



Upbeat Notes



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Dates to Remember

- 6/4 HJS Concert
- 6/6 Lakota East Graduation Day
- 6/16 Corporate Upbeat Club Meeting
6:30 p.m. @ Lakota WEST HS
- 6/18 LE Upbeat Club Meeting
7:30 p.m. @LEHS Band Room
- 7/4 4th of July Parade
Meet at LE at 9 a.m.
- 7/16 LE Upbeat Club Meeting
7:30 p.m. @LEHS Band Room
- 7/27-31 Percussion/Auxiliary Camp
- 8/3-14 Marching Band Pre-camp (M-F)
- 8/15 Mattress Sale
- 8/16-20 Band Camp at Wright State
- 8/26 First Day of School
- 8/28 Football Game
- 9/12 Tag Day
- 9/19-20 Cedar Point (tentitive date)
- 10/3 Buckeye Invitational



HELP WANTED!

Drivers with CDL license to drive the band truck during the Marching Band season.

If you can help please contact:

Tim Elliot
779-6874 or cire@fuse.net

Bob Meyer
755-1859 or kzer93@aol.com

MB=Marching Band • CB=Concert Bands • JB=Jazz Bands

Check for updated event listings at:
LakotaEastBands.org

Cool Jazz N' Hotcakes Breakfast

There are so many to thank for the success of this event, it is hard to decide where to begin. First, thank you to all the parents and students for selling over 870 tickets before the breakfast. We served approximately 1,100 people breakfast that day.

Secondly, a huge thank you needs to go to all the committee members. It was because of everyone's hard work, dedication and contributions to this fundraiser that it was successful. I would like to thank each committee member personally.

Next, I would like to recognize the overwhelming support we received from the business community, represented by over a dozen vendors, nearly 25 donated raffle baskets, and all the various food and supplies donated by restaurants and stores. Once again, a big thank you to the Band Directors for their time and effort, and the administration and staff of LEHS for allowing us to utilize their facilities and services.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the adults and students who volunteered their time to make this year's Cool Jazz N' Hotcakes Breakfast another fund raising success.

The Bands sounded wonderful and our Master of Ceremonies was terrific. A special thank you goes out to the students who were brave enough wear our pancake costumes this year. It was a big hit. With everyone's continued support and enthusiasm, next year's event should be even bigger and better. —Mary Beth Gasser, CJNH Chair 2009

OMEA State Event Hosted by LEHS Freshman Campus

The first OMEA State Adjudicated Event held at the Lakota East Freshman Campus took place on May 1–2. The event was an enormous success. Concert Band received an "Excellent" rating and both Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds received "Superior" ratings.

Many hours were spent planning this contest and we extend our thanks to all of parents and students from who volunteered during the event. These people donated time and effort to ensure the success of the first Lakota East Freshman Campus OMEA State adjudicated event. BIG thanks to every one of you for stepping up during this very busy time of year. Many compliments were passed along by judges, band directors, and visitors regarding our welcoming, respectful and delightful volunteers—especially our dedicated students—in true Thunderhawk spirit.

Special appreciation goes to our Committee Chairs who were the first freshman parent leadership team to plan this event at the new building:

- Leslie Griffin, VP Freshman Campus
- Jill Cleaves, Event Co-Chair
- Jenny Vanden Eynden, Event, Co-Chair
- Donna Carr, Volunteer Committee Chair
- Michelle Fitch, Concessions Committee Chair
- Jennifer Moak, Office Committee Chair
- Doug Todahl, Pit Committee Chair

Although this was the first year for the event to occur at LEFS, it ran smoothly due to their efforts and teamwork, coupled with the leadership of Rob Tanis and Bill Thomas. We truly appreciate their expert talents in making a vision a reality, and their contagious enthusiasm, guidance, and strive for excellence.

Upbeat Club Leadership 2009-2010

Directors	Bill Thomas – Director of Bands	759-8615 x 15056	William.Thomas@lakotaonline.com
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	Alan Nordyke/Kathy Knueven - Liberty Junior School		
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Corporate Chair			
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For a full list of committee contacts, visit our web site: www.lakotaeastbands.org

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

The Lakota East Bands would like to extend sincere appreciation for all the parents who have helped the program this year, especially parents of graduating seniors. We'll miss you.

Special thanks to all of our officers and committee chairpeople:

