



Delta Band Camp 2008

## Miller's Musical Moment

Band Camp has come and gone, the cleaning camp is finished, marching rehearsals continue and we are looking forward to the competitive season. As is the case in all marching seasons, rehearsals get a bit tough and frustrating as we go through the cleaning process. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication the students and staff are showing. In the heat of rehearsal we must remind ourselves that this activity must focus on excellence and achievement but ultimately it must be fun! This is an activity of delayed gratification in that all the hard work is spread out over several months and the actual competitions are over within a few weeks. This concept requires a great deal of maturity and patience from the students as well as from the staff and I think we are right on track with where we need to be at this time.

I strongly encourage parents to attend as many competitions as they can. It's always sad when I talk to a student at the end of

their season and they sadly tell me that their parents didn't ever see them march. So, please, try to attend all the shows and witness our improvement over the course of the season. Be sure to come to the parking lot after the show and be with us as the band plays a tune or two just for their parents. This is a great moment and we hope you will be with us at that special time.

Please feel free to let me know your feelings concerning our band and your thoughts on how we can make continual improvement. I welcome your input. I always tell the students that this is their band and I hope as parents you also take pride and ownership in our band programs. Elementary Band is starting up and we hope you will help spread the word to get your own children, friends and neighbors to get their kids involved in our program. The band meets Tuesday and

Thursday at 4 in the AFJH band room.

In summary, let me say how much I am enjoying this year's band students. They are dedicated, talented and just plain fun to be with. I look forward to getting to know the new students better and I appreciate all the help and encouragement coming from you as parents. This is going to be a great season and we welcome you as once again we Strike Up The Band!

Mr. Miller

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## UNIFORMS

It is time for the uniforms to be cleaned for the competition season. Please be aware of upcoming performances and make sure that uniforms are not at the dry cleaners. **Please note that the pit players DO NOT need to clean their uniforms at this time, they did not march in the parades.**

Receipts from the cleaners need to be turned in to Mr. Miller for your student to get cleaning credit on his/her grade.

The uniforms need to be cleaned at least two more times this season. One just before our trip to Grand Nationals and then one more time after the trip in preparation to return the uniforms back into the school. Please check your students uniform in-between those cleanings to make sure they are clean, free of smell and soils, and that they look nice.

Also, just a reminder, please look at your student in their uniform to make sure that they are altered correctly. We will have one final inspection before our trip to Indianapolis to make sure uniforms look proper.

As we have been performing recently, there have been a large number of gloves left behind. Replacement gloves are \$10 a pair. Please make sure that your student understands that they need to keep track of their gloves. Gloves need to be washed frequently by putting them on your hands and wash them as if you were washing your hands with hand soap. Rinse the gloves and hang them to dry. Do not dry them in the dryer, they will shrink.

Any questions about uniforms and alterations can be referred to Jackie Hoggan at 801-756-7751 or 801-669-3291. Also all uniform instructions and care procedures are in the blue band handbook on page 11.

## Band Booster Bits

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What a great summer we have had with the marching band! As I sat watching a run through last Thursday night I felt so proud of the progress each band member has made. The many, many hours of hard work has paid off. Parade season and band camp are over, and we are on to competition season. Thank you to the many band moms and band dads for all they have done this summer. I am so grateful for the many hours you have spent supporting this organization. Thank you to Renee Pew for all she has done to make band camp so successful.

I look forward to competition season. If you have never been to a competition, I encourage every parent to come and see what great things your child has accomplished. Wear your red shirts to show support for our school. We sit together and cheer them on. It is a lot of fun. A list of the competitions is enclosed in this newsletter, and information of locations and directions is on [www.afbands.org](http://www.afbands.org). If you have any questions about the shows and competitions please call me or your child's section support mom. We will continue to send out "friday emails" to help keep you up to date on times the buses will leave and arrive back at the school. Thank you for all you do. Let's have a great season!!

Wendy Jones

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### Student Finances

Please make sure all your band fees have been paid. \$500.00 was to be paid by Aug. 1st. We still have many students who still owe money. Statements were sent out 2 weeks ago to anyone who still owed money. If you need to know where you stand, please call me @ 380-7154.

### Red Rock and Las Vegas Trip

Anyone who is interested in riding the bus to St George please give me a call. The price for the bus is \$65.00 per person. This does not include the room at the hotel. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn and you can reserve a room for \$89.00 a night. They still have a few rooms left. We have a limited number of seats left and it will be 1st come 1st serve. We still need more chaperone's. If you are interested, please call me @ 380-7154

Terelyn Carter

## 2008 AMERICAN FORK MARCHING BAND COMPETITIONS

### BAND DAD'S SCHEDULE FOR LOADING/UNLOADING EQUIPMENT (Update: Aug. 25, 2008)

**Note from Dan Adams, Sharrif DaJany, Troy Mace and Greg Carter:** We need 14+ Band Dads every time we load or unload equipment. Please look over this schedule and if you can work out your time to help us full time or part time, please know that you are welcome. If you haven't been called, just come at the time of loading and talk to one of us. We will have something for you to do. If you can't help us with the loading or unloading, then help with moving equipment in place on the field just before the performance. The more you can be with us the easier it is for you to learn what needs to be done and help show others.

