

## A Mr. Miller Welcome

This past Marching Band Season including placing first for the second year at the Bands of America Western Regional and culminating with the last minute performance at the Bands of America Grand Nationals was a thrilling experience! Our tragedy touched all our lives and Heather Christensen will be forever in our hearts. It was a truly life-changing season and one that students will remember throughout their lives. We must now look forward and plans are well underway for the **2010 American Fork High School marching band field and parade season**. Show music will be Pandemonium arranged by John Meehan and I'm sure everyone will love the excitement of the upcoming season. We have set a new standard the past few years and with your involvement this year will take us to new levels of achievement!

This next season the band will defend its title at the Bands of America Western Regional in Las Vegas. Because we are trying to limit the expenses for students the marching band will in all probability make the St George trip their tour for the year. We will extend the trip to a two-night trip and include more activities in the St. George area.

The cost of all in-state marching band will be \$525 and we are estimating the St George trip to be around \$200. The total cost for marching band this year will be appx. \$725. We hope this will help families who are feeling the financial crunch of the times.

We are excited to have your student become a part of this wonderful program. **Parents are continually telling us of the positive impact that marching band has had on their children.** The discipline and sense of pride that comes as a result of working together as a championship band brings great rewards and personal growth. Some of the frequently asked questions are answered in the enclosed fact sheet but please feel free to contact us if you have further questions or concerns.

We are excited about this year and are glad you have decided to become part of, and help expand this exciting tradition of excellence that we call the American Fork Band. It takes hard work and dedication but it is well worth the effort. Vince Lombardi said it well and our program confirms that, **“The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur. Choose excellence in everything you do, are, intend to be.”**