making our seniors feel special every day, to **Steve** and **Colleen Jacobs** who planned and lead the awesome team building activities on Monday night and thank you to **Barb Hershey** for always being there ready to do whatever was needed. We could not have done this without all of you.

I think it is safe to say that a month ago we were all worried about what would happen to our award winning band program. But as a community and as individuals we decided to focus on the positive aspects of our situation. We worked together, we persevered, we overcame adversity, we set aside difference and in the end, we and our students have come out better as a community, as a school and as a band. We are so proud to be a part of this community.

In closing, we want to recognize our new music staff. **Mr. Philipot** and **Mrs. Collins** have stepped into a difficult situation with grace, poise and leadership. It is so exciting to welcome them into our band family. Thank you Mr. Philipot and Mrs. Collins for jumping in and putting yourselves completely into this new challenge. Also, a big thank you to **Mr. Marque** for stepping in and providing consistency and leadership this summer. We are very fortunate to have an excellent band staff. We are looking forward to great things this year.

# The Colors of Dreams

by **Christina McGuire**

I am so proud to once again be a part of the Finneytown Marching Wildcats, only this time as the Color Guard Coach and alumnus, instead of a student. After a short period of uncertainty and a change in staff, the 2012 Finneytown Color Guard season is beginning to take shape. Much credit goes to **Becky Stegman, Penny**



**Sauer, Ms. Johnson**, and many others for helping organize and get ready for this fall. Becky, a Finneytown alumnus, has prepared me and the team for a great season. She is endlessly dedicated to the team even though her move out of Cincinnati has prevented her from continuing her active role as coach. However, we were fortunate to have a color guard clinician, **Kelly Wimmers**, to assist with the choreography and coaching during band camp. Kelly, an OMEA judge and colleague of **Mr. Philipot** was a huge asset to camp week. Her expert advice and mentoring has prepared me for the many duties of being an instructor.

Thank you to all the parents, including **Brenda Dennis, Dawn Fink, Tony Gast**, and many others, for their help and encouragement. Finally, I must thank the Color Guard Team. Their hard work, willingness, and leadership will make this season one to remember. They make a great group, each with personalities to make every practice unique, fun, and productive.

The Marching Band show "**Emotions Through Dreams**" is a unique production full of color and expression in the guard. The flag work, credited to Kelly and Becky, is very challenging. The team has been working very hard to learn the routines. They were introduced to the flag sequence of the second movement during the week of pre-camp and the other three movements throughout the week of band camp, up to the moment before the performance for the community. The team has proven that they can learn anything thrown at them. Brenda's craftiness will provide the team with mysterious flags for one of the movements. I am especially anticipating the third song, featuring a six member dance troupe and seven foot flags with elegant silks. It is sure to be a real treat. I am looking forward to sharing the journey and the final creation with the great community of Finneytown.



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# BRAVO, BRAVA!

Congratulations to the Finneytown Chorale for receiving straight Superior ratings at OMEA State contest on Friday, May 4th at Lakota East! They have qualified for state contest for 9 straight years, and this is their 4<sup>th</sup> overall Superior rating at state in Class AA and their second consecutive year for receiving straight Superior ratings! Thanks to everyone who attended to support them!

Congratulations to the following middle school solo & ensemble participants:

- FMS Boys Ensemble (**Jesse Cobbs, Ian Esslinger, Alex Geiger, Mathieu Hall, Aidan Matzko, Eddie Owsley, Jacob Stevens**) – Excellent (II)  
**To’Lisa Hinkston** – Superior (I)  
**Diamond Oglesby** – Superior (I)  
**Anna Amend** – Superior (I)  
**Larissa Gardner** – Excellent (II)

OMEA District 14 Junior High Choir Contest Results:

- X-Period- I in class A  
 Boys choir- I in class B  
 Girls choir- II in class C



# BRAVO, BRAVA!

- Musician of the Year: **Abby Bolling**  
 All-State Choir: **Abby Bolling**  
**Philip Colegrove**

- All-State Orchestra: **Kristina Cowan**

- Choral Awards  
 National School Choral Award: **Abby Bolling**

- Esprit de Corps Award: **Katie Bramble**

- Orchestra Award  
 National School Orchestra Award: **Abby Bolling**

- Band Awards  
 John Philip Sousa Award: **Alina Murphy**

- Semper Fidelis Award: **Caroline Michaelson**

- Alan Huhn Spirit Award: **Katie Bramble**

- Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: **Matt Davenport**

- Marchers of the Year: **Jenny Besserman**  
**Ken Bouman**  
**Matt Davenport**  
**Phil Reinhart**

- Senior FMPA Scholarship Winner: **Abby Bolling**

- Middle School Directors Awards  
 Band: **Molly Brown**  
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- Choir: **Ian Esslinger**  
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- Orchestra: **Keir Adams**



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Funds are directed to student and staff music education scholarships. Please make sure you tell us whom we are remembering.

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Aug 13 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p	Oct 6 Loveland Band Contest 4:00p
Aug 21 First Day for Grade 1-6, 7&9	Oct 8 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p
Aug 22 First Day for Grade 8,10,11,12	Oct 12 Varsity Football (H) 7:30p
Aug 24 First Day for Kindergarten	Oct 13 Lockland Band Contest 1:00p
Varsity Football (A) 7:30p	Oct 19 NO School
Aug 31 Varsity Football (H) 7:30p	Varsity Football (A) 7:30p
Sep 3 NO School – Labor Day	Oct 20 Anderson Band Contest 12:00p
Sep 7 Varsity Football (H) 7:30p	Oct 26 First Quarter Ends
Sep 10 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p	Varsity Football (H) 7:30
Sep 14 Varsity Football (A) 7:30p	
Sep 21 Varsity Football (A) 7:30p	
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Sep 27 Homecoming Parade 6:00p	
Sep 28 Homecoming Festivities 5:30p	
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