



Monache Band Parents Association

September, 2008

Dear Parents and Students,

We are now beginning the busy time of year where we begin to really sink our teeth into the field show. My hope is that you are hearing your young people on their instruments at home at least 2 hours a week. Practice outside of the school day is so important to the development of the young musician. At home they spend their time working on their individual parts, and when we meet we work the ensemble. Encourage them to play solos for you at home of what we work on in class, or music of their favorite composer. We are developing performers and any chance they can perform individually or with the ensemble will help to reduce stage fright and build confidence in their own abilities.

The Band will debut their show on Friday, September 12, 2008 at our first home football game of the season. I really believe this is going to be an entertaining show that will propel the Marauder Band to the next level. They have been working hard and are looking forward to performing in front of an audience.

I look forward to meeting many of you who I have not yet had the opportunity to meet at our Monache Band Parents meeting on September 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. If you are not yet involved with your child's musical experience I encourage you to get involved with MBPA. There are many different types of opportunities available to be involved with the Band from uniform care, to blue crew, to teriyaki to name just a few. Don't miss out on this chance to be involved in this exciting time in the lives of your students.

Musically,

Justin Adams

If everyone does a little
no one has to do a lot.

From the President

Welcome to the most hectic time of the year! From now until the Porterville Christmas Parade on December 2nd, it will seem like the crush is on for both MBPA parents and student band members. -- especially freshman parents and students! Fear not! MBPA and the Marauder Band have survived for 39 years and we should look forward to our 40th successful season of Fall performances, fundraising, competitions and parades.

I invite all parents to enjoy and help this season pass by in another blink of the eye by participating with your student as a member of one of our MBPA committees. Uniforms, Teriyaki, Plumers, Chaperones, Half-Time refreshment, Blue Crew and Fundraising committees all need your help. No need to wait to be asked. Pitch in and become associated with this most awesome group of youth. Come and enjoy being with your students, and their friends as they perform with music and movement.

September 4th will be our next MBPA meeting. We will be discussing our upcoming tour and all of the exciting events of the fall. You will be able to sign up for committees and meet other parents who will be helping out. Even though it is the beginning of the year, many committees are headed by senior parents who will be looking to "pass the torch" and train others for the coming years. Get involved! This marching season will pass by quicker than we think as we look down the months to December and beyond. You won't want to miss out on any of it, so come to the meeting and bring another parent with you!

See you there!

Tom Burns

A Note From the Trip Coordinator

Hopefully by this time, all of you have received your information in the mail on the Band's 2008 Fall Tour to SAN FRANCISCO! Although this is a short trip it is packed full of exciting things to see and do, with the highlight being the Band's performance at the San Francisco 49ers vs. St. Louis Rams football game at Candlestick Park on Sunday, November 16, 2008.

Trip contracts are due from each student and chaperone on or before our MBPA meeting on Thursday, September 4. I must receive a contract for every student and every chaperone in addition to the nonrefundable \$125 deposit as a first payment. Many of your students have enough in their account to cover this first payment and proceeds from our current cookie dough fund-raiser can be used towards this as well. If you have questions on the balance in your student account please call Alice Williams at 280-8638. The payment schedule for the Tour is as follows:

\$125 – Nonrefundable deposit	September 4, 2008
\$125 – 2nd payment	October 2, 2008
\$100 – 3rd payment	November 6, 2008

I will be available to accept contracts and payments during evening rehearsal on Tuesday, September 2, and during 4th and 7th periods at school on Thursday, September 4, and also at the MBPA meeting that evening. Payments and contracts can also be sent to the P.O. Box (MBPA, PO Box 255, Porterville, CA 93258). Payments can also be made by credit card through Hanson Travel (784-2240). However, contracts will need to be submitted directly to MBPA.

****PLEASE NOTE Mr. Adams will not be accepting payments or contracts directly.****

We are looking forward to a great trip for our students and chaperones and are hoping many of you will plan to join us. Please feel free to call me at (559) 260-4525 if you have any questions about the Tour.

Stephanie Imbach
Trip Coordinator
Monache Band Parents Association

Band Half-Time Show T-Shirts

Orders are currently being taken for the 2008 Marauder Band 40th Anniversary field show T-shirt. Band member's shirts are part of their uniform package and are prepaid. Adults who are chaperoning the Band on the 2008 Fall Tour to San Francisco will also have their shirts included in the price of their Tour package. Anyone else interested in purchasing a shirt please call Stephanie Imbach at (559) 260-4525 by September 4th, or see me at the MBPA meeting. The order will be turned in that Friday so the shirts can be ready for our first field show performance on September 12th.

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

August 25-September 4

Cookie dough sales began on August 25th. All orders and money must be turned in by September 4. This is a great way to earn money for your student account. If you have any questions, please call Alice Williams at 280-8638 or Stephanie Imbach at 260-4525.



IT'S TERIYAKI TIME!

Here's an opportunity for interested parents to help with one of the longest standing fundraisers in the history of The Monache Band! I need willing people to help on home game weeks to prepare the Teriyaki Sticks the night before the game. It's easy and it's fun. Time commitment is about 1 1/2 hours every other week starting soon. The place is in the back area of the cafeteria at 6 pm. The more participation the faster we are complete!

Remember this helps keep costs down for the students (parents actually!), who are members of the band. Please call Larry Harper at 361-5595 for more info.

PS This is my last year and I would love to train the next individual willing to carry on the SECRET recipe for the infamous Teriyaki Sticks!!!!

Larry Harper and Wayne Allen

CHAPERONES WANTED!!!!

VOLUNTEERS & CHAPERONES:

PLEASE CONTACT STACEY DOYEL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AND/OR CHAPERONING FOR THE BAND DURING THE UPCOMING 2008-2009 YEAR.

MBPA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN A VARIETY OF AREAS; CHAPERONING, TERIYAKI TEAM, LUNCH BUNCH, PRE-FESTIVAL POTLUCK, BLUE CREW, PLUMERS, UNIFORMS, FUND RAISING, HALF-TIME REFRESHMENTS AND MORE. ADDITIONAL HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND WELCOMED! VOLUNTEERING WITH THE MARAUDER BAND IS A GREAT WAY TO SPEND TIME WITH THESE TERRIFIC YOUNG ADULTS, DEVELOP NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND HELP OUT AN AWESOME ORGANIZATION.

WE NEED ALL VOLUNTEERS AND/OR CHAPERONES TO COMPLETE & RETURN A VOLUNTEER FORM (ATTACHED).

IMPORTANT DEADLINE – OCTOBER 2, 2008. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAPERONING FOR THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BAND TOUR THIS NOVEMBER YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE VOLUNTEER FORM TO STACEY DOYEL IMMEDIATELY. CHAPERONES ATTENDING THIS TRIP ARE REQUIRED TO BE FINGERPRINTED (AT YOUR COST) THROUGH PUSD. DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THIS PROCESS (APPLICATION & FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE) IS OCTOBER 2, 2008. PLEASE NOTE THIS PROCESS CAN TAKE UP TO 4 WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

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TO: All District Volunteers

RE: Background Check

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* Indicate above the activity, team or school activity.

On September 30, 1997, the Michelle Montoya School Safety Act took effect. The legislation requires schools to do background checks on school volunteers. Before you volunteer services to the District, you will need to submit the following information to us for processing with Tulare County Sheriff's Department (Porterville Substation):

PLEASE PRINT

SCHOOL YEAR: _____ SCHOOL SITE: _____

TEACHER: _____

VOLUNTEER: _____
NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE

STUDENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. _____ or CA. I.D. NO. _____

(Photocopy Attached)

The District appreciates your cooperation and willingness to assist in providing students with a safe learning environment.

I authorize the Porterville Unified School District to conduct a background check with the Tulare County Sheriff's Department (Porterville Substation) so that I can volunteer my services with students.

VOLUNTEER'S SIGNATURE / DATE

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE / DATE

* * * PROCESSING WILL TAKE FROM 2 (TWO) TO 3 (THREE) WEEKS * * *

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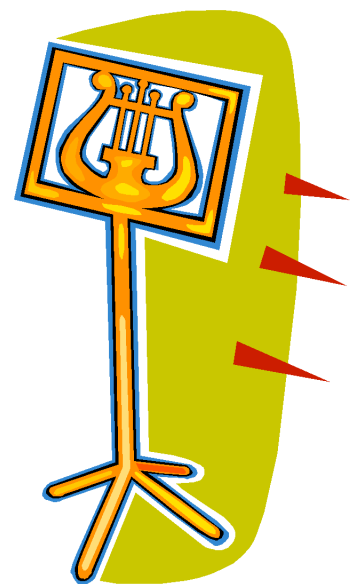
A Word About “Fair Share”

As the new school year begins, the Monache Band Parents Association will once again be implementing our “Fair Share” program. Fair Share was introduced three years ago as a way all band, colorguard and majorette families can contribute to the success of the band. Monache Band Parents has an annual operating budget of approximately \$35,000.00. These funds are used to provide items for the band over and above the traditional school sponsored program. Items such as Lunch Bunch fees, special music arrangements, enhanced choreography and other half-time expenses, operating costs of the booster club, which include the copier, MPBA-owned equipment maintenance and repair, replacement of equipment as needed and end of the year awards are provided through the Fair Share donation.

The Fair Share donation is \$200.00 per student and can be satisfied either through fund-raising or through a direct contribution. A contribution made by a direct donation is entirely tax deductible and you will be provided with a receipt for your records. Donations can be made either in a lump sum or broken up over time. Should you choose to satisfy your Fair Share through fund-raising, a portion of all your student’s fund-raising efforts will go towards their Fair Share. Once Fair Share is satisfied, 100% of all fund-raising profits will go directly to your student’s individual account. Also at that time, all lunch bunch fees will be waived.

This is a smart way to support the band. When you make his donation one hundred percent of your money will be used to support our children instead of a large percentage supporting the pizza or donut supplier. Fair Share is something encouraged as a parent member of the band booster club, but cannot required for your student to participate in the school sponsored activity. It is a fair and more cost efficient way to support the band.