Corporate Chair, Gary McClimans	3rd Qtr. Refreshments, Nick and Michele Grothjan
President, Kelly Cranstoun	Video, Mike Dawson
VP East Campus, Frank Joa	Pit Crew Chief, Kevin Nelson
VP Freshman Campus, Leslie Griffin	Senior Night Junior Reps, Barb Garrett and Jeanne Brauns
Secretary, Pat Wertepny	Tag Day, Susan Joa
Treasurer, Jennifer Samuels	Split the Pot, Beth Cardinale
Membership/Charms, Mark Cranstoun	Fruit Sale, Jean & Russell Fox
Fund Admin. Coord., Linda Lowe	Spirit Wear, Steve & Pat Wertepny
Communications/Webmaster, Chereé Gallant	Meijer/Kroger Cards, Phil Wolf
Uniforms, Susan Burchell	Swing Dance, Chereé Gallant
HJS Liaison, Kelly Stevens and Debbie Monroe	Patron Program, Jennifer Samuels
LJS Liaison, Beth Cardinale	Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes, Frank Joa and Mary Beth Gasser
LEUN Editor, Kathleen Daughtridge	After Prom Room, Jenny Rupp
LEUN Distribution, Jean Nelson	Bake Sales/Craft Fair, Donna Carr
Band Camp Coordinator, Julie Schieve	Cookie Dough Sale, Mary Beth Gasser
Bus Chaperones, Tammy Dudley	Scripts Gift Card Program, Ann Kilyk
Band Nurse, Pepper Plowman	

From the President

Letting Go

"You've spent your whole life waiting for this day, it's not easy letting go."

To our Senior Students and Parents that "Letting Go" day is fast approaching! Students please take a moment and remember that along with your parents, the Upbeat Club is very proud of each and everyone of you. You have represented the Music Program here at East in an exceptional manner. Please know it is hard to let you go, but it is time and you are ready to begin a new phase of your life—we wish you much success and happiness.

To our Senior Parents, letting go is always tougher for those being left. Upbeat would like to thank every Senior family for your contribution over these last four years, beginning in the Freshman school and continuing at East! Your involvement in the Lakota East Music Program has only made it stronger and being able to call you friend was the icing on the cake!

We wish you well on your journey to life after East, but you will always hold a special place in the Band Booster Organization Family of Upbeat!

She'll take the painting in the hallway,
The one she did in jr. high
And that old lamp up in the attic,
She'll need some light to study by.

She's had 18 years to get ready for this day
She should be past the tears, she cries some anyway

Oh, oh letting go
There's nothing in the way now,
Oh letting go, there's room enough to fly
And even though, she's spent her whole life waiting,
It's never easy letting go.

Suzy Bogus – "Letting Go"

Thank you to everyone who helped me along the way as I let go and move on. —Kelly Cranstoun, LEUC President

A Letter to the Directors

Phil Wolfe, one of our dedicated parent volunteers, speaks for all of us in his message to our band directors.

As we saw on the senior slide show the other night, it has not been that long since our children could not feed themselves without making a big mess, or were practicing the etiquette of talking on the phone while potty training. Yet, as we also witnessed the same night, along the way, our children have developed the capacity of making beautiful music. While there are a number of people involved along the way in the development process, it would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the directors in the Lakota system.

My most recent experience with teaching is as a Sunday School teacher once a month, one hour with about 15 junior high kids. What I have learned is that they always need to be doing something (usually anything other than learning); usually by throwing around the room anything they can get their hands on, and it can exasperate me. Our junior high music teachers willingly put musical instruments in the students hands. With a seemingly large supply of patience, in two short years they begin with many children who have never played an instrument and prepare them so that they can play at a high school level.

The position of being a band teacher does not get any easier in high school. As a teenager's focus is naturally on anything except what is being taught, it takes much ability to teach the students how to play a set of songs that eventually sound like beautiful music instead of noise.

Every year I came up to band camp on Friday to hear the band and would think, "Oh no, this class or this program is not going to be as good as last year's." And without exception, every year during the last show of the year at State, I was filled with pride at the band's performance.

For those students who continue to play while in college and elsewhere, the Lakota teachers have helped with building a solid foundation. And even for those who don't play anymore, through band they have learned or been exposed to many lessons that can help them in many facets of life.

We take this opportunity to thank each of the Band teachers and directors for all the contributions and positive experiences given to our children. —Phil Wolfe

Uniforms

Spring Concert

After the Spring Concert on May 18, all uniforms and tuxes were collected from the members of the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Symphonic Winds. A big thank you goes out to the following:

Cathy Elliott	Carolyn Landers
Ebbie Hatton	Bethia Miller
Denise Hoekstra	Laura Kavalauskas
Lisa Jendrix	Jennifer Breland
Pam Mason	Kelly Furnier
Denise Kedanis	

A very special thank you goes to Alumni Carolyn Landers, who staffed the Uniform Room during the concert, so that the rest of us could sit back, relax, and enjoy watching our students perform.

Uniforms 2009-2010

Thank you to all who have helped in with Uniforms this year. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work with each and every person. From 'fitting nights,' to 'pluming' hats, to collecting uniforms after games and concerts—no job is too small and everything is appreciated.

On that note, if you are interested in helping next year, please contact Cathy Elliott and Jenny Prather, who will be the Uniform Co-Chairs for the 2009-2010 school year.

Again, thank you and have a great summer! Susan Burchell, Uniform Chairperson 2008-2009

Fund Raising

Buddy Cards

We still have almost 200 Buddy Cards to sell. Please contact Linda Lowe if you are interested at 755-0899.

Mattress Sale

August 15, 2009 has been scheduled for our second annual mattress sale so mark your calendar. For all of our students heading off to college in the fall, there are twin extra long mattresses available through the mattress sale.

Coming Soon!

Coming late summer/early fall will be Entertainment Books and Tag Day. Details to come.

Kroger Cards

A message from our Kroger Card coordinator, Phil Wolf.

First, I would like to thank the Kroger Company, that for many years has offered us the chance to earn 4% on all of our purchases, both in their grocery stores and their fuel centers. Second, summer is the time of year when earnings from Kroger Cards are at their lowest point. Please continue to use these cards when shopping through the summer, especially for those of you that have graduation parties coming up for your Seniors!

Finally, I need to communicate some "not-so-good" results from our Kroger Card fundraising. Over the past two years, the number of band families and the amount of money earned at Kroger for LEUC has dropped almost 40%, or about \$3,000. Currently, we have just under 30 families using the Kroger Card, even though there are about 200 families in the different band programs at East.

I would like to share a story about how one person began using the Kroger Card program. I was picking up an order of Kroger Cards last summer to pass out to the kids at band camp. The Kroger cashier asked if she could have one of the cards. I obliged, and then asked if she has a relative in our band program. She said no, but she since she shopped at Kroger, she wanted to help out a worthy organization. ***That is what it is all about.*** If you either shop at Kroger, or would purchase your gasoline at Kroger fuel centers, the LEUC can earn 4% of total purchases when using the Kroger Cards that we have available. They are easy to load money onto and easy to use at checkout. If you are not already using one, please contact Phil Wolf at jpwolf86@fuse.net to find out how to get one and how it can benefit your child's band program. Thank you very much and have a great summer! —Phil Wolf

2009 Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

- The John Sousa Award: Megan Yost
- The Gilmore Award: Adam Voegele
- The Semper Fi Award: Michelle Sharkey
- The Eastman Award: Evan Gallant
- The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: Austin Mackey
- LE Freshman Campus Director's Award:
 - Chris Griffin - 1st period concert band
 - Nick Hach - 2nd period concert band
- Bravo Award
 - Freshman Campus: Travis Martin
 - Main Campus: Evan Gallant

2008-09 Jeff Durham Scholarship Recipients:

- Billy Menges
- Machen Rupp

*Congratulations to all of our
band and guard students in the Class of 2009!
Good luck in all your future endeavors. We'll miss you!*



A Message from Gary McClimans, Corporate Chair

Hi everyone, I'd like to officially set the date for our Corporate Upbeat Club meeting for Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. (before the Upbeat Club meeting at Lakota West).

It looks like we have a great slate of officers on the ballot so far.

- Chair - Sharon Elbert (East)
- Secretary - Cindy Rieman (East)
- Treasurer - Kathy Sant (West)

Anyone interested in being a candidate considered in the June 16 election for the Corporate Lakota Upbeat Chairperson position should please contact Mr. Gary McClimans at 207-0160 or chairman@lakotawestbands.org to be included on the ballot.

Candidates can be a current or alumni parent of the Upbeat Club. New officers will be elected by the majority in attendance at the June 16 Corporate Meeting and these positions run one year.

Junior School News

Liberty Junior

Congratulations to the Liberty Junior Eighth Grade Bands on having great performances at OMEA District XIII Junior High School Large Group Contest on May 15–16. In preparation for the contest, the eighth grade bands presented pre-contest concerts on Monday evening, May 11. Special thanks to Rob Tanis and Bill Thomas for sharing their facility with us and for judging the band on Monday evening. Thanks to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Tanis, also, for coming to Liberty Junior prior to the 11 to work with the eighth grade bands as we prepared for contest. The final performances of the 2008–2009 LJS Bands will be on Thursday, May 28. The LJS Seventh and Eighth Grade Bands Spring Concerts and Awards Programs will be held in the Liberty Junior Gymnasium at 6:20 and 7:45 p.m.

Hopewell Junior

Hopewell Jr. 8th grade band received straight 1's Superior ratings at OMEA Large group performance! We appreciate Mr. Tanis and Mr. Thomas each coming over a day to rehearse the bands. We also performed Flying Tigers March by composer David Shaffer at contest. We had Mr. Shaffer as our guest composer at Hopewell Jr. on Monday, May 4 for the day. Our next band concert is Thursday June 4. 7th grade band and 7th grade jazz band at 7:00 p.m. and 8th grade band at 8:15 p.m.

Summer Opportunities

As we approach summer, please consider a few enrichment opportunities for your young musician. Taking private lessons is a great way for our student musicians to continue learning over the summer (and into the 09-10 school year!). Lessons also provide a great incentive to practice regularly over the summer. A private lesson list may be obtained from your son's/daughter's band director.

Summer music camps are great experiences for band students. At music camps, students develop their musical skills and meet new friends at the same time. There are many good music camps offered locally. Many music camps are "day" camps, involving just the morning, afternoon, or the length of a school day.

Lakota Summer Instrumentalist Clinics for 7th, 8th and 9th Graders. Get registration forms at www.lakotaeastbands.org

- Lakota Summer Band Clinic June 16-20
- Lakota Summer Jazz Clinic June 22-26