We are looking forward to a wonderful season of friendship and fun as we work together. Questions—call Dan Adams, (H) 756-3724 (C) 792-8066 or Sharrif DaJany (H)766-2419 or Troy Mace (C) 400-3186 or Greg Carter (C) 420-1620

### Monday, September 15, 2008 Family Night at Am. Fork High School Stadium

6:00 pm Set up tables and prepare for Family Night at 7 pm

### Tuesday, September 23, 2008 Weber Review- Weber State College Stadium, Ogden UT

3:00 pm Band Dads Arrive at Band Room and prepare to load the Equipment Trailer

3:30 pm Load the Equipment Trailer

5:00 pm Equipment Trailer and Band Leaves for Ogden

6:30 pm Arrive at Weber State Stadium-Unload and Set Up

7:00 pm Band put on uniforms and begin to warm up

9:00 pm Performance Time

9:30 pm Load the Trailer and prepare to return to AF

12:00 pm Unload the Trailer at the Band Room

### Saturday, September 27, 2008 Bridgerland Competition - USU Stadium, Logan UT

9:00 am Band Dads Arrive at Band Room and prepare to load the Equipment Trailer

9:30 am Load Equipment Trailer and leave for Logan

12:00 Noon Band will depart from AFHS

12:30 pm Equipment Trailer arrives at USU Stadium - Unload and Set Up

2:30 pm Band Arrives and Change into Uniforms

3:30 pm Performance Time

5:00 pm Load Equipment Trailer and return to AFHS

9:00 pm Unload the Trailer at the Band Room

### Saturday, October 4, 2008 Nebo Tournament- Payson High School, Payson UT (1050 So. Main)

12:00 Noon Band Dads Arrive at Band Room and prepare to load the Equipment Trailer

12:30 pm Load Equipment Trailer and leave for Payson

1:45 pm Band Leaves for Payson

1:45 pm Unload Equipment at Payson

2:30 pm Band Arrives and Change into Uniforms

4:00 pm Performance Time

5:00 pm Load Trailer and leave for AF

6:30 pm Unload the Trailer at the Band Room

### Tuesday, October 7, 2008 Davis Cup- Davis High School Stadium, Kaysville, UT (325 So. Main)

3:30pm Band Dads Arrive at Band Room and prepare to load the Equipment Trailer

4:00 pm Load Equipment Trailer and leave for Kaysville

5:45 pm Band leaves for Kaysville

7:00 pm Unload Trailers at Davis High School Stadium

7:30 pm Band Arrives and dresses for competition-warm up

9:15+pm Approximate Performance Time

10:30 pm Load Trailers and leave for AF

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## **BAND DAD LOADING SCHEDULE 2008, CONTINUED**

### **Friday, October 10, 2008 High School Homecoming Game Halftime Show and Preparation for the Mt. Timpanogos Invitational- Mt. View High School, 645 West Center, Orem**

6:30 pm Band Dads Arrive at the Band Room and prepare for Halftime Show  
7:30 pm After the Halftime Show- prepare to load the Equipment Trailer  
9:00 pm Following the Game - Load the Equipment Trailer for the Mt. Timpanogos Competition on Saturday

### **Saturday, October 11, 2008 Mt. Timpanogos Invitational- Mt. View High School, 645 West Center, Orem UT**

Note: We will need many volunteers both dads and moms to help with hosting bands and helping with all details of staging other bands, helping some other bands move their equipment to the stadium for their show, ticket taking, hosting judges, score tabulations, management of the field, etc. If you can arrange your work schedules to help, please make those plans. We are planning for 25-30 Bands.

6:00 am Unload Trailers at Mt. View High School and set up the Stadium for the Competition

10:00 am Competition Begins

7:00 pm Approximate Performance Time for AF Band

8:00 pm Clean up Stadium and Load the Trailer and return to AF

10:00 pm Unload the Equipment Trailer at the Band Room AFHS

### **Tuesday, October 14, 2008 Rocky Mountain Competition- BYU LaVell Edwards Stadium, Provo UT**

4:30 pm Band Dads Arrive at the Band Room and prepare to load the Equipment Trailer

5:00 pm Load Equipment Trailer and leave for BYU

7:00 pm Unload Equipment Trailer at BYU and Set Up

7:45 pm Band Changes into Uniforms- Warm Up

9:15+pm Approximate Performance Time

10:00 pm Load Equipment Trailer at BYU and return to American Fork to unload

### **Thursday - Sunday October 23-26, 2007 UMEA Red Rocks Competition - St. George and Las Vegas Competition**

5:00 pm (Thurs) Load Equipment Trailer to leave for St. George.

Note: The Red Rocks Competition in St. George is co-sponsored by the Utah Music Educators Association (UMEA), AFHS, Davis HS and Mt. Crest HS. We will need 14 volunteers from Am. Fork to assist in running this show. We will travel with our band and help on Friday Night for the Competition.

Then we travel to Las Vegas on Saturday for the BOA Western Regional Competition at Sam Boyd Stadium. Band will leave Saturday night to return home. Equipment Trailer will return on Sunday, October 26, 2008

### **November 9-18 Bands of America Grand Nationals Competition - Indianapolis, Indiana**

#### **Sunday, November 9, 2008 Band Tour- Indianapolis, Indiana**

5:00 pm Load Equipment Trailer and leave for Indianapolis

#### **Monday - Wednesday, November 10-12, 2008 Travel to Indianapolis, Indiana**

Note: Band Flies to Indianapolis on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Thursday, November 13, 2008 Practice Day in Indianapolis**

#### **Friday, November 14, 2008 Preliminary Competition**

#### **Saturday, November 15, 2008 Semi-Finals Competition during the Day - Finals in the Evening**

#### **Sunday- Tuesday, November 16 - 18, 2008 Equipment Trailer returns to American Fork**

# AFJH Wind Ensemble Honored

A unique honor has come to the American Fork Junior High Wind Ensemble and director, Jermie Arnold, in the form of an invitation to perform at the premiere of the Middle School National Music Festival in Indianapolis. The ensemble was invited based on a taped audition evaluated by a panel of educators. AFJH is one of four "outstanding" middle school bands invited, with Farmington Symphonic Band (UT) and two Texas bands.

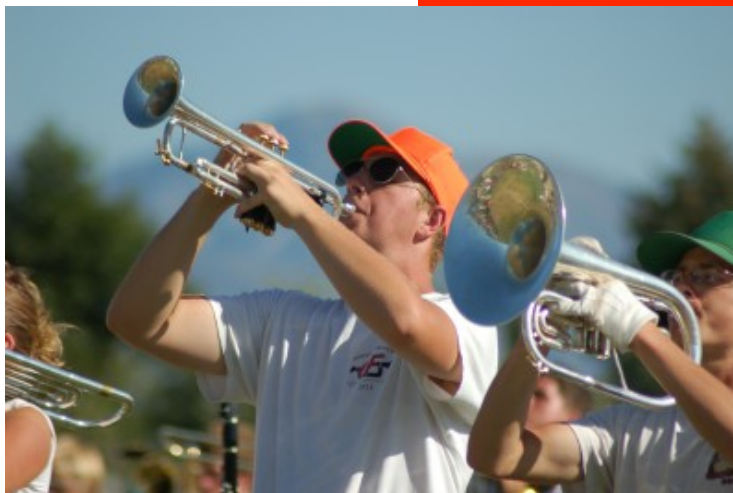
Middle school ensembles attending the Music for All (MFA) National Festival participate in master classes with noted professional musicians, have opportunities to listen to bands from throughout the nation, are evaluated in a non-competitive environment, and receive input and clinics from a panel of leading music educators. Students attend a student social and dance, and an opening session and Gala Awards Banquet.

"A performance at this national event would validate to students, parents and school administrators the importance of musical achievement through goal setting and the motivation to excellence," says Ray Cramer, MFA Festival evaluator.

A Texas band director says, "I feel that by experiencing the MFA National Festival the seeds of excellence are planted earlier. There was a marked difference in musical maturity and professionalism."

"The MFA National Festival is unique in that no other music festival can provide such a life-changing experience for students and directors alike through so many different rewarding music-education activities at one event," says Richard Crain, coordinator of the festival.

Mr. Arnold and the AFJH Wind Ensemble spent a year working on the taped audition process. Mr. Arnold, who has also helped at the national event, said, "The MFA organization has got it right. The middle level ensembles have always been looking for a place to stretch their wings. Bands of America is now helping them strive for excellence."



## On the Lighter Side

Where words fail, music speaks.

*Hans Christian Andersen*

Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn.

*Charlie Parker*

Brass bands are all very well in their place - outdoors and several miles away.

*Sir Thomas Beecham*

Without music life would be a mistake.

*Friedrich W. Nietzsche*

Music is what feelings sound like.

*Anonymous*

I've never known a musician who regretted being one. Whatever deceptions life may have in store for you, music itself is not going to let you down.

*Virgil Thomson*