



Upbeat Notes

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From the President

Hello East Band Families -

Fall has truly arrived in all its glory and it makes me wonder how we got here so quickly! There are so many activities to keep track of and the time is flying by. We hope that if you are new to the band program, you have had time to become comfortable with all that we do and have gotten your questions answered. If not, please don't hesitate to ask! Veteran parents, our wonderful directors and the students themselves are all great resources if you have the slightest need for additional information.

This month marks our first band concerts, the conclusion of our marching band competition season and our large fruit, cheesecake and cookie dough fundraiser. We hope you will participate and enjoy all of these as a volunteer and/or an audience member. Also please be sure to join us for our next Upbeat Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 7:30 in the band room. These meetings are a great source of information and forum for ideas.

Hope to see you at a game, a concert, a competition or just around the band room!

Jennifer Moak

Parent FYI

Entertainment Book Money Needs to be turned in ASAP!

If you still have Entertainment Books or money out PLEASE make sure that your students NAME and Grade is clearly marked on the unsold books being turned back in. All money needs to be in an envelope with your STUDENT'S name cleared marked on the outside.

I have been receiving checks with NO name to identify who sold the books....with over 200 students I do not have any idea or way to credit students for these books sold. We need to get everything in so that student accounts can be credited.

Please call or email me if you have any questions at 729-7061 or kims1989@gmail.com

Thanks for your help!



Upcoming Levy – Move Forward Lakota

Lakota is at a crossroads when it comes to our schools. Either we can move forward or we can move backward. The district has been listening. Are they perfect? No. But, there have been some positive changes and now is the time to move forward as a community and support our schools. The cost of moving backward could be very significant for our band programs.

What is the district's commitment to addressing concerns about spending?

- Capping annual expenditure growth through Lakota Board Policy
- Maximizing efficiencies through detailed cost analysis
- Monitoring expenditures against revenues (2012 expenditures predicted to be less than 2009)

How has the district cut costs?

- Salaries for teaching and support staff frozen until 2015
- Higher healthcare contribution from employees
- Reduced staff
- Renegotiated business contracts for maximized cost savings
- Decreased cost in transportation services

Why does the district need the revenue at this time?

- To ensure academic programming stays competitive so that students are prepared for their future
- To bridge the gap of declining revenues (2012 revenue predicted to be less than received in 2007)
- Failure of the levy coupled with an anticipated loss of revenue would require **deeper reductions** impacting the quality of schools

Facts about the Levy

- Levy Amount: 4.75 mills
- Type of Levy: Operating ~ pays for the general operations of the District including unforeseen building repairs
- Estimated dollars from the levy: \$12.6 million
- Cost to Property Owner based on \$100,000 of assessed valuation: \$145.47 per year

Early voting begins October 4, 2011 and the voter registration deadline is October 11, 2011. **Every vote counts** so please be sure yours is!

You can learn more at the Lakota School District Levy 2011 website – www.lakotalevy2011.com

Information for Upcoming Events

ORLANDO TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Last trip payment of \$200 for the Marching Band trip to Orlando was due on October 1st. Be sure you've made your payment as soon as possible.



Fundraising Information

2011 Lakota East Bands Fruit, Cheesecake and Cookie Dough Sale

Proceeds from this sale go to the Upbeat Club's General Fund and Student Accounts.

- \$1- \$99 10% of total sales to Student Account
- \$100 - \$199 20% of total sales to Student Account
- \$200 and up 25% of total sales to Student Account

Sale starts October 10th and goes through October 31st.

Delivery will be on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 8 am – noon at Lakota East High School cafeteria.

Payments must be in cash, money orders or checks written by Band Parents only. No other checks will be accepted. One check is preferred for total order. Check payable to Lakota East Upbeat Club (LEUC).

Collection boxes will be at the Freshman Campus Band Room and the East High School Band Room. **NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted. ALL money/orders must be in by Monday, October 31, 2011.** Questions contact **Mark Iles** at markiles@roadrunner.com or check the website for more information at lakotaeastbands.org.

Prizes for the top sellers are:

Fruit and Cheesecake \$50 Visa Gift Card

Cookie Dough \$1 for each cookie dough item sold

Other Incentives: For every student who sells **10 pre-portioned packs** and **every 10 sold** after that, the student will have a chance to reach in the **Cash Bag** and pull out one bill. **Prizes will range from \$5 to a \$50.**

Each student who sells **\$500 in total sales of fruit, cheesecake and/or cookie dough** will have a chance to throw a pie in the face of Mr. Tanis and Mr. Thomas. This event will be held the last day before Thanksgiving Break after school.



KROGER CARDS

Whether you're running into Kroger for a snack, pumpkins, or a prescription, you can use your pre-paid Kroger Card. And it works at the gas pumps too. Kroger generously donates 4% to the Upbeat Club. All you need to do is load your Upbeat Club card with money. It can be \$10 or \$500, or even \$38.45. Worried about not getting credit card points? Just use your credit card to pay when you fill your Kroger card. I do it all the time. Bonus for me (credit card points) and bonus for the band (4%). We both win. If you have questions or need a card, contact Lawanna Casto at casto.lawanna@gmail.com.

Dates to Remember

October 1	Last payment for Orlando trip due
October 4	Early voting begins
October 10	Fruit, Cheesecake and Cookie Dough sales start
October 11	Voter registration deadline
October 15	Marching Band to compete in the Buckeye Invitational
October 17	Fall Concert Band Concert – 7:00 PM at the Freshman Campus
October 20	Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting – 7:30 PM Main Campus Band Room
October 21	Home Football Game – 6:15 PM – Senior Night
October 22	Marching Band to compete in the Springfield Shawnee Contest
October 28	Home Football Game against Lakota West – 6:15 PM
October 29	State Marching Band Finals
October 31	Fruit, Cheesecake and Cookie Dough sales end
November 2	Marching Band Concert Rehearsal 3:15 PM – Concern/Awards – 7:30 PM

View the complete schedule - [HERE](#)

Check for updated event listings at: LakotaEastBands.org



Upbeat Club Leadership 2011-2012

For a full list of committee contacts, visit our web site: www.lakotaeastbands.org

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