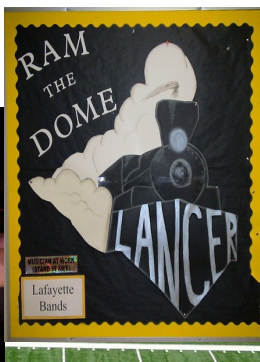


Band Booster Buzz

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Good-bye....HELLO!



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A Note from the Directors

Dear Band Families,

As the year winds down, we want to once again thank you for all of your support this year. We are proud of the kids' achievement in all areas of the program.

We are working hard on designing the 2009 Lancer Regiment show, *Bollywood*. The show is arranged from the music of composers Jatin Lalit and A.R. Rahman. We are thrilled that the number of marching band members has grown. As a result, we have more than enough kids to have both battery and front ensemble percussion. We look forward to starting *Bollywood* on July 20!

We hope you have a safe and relaxing summer. If we do not see you during marching band this summer, we look forward to seeing you once again at the beginning of jazz ensemble and concert band.

Brad, Traci, and Jeremy

From the Chairs...

As we say goodbye to our Senior band students and their parents, we move on to welcome in the new students and their families to the band program. We are looking forward to all the events that will come in the 2009-10 school year. Marching season will be starting before you know it, and then it's full speed ahead for the Jazz, Symphonic and Wind Ensemble bands when school starts in August. We are excited for the opportunity to work with all of you to support the Directors and our fantastic group of kids.

Thank you!

Pam Espenschied and Deb Cano

2009-10 Band Booster Co-Chairs

Special points of interest:

- Summer Band practice begins promptly at 6:00. That means kids should be there early!
- It's never too early to think about Contest of Champions. Mark the date on your calendar now! September 26
- Buying grocery cards from the Boosters is a simple way to earn money for the band! 5% comes back to the band!

What is a Booster?

A Booster is just like what it sounds—we boost. We boost the directors. We boost the kids. We boost our school. As a parent, you do that naturally, you are there for your child. Now that your child has become a part of Lafayette Bands, your family has gotten a little larger, so we all join forces and boost together. We all stand together as we watch our kids grow into fantastic young adults. In the meantime, we take a little time, and we have a little fun, make a lot of friends. So in a nutshell, what will you be doing?

- ◆ Feeding the kids
- ◆ Helping them get dressed
- ◆ Making sure they get where they're going
- ◆ Give them candy
- ◆ Boost their spirits
- ◆ Give them pizza and cookies
- ◆ Stand behind them
- ◆ Have fun
- ◆ Make a difference



Be there for the kids!

Oodles of fun!

Only so much time left with the kids!

Sugar keeps them happy!

Terrific Friends and Adventures!

Everyone helping makes it easy!

Really make a difference!

Opportunities abound for parents and families to become an INVOLVED Band Booster. A little time goes a *long* way. Hand out popsicles after evening practice, help see the kids off to band camp, take pictures, build props, help them dress, fill goody bags for trips, serve pizza...

There is something for everyone! Stay tuned!

Always know the up to date scoops and schedules

go to the Lancer Band Website at www.lafayettebands.com

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Save the Date!

Summer may be upon us, but we'll miss you so be sure to mark your calendars and join us for these important band parent events

Sunday, July 19th

7:15 p.m.

Join us at the Wildhorse Subdivision Pool for the Marching Band Meet and Greet! While the kid's start off the Marching Band year with a splash, parents will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with the other adults. Meet the parents, ask questions and just enjoy a summer evening. Refreshments will be served. For more information, see the Meet and Greet Invitation that you received in your Band Envelope

Monday, July 20th

7:00 p.m.

Mandatory Rookie Parent meeting. At this meeting we will be collecting final paperwork as well as making sure that all parents are aware of activities and expectations for the year. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer ideas to make this a great year for everyone! **DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING!**

8:00 p.m.

Mandatory Marching Band and Parent Meeting. This is **THE BIG BAND CAMP MEETING!** The Director's and chaperones will give you every last bit of information you will need. They will review clothing needs, food needs, security measures and a complete schedule of activities that will occur during band camp. **DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING!**

Friday, August 14th

5:00

Annual Marching Band Family Night

Join us for a pot-luck supper and an evening of fun as the kids unveil

BOLLYWOOD

their Marching Band Show for the families.

Bring your camera!



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Good Kids/Proud Boosters

It is natural to have a little trepidation when you are sending your kids off to band camp, or competitions, or San Diego. After all, they are your kids, and you know them.

Thank goodness we have such fantastic Band Directors who are backed by the infamous Band Boosters. All work together to ensure that your kids are having a safe and quality experience. For instance, the recent trip to San Diego went with nary a hitch. 67 members of the Marching Band and Color Guard along with 13 adults flew to San Diego to perform at the Holiday Bowl and then enjoy the sights at Sea World and Disney. Scary, right? It certainly was for a couple travelling to Phoenix on the same flight as the kids.

However, our principal, John Shaughnessy was pleased to present us with a copy of the email he received on December 31:

"My wife and I happened to be on the same flight to Phoenix last Saturday as the Lancer band. Although perhaps suffering some initial trepidation at this prospect, we thoroughly enjoyed the enthusiasm they provided to the delay in St. Louis and their good manners on the flight. We don't know very much about the St. Louis area but your group were excellent ambassadors for your community and your high school. We hope the band enjoyed its stay in San Diego and enjoyed all of the festivities connected with the bowl game.

Best wishes

Lee and Wendy Sather

Ogden, UT"



Lancer Regiment returns from San Diego after performing at the Holiday Bowl