

Spirit of Waxahachie **Band Booster News** Indian Band

Working Together, Achieving More

September 2005

Thank You!

Refreshments

A special thank you to Woody Perry for providing the refreshments at the August booster meeting.

Southwest Specialties/Music T's

For all of the parents and students that have joined in this effort to support the band by recycling plaques on their personal time we say a HUGE THANK YOU! www.music-ts.com

WHS Band Luau

Thanks to the Thompson family for hosting the Luau again this year and thanks to the parents that stayed to chaperone. It was a huge success with ~120 attendees.



CiCi's Pizza

The boosters would like to thank CiCi's for donating the 6 buffer dinners with drinks that were given out as door prizes at the last booster meeting. Thank you CiCi's for your continued support of the band program.



Every Tuesday night, starting September 13, is CiCi's Pizza night for the band. Just tell them you're supporting the band when you order and 10% will go back to the Band!

Marble Slab

The boosters would like to thank Marble Slab for generously donating coupons for free cones which will be given out as door prizes at the September booster meeting. The boosters will be selling Marble Slab Ice Cream at the concession stand this year!



Marching Band Group Photo

A special thank you to Michelle Berning for responding to the short notice request to photograph the WHS Marching Band for the football program. You handled the tower well.

Ice Cream Social

Thanks to all of the Freshman parents that brought ice cream and for all the volunteers that helped serve the ice cream and work the sells and information tables.



Annual Band Car Wash

Thanks to everyone that helped with this years car wash. For those that volunteered your time and/or contributed supplies, and for those that got your car washed. Also a special thank you to Mr. David Nix, WHS Principal, for allowing the band to use the WHS parking lot, and a special thanks to Perry Popp, Joan Johnson, Gary Wyatt and Rich Armstrong for organizing the event.



Concession G.I. Party

I want to thank all those that came out to help clean the concession stand on Thursday evening on August 11th. It only took four hours to clean all those tables, racks, ice chest and the two steam tables as well as the three fryers.

The two power washers that were brought out by Robert Ashley and Perry Popp made a big difference in how fast the clean up went. I want to thank Mr. Donnie Owens for donating a brand new Bun coffee maker.

Thanks to the following workers that helped in the clean up:

Donnie Owens, Perry Popp, Logan Ashley, Robert Ashley, David Pryor, Gary Wyatt, Chris Beard, Rose Beard, Brian Beard, Jennie Reese

- *Marty Reese—Concessions Manager*

ICE

Thanks goes to American Ice for donating twenty 35# bags of ice for the Red Oak vs. Midway game on August 26th.



We also want to thank Coach Ream for allowing us to come and get ice from their ice machines.

- *Marty Reese—Concessions Manager*

July/August Volunteers

A special thanks goes to all of our volunteers. There are countless volunteer opportunities and I'm sure there are some we will fail to thank, especially for the spontaneous volunteer opportunities like helping to pass out band shirts when you thought you were just going to pickup your child from practice and go straight home. Please know that we value ALL of our volunteers. We could not do this without you!

Yvonne Alexander
Kim Armstrong
Rich Armstrong
Robert Ashley
Belinda Ashley
Karan Byrd
Pete Beard
Rose Beard
Andy Berning
Michelle Berning
Brent Buchanan
Chris Buse
Phyllis Collier
Paige Cook
Jennifer Dacy
Theresa Davis
Maria Dishman
Christine Erickson
JoAnn George
Michael Gilbreath
Monica Guerra
Annette Grimes
Annette Grumbles
Estelle Hernandez
Macke Hesse
Karen Howard
Richard Howard
Alicia Huff
Tommy Huff
BJ Ishmael
Carrie Jackson
David Jackson
Joan Johnson
Bill Kelley

Diana Lund
Nita Mercer
Stuart Moon
Winnie Neal
Casey Needham
Lisa Needham
Jackie Newcome
John Newcome
Donnie Owens
Margie Owens
Woody Perry
Brad Pettit
Nancy Petty
Valli Phillips
Ira Pinkston
Lisa Popp
Perry Popp
Amelia Power
Edward Quintana
Kendra Ray
Lori Recksiek
Heidi Reese
Jennie Reese
Marty Reese
Bricia Sanchez
Helen Sellers
Darrell Strickland
Doreen Strickland
George Susat
Gale Tobias
Dian Tuohy
Carolyn Wallis
Gary Wyatt
Lisa Wyatt



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! **Waxahachie vs. Ennis** **September 2**

We need a minimum of 50 people to work concessions, plus there are many other volunteer slots that we need to fill besides concessions. To find out how you can help, please contact Jennie or Marty Reese at 972-937-5529 (leave a message).

We need concession volunteers starting as early as 4:00 P.M. Game starts at 7:30 P.M. Parking Gates don't open until 6:00 P.M. If you arrive early for concession duty, please use the parking entrance on High School Drive on visitors side. There will be someone there to let you in for concession stand workers only!



Turner Middle School Band

The almost perfectly instrumented 119 member TMS Band is looking great. We have 12 flutes, two oboes, three bassoons, 27 clarinets, 12 saxophones, 14 trumpets, eight French Horns, 20 trombones, three baritone horns, six tubas and 12 percussionists. There are seven periods at TMS: 1st—Clarinets & Saxophones; 2nd--oboes and bassoons; 3rd--trumpets; 4th-- low brass (trombones, baritones & tubas), 5th—flutes; 6th—French Horns; 7th—percussion. Mr. Chris McCardle, the percussion guru, teaches the percussion class.

This week, we celebrated and recognized 22 birthdays that occurred during the months of June, July, and August. Mrs. Owens awarded each child with a nice pencil that read, "I love Band."

This has been an extremely busy two weeks in collecting tuition and rental fees, writing receipts, tagging instrument cases, band lists, instrument slot assignments, passing out horns, supplies, and the list continues. We have been working on the theory fundamentals that are so necessary in learning to play a musical instrument. Some sections have started on their mouth-pieces. At this time of the year, I question my sanity in scheduling a full-blown holiday season concert for December 15. But just wait—the TMS Band will put you in the Holiday Season mood. Mrs. Owens is already taking pictures for the band hall bulletin board, the school year-book and for this year's C.D./D.V.D. At Turner Middle School, we look forward to each day as another opportunity to turn potential into reality. We are on the road to success.

-Donnie & Margie Owens

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Turner Middle School

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Donnie & Margie Owens

Mr. Owens is a native of Oklahoma where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and a Master of Music Education degree from North Texas State University.

Mr. Owens has forty-five years of experience in the states of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, and he has had State Honor Band in all three states.

His Dickinson High School Marching Band advanced to every 4-A State Marching Contest, made the finals every time and won the State Marching Contest five times.

In 1994, the Dickinson band hall was renamed the "Don Owens Band Hall."

Mr. Owens has held individual offices in Oklahoma and Texas band organizations and has received numerous individual honors. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Bandmasters Hall of Fame, he was the first Texas band director to receive the UIL Denius Sponsor Excellence Award, and he has received the National Band Association Citation of Merit.

After his second retirement, he was pleased to have been asked to lead the Turner Middle School Band. With Mrs. Owens' help, the Turner Middle School Band has an unblemished record of Division One ratings in Concert and Sight Reading and was chosen as the "Outstanding Band" at the Sandy Lake Music Festival in Dallas and at the "Festival in the Sticks" in Maypearl.

Mrs. Owens is a native of Oklahoma where she earned her Bachelor of Elementary Education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Before her retirement Mrs. Owens taught fourth grade for twenty-six years.

Mrs. Owens is a full time volunteer at Turner Middle School where she assists her husband, Donnie Owens, with the TMS Band.

Band has been a way of life of Mr. and Mrs. Owens and their three children. On the 5-A track, Julie was an All-State Flutist for two years, Steve was an All-State Trombonist for three years, and David was an All-State Saxophonist for two years and was a member of the McDonald's All American Jazz Band and Marching Band. Julie and family live in Plano, David and family in Coppell and Steve's family reside in Clear Lake.

We are proud to have both Mr. and Mrs. Owens at WISD.



Donnie & Margie Owens will be celebrating their **47th Wedding Anniversary** on August 30 and they look forward to another 47 years together!



Waxahachie Junior High Bands



We are off to a great start! We are very excited to be a part of such a fantastic group of individuals and of a wonderful organization. There are two new additions to the

Junior High Band Program: Mr. Ken Hurst & Ms. Kendra Ray. We would like to thank all of the parents and students that have generously donated their time to the band program thus far. It is greatly appreciated.

The final cost of the t-shirt is \$15.00. We accept checks and cash. The check must have a driver's license and the state in which the driver's license was issued. Payment problems will be handled on a confidential and individual basis. Please make checks payable to Waxahachie Jr. High School Band. Receipts are available upon request.

Please check the Sept. calendar for WJHS Band dates.

- Ken Hurst & Kendra Ray

Waxahachie High School Band

Our Marching Show is Progressing Nicely!!!

August has been an extremely productive month for the marching band. They have learned all of the music to their field production "One More Night in Tunisia" and they have learned 5 1/2 minutes of drill. We plan to complete the entire show by September 16. This will give us several weeks of cleaning and polishing time prior to our first contest on October 1st. The students are on fire and they continue to amaze the staff each and every day. We appreciate your support and encouragement.



HