



The Band Bulletin

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Important Dates

- Aug 27 MHS vs. Desert Ridge
- Sept 3 MHS vs. Desert Mtn.
- Sept 10 MHS vs. Tolleson
- Sept 11 9:00 a.m. Dr. Tim's Workshop
- Sept 18 9:00 Band & Drum-a-Thon
- Sept 24 MHS vs. Corona
- Sept 25 PAS
- Sept 30 MHS @ Highland
- Oct 2 Gilbert Marching Invitational
- Oct 8 MHS @ Mtn. View
- Oct 15 MHS vs. Gilbert
- Oct 22 Marching Band Rehearsal
- Oct 23 ASU Band Day
- Oct 29 MHS @ Basha
- Oct 30 Rainer Marching Classic
- Nov 5 MHS vs. Dobson
- Nov 6 State Marching Festival
- Nov 10 Gilbert Veteran's Day Celebration
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 12 Possible Play-Off
- Nov 13 Gilbert Day Parade
- Nov 13 State Marching Championship
- Nov 18 Marching Band Banquet

DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

We're off to another great year here at Mesquite! Marching Band Camp was very successful and the show is coming together well.

We're happy to have Mr. Dennison back with us this year. Even though he is only assisting with marching band, he's a great help. We're also very excited to have Mr. Mike Hall as a student teacher with us this semester.

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Rainer Marching Classic being held on Sat. Oct. 30th. Already we have close to 30 bands participating in the competition. This will be our biggest fund raiser of the year and we will need a lot of help from ALL band parents.

There will be MULTIPLE ways to get involved with the band boosters this year. We need your help! You'll be helping create great memories for your students in band; and you'll have a great time doing it. Contact any BPO board member to find out how you can get involved.

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2010—2011 FALL SEMESTER

SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	Band meets “zero” hour
Mondays	Drumline 6-9 pm
Tuesdays	Full Marching Band 6-9pm
Thursdays	Guard 6-9 pm

Course Fees:

This year, a \$25 activity will be implemented for all concert and jazz bands. Arizona’s current budget problems have forced us to raise our own money for transportation, uniform maintenance, and contest fees.

UNIFORMS

Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble:

***Men:** School issued tuxedo and you are responsible for **black dress shoes** with **black dress socks**.

***Women:** School issued dress and you are responsible for **black dress shoes**.

Symphonic Band:

***Men:** School issued tuxedo shirt, tie, cummerbund, and pants. Your responsible for **black dress shoes** with **black socks**.

***Women:** School issued shirt, tie, cummerbund, and skirt. Your are responsible for **black dress shoes**.

Things to remember about uniforms:

- Absolutely NO jeans
- Absolutely NO tennis shoes
- Only BLACK socks~MEN!
- You are financially responsible for each piece of school issued uniforms.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

~~ I would like to welcome everyone to what is shaping up to be a promising band season!!! Those of you who were able to attend the Band Camp BBQ/Concert and heard a little taste of this season's music know what I am talking about. This season kicked off with an amazing week at camp. I for one cannot wait to see what your students accomplish, and am so grateful I was able to spend that week watching all of our kids in action.

I hope each and every one of you gets a chance to be involved this season; it is such a rewarding experience. Every job we as parent volunteers do is important and needed to keep these talented kids going and able to focus on their task. Parents are an integral part of the MHS Band Program, no matter how small the part!!

General membership meeting of the Band Parent Organization are held the 1st Tuesday of each month September thru May at 6:30 in the MHS Band Room or Choir Room, a list of those meeting can be found in this newsletter. These meetings provide useful information about upcoming events, fundraising, and ways for you to get involved.

These meetings are also a great way to network with other parents involved in the program. Be sure to attend the meetings we would love to see you there and hear your input.

Please check the website

www.mesquitehighband.com

<<http://www.mesquitehighband.com/>> , this monthly newsletter, or email me for questions and information regarding upcoming events.

I hope this season is as rewarding for you and your child as the past 3 have been for me and mine!

GO WILDCATS!

Tresa Callabrizzi

MHS BPO President 2010-2011

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FREE MONEY !!!!



We have 2 Fry's Cards that were issued back in 2009, with no names assigned to the cards. To claim the money, all you have to do is show your card to Rhonda d'Entremont, with the lucky card numbers being 6006490900 750 534 447 and/or 6006490900 750 534 454. PLEASE check your Fry's Card(s) so, that we may find a home for this money. Rhonda d'Entremont may be reached at 480-213-7822.



BAND YEARBOOK

The MHS Band produces a yearbook each year. The yearbook is for all band members (Concert Bands, Marching Band, and Jazz Bands). Please send or email Mr. Andre any pictures of any concerts, football games, festivals, or just plain goofiness. Start sending pictures now so we don't miss any of the year.



MHS-BPO 2010 - 2011

The purpose of the Mesquite High School Band Parent Organization shall be to provide morale and financial support to the Mesquite High School Band Program, including all marching bands, concert bands, jazz bands and ensembles. To encourage parental and community support.

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IT'S TIME FOR BAND!

From the Treasurers:

Fry's Cards:

It's **EASY** to participate in this "free money" fundraiser!!! Simply contact Rhonda D'Entremont to purchase a \$5 Fry's Card which is linked to your student's band account. Reload money on it each time you shop at Fry's. You can do this **IN LINE** prior to scanning your groceries or at the Customer Service counter. Then use the card to pay for your groceries. A percentage of what you spend with it goes into your student's account twice a year, in March and in September. These are great to get for extended family and neighbors, too! Their cards will be linked to your student's account. More cards that are in use, more **FREE \$\$\$** for your student!

This year MHS Band families spent over \$76,000 in groceries and gas at Fry's. We earned 6% on these purchases and will be receiving a check in September to be distributed to student's accounts. and

I would encourage **ALL** band parents to participate in this **FREE** fundraising opportunity if you shop at Fry's. You purchase a \$5 Fry's Gift Card from the BPO for \$5 and continue to reload it all year. An extra opportunity from Fry's is to use your Gift Card to purchase Fuel at Fry's Fuel Stations. The closest location is Arizona Avenue and Baseline Road. You can reload your Gift Card at the Customer Service Booth. Also, you can purchase other Retail Gift Cards with your Fry's Gift Card, such as, Target, Best Buy, iTunes.



Contact Rhonda if you have any questions about this program, or to purchase Fry's Gift Cards.

Rhonda D'Entremont

Assistant Treasurer, 2010-2011

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Tax Credit Contribution News:

To help pay for your student's band fees, you can contribute up to \$400 per year as a married couple or \$200 per year as a single person, to your student's band account. Also, **ANYONE** who files an Arizona State Tax Return can contribute. **ANY-ONE**. Family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, your hairdresser. **ANYONE**. To make a tax credit contribution, simply fill out the tax credit form (easily accessible on the band website at <http://www.mesquitehighband.com/content/fundraising.php>) indicating that you want the contribution applied to the MHS Band Program (with your student's name), make your check payable to Gilbert Unified School District, and mail it to **MHSBPO, PMB #125, 835 W. Warner Rd. Suite 101, Gilbert, AZ 85233-7261** or **drop it off in the Band Room Payment Drawer**. We will be sure it is applied to your student's account and sent to the school district. You will then receive a receipt from the school district to be used when filing your Arizona state tax return. You can also make your tax credit contributions by credit card on line at **http://www.gilbert.k12.az.us/taxcredit.html**. If you do it on line, please be sure to indicate that it goes toward the MHS Band Program (with your students name) and **send a copy of your confirmation to the address above or drop it in the Band Room Drawer** so it gets applied appropriately to your student's account.

Any questions regarding your students account or payment information, contact:

Nora Butler

Treasurer, 2010-2011

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Student Accounts:

Please stay current with payments to your student's accounts. When payments are delinquent, it affects the entire program. Payment plans are available and encouraged! Please contact me to set something up.

Thank you!

Nora Butler

Gilbert Public School District No. 41

2010 Arizona State Tax Credit Contribution Form

I am enclosing a (___ Check, ___ Money Order) payable to Gilbert Public School District No. 41 for \$ ___ as a total contribution to the public school system for extracurricular activity fees. Total amount cannot exceed \$400 for joint tax returns. Individual returns are \$200 maximum credit. **Corporate and/or business checks are not eligible.** (A.R.S. 43-1089(E) defines extracurricular activities as school sponsored activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate. The activities must supplement the school's education program. Recreational, amusement or tourist events and/or student trips are not eligible for tax credit.)

Name _____ SS# _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please Note: The above complete information is required in order for this contribution to be used as a TAX CREDIT on your 2010 AZ State income tax report. If the information is incomplete, your contribution and form will be returned to you.

NO REFUNDS. The law provides for a credit on your state income tax return.
You will receive your money back after you file your state taxes.

I would like my contribution to support the following school(s):

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| \$ _____ | ASHLAND RANCH ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | SETTLERS POINT ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ | AUGUSTA RANCH ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | SONOMA RANCH ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ | BOULDER CREEK ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | SPECTRUM ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ | BURK ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | SUPERSTITION SPRINGS ELEM |
| \$ _____ | CANYON RIM ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | TOWNE MEADOWS ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ | CAROL RAE RANCH ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | VAL VISTA LAKES ELEMENTARY |
| \$ _____ | FINLEY FARMS ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | DESERT RIDGE JR. HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ | GILBERT ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | GILBERT JR. HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ | GPS TRADITIONAL ACADEMY/Neely Campus | \$ _____ | GREENFIELD JR. HIGH SCHOOL |
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| \$ _____ | HARRIS ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | MESQUITE JR. HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ | HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | SOUTH VALLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ | HOUSTON ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | CAMPO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL |
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| \$ _____ | MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ | OAK TREE ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | MESQUITE HIGH SCHOOL |
| \$ _____ | PATTERSON ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | G.L.C. (Gilbert Learning Center) |
| \$ _____ | PIONEER ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | G.C.A. (Gilbert Classical Academy) |
| \$ _____ | PLAYA DEL REY ELEMENTARY | \$ _____ | V.I.K before/after schl. enrich class |
| \$ _____ | QUARTZ HILL ELEMENTARY | | |

Please apply my contribution to the following specific EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY at the school(s) that I have designated:



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