If you have any questions about Fair Share, please see a Board Member at the next MBPA meeting on September 4.



Dear Everyone,

It is with great excitement that I write this note to thank all of you who gave so generously of your time to help our fireworks booth be a huge success again this year. Thank you especially to the Bonnars for providing the ice and water, the Allens and Chandlers for helping with supervisory duties, and to our wonderful alumni who helped by filling in spots when necessary. I would like to especially thank Chase Linley, Ben Hensley and Jesse Chancellor, who gave ABOVE AND BEYOND the call to help. They each helped often, and would just show up to see if we needed anyone. What a wonderful bunch of young people our band is producing. Without wonderful young men and women like these, our booth would not have been as profitable as it was.

There are still a few who owe scrip money. Please get that to me as soon as possible.

For the Kids,

Kik Ellis



Thanks also to Kik, Jim and the Ellis family for another job well done on the fireworks booth. Kik and Jim always put in 100% effort on this fundraiser, which is why it is so successful. During the hottest time of the year they keep everything in the booth running smoothly from dawn 'til dark! Thanks for another fundraising explosion!

Uniforms

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the uniform fitting for this season go so smoothly. Most of the students were fitted during Band Camp, and even though we got a day late start, by Thursday afternoon of camp, we had measured everyone in attendance. We have continued to fit students for the past two weeks at night rehearsals, and I think that everyone has been issued a uniform. If your student has not brought his or her uniform home yet, it could be for one of two reasons:

If you have not paid the uniform package fee or filled out the required paperwork and medical release forms requiring a parent signature, the uniform will not be released until that is taken care of. The paperwork was mailed and e-mailed to everyone in last month's MBPA newsletter. There are additional copies of the paperwork in the band room if you still need it. Once the paperwork is filled out and the uniform package fees paid, the uniform will be released to the student.

If alterations had to be made, those are being finished by my faithful crew of seamstresses. All alterations will be finished in advance of the first football game on September 12. Your child will be able to pick up their altered uniform from me at night rehearsal if uniform package fees have been paid. I will let them know when their uniform is ready to go home.

Please remember that the uniform package only covers the end of year cleaning. You will be responsible for 3 cleanings during the year at the time discretion of the band director (usually before Selma, before Fall Tour/Veteran's Day and again before Spring Concert). Also, please hand wash the white collar liner after performances and lay it flat to dry.

Thanks again to all of those who helped with uniform fittings especially Karen Stover, Kik Ellis, Debbie Allen, Annalia McGlasson, Glenna Roper, Sergio and Elsa Rodriguez, Laura Kasimoff, Alice Williams and Patricia Holdsworth. A special thanks also to Stacey Doyel's mom who has taken several uniforms home for alteration.

You guys ROCK!

Instrument Donation/Refurbishment Program

Do you have an instrument in your home that is no longer being used?
If so, please consider donating your instrument to the Monache Band!

You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible instrument donation.
Instruments will be refurbished if necessary and either be used by our current Band members or made available for purchase to new band students at the elementary level.

All profits will be used to support the Monache Band!
Interested in donating or have questions?

See Mr. Adams or call Stephanie Imbach @ 260-4525

Monache Marauder Band

Tuesday, August 26, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, August 28, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday, September 2, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, September 4, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Friday, September 12, 2008	Home FB Game	PC	6:00-10:00 pm
Tuesday, September 16, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, September 18, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday, September 23, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, September 25, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday, September 30, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 2, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 9, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Friday, October 10, 2008	Home FB Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00-10:00 pm
Tuesday, October 14, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 16, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, October 18, 2008	Sierra Cup Half-time Tournament		
	Bulldog Stadium, Fresno State		2:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tuesday, October 21, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 23, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Friday, October 24, 2008	Home FB Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00-10:00 pm
Saturday, October 25, 2008	Selma Marching Band Festival		
	Selma, CA		7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Friday, November 7, 2008	Home FB Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00 -10:00 pm
Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Veteran's Day/ Band A Rama		
	Porterville College		8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday, November 13, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	6:30-9:00 pm
November 15-16, 2008	Fall Tour		TBA
Tuesday, December 2, 2008	Porterville Christmas Parade Porterville		6:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, February 19, 2009	Pre Festival Potluck	MHS	5:30-8:00 pm
Friday, March 6, 2009	CMEA Festival Memorial Auditorium		TBA
Saturday, May 2, 2009	Cinco De Mayo Parade Porterville		9:00 am - 12:00
Thursday, May 7, 2009	Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal		
	Memorial Auditorium		7:00-9:30 pm
Friday, May 8, 2009	40th Annual Spring Concert		
	Memorial Auditorium		6:00-10:00 pm
Friday, June 5, 2009	Graduation	PC	4:00-7:00 pm

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Save These Dates!

MBPA Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month (except January), at 6:30 pm in the Campus Center. Mark your calendars now so you can be in on all of the action!

September 4, 2008

October 2, 2008

November 6, 2008

December 4, 2008

February 5, 2009

March 5, 2009

April 2, 2009

May 7, 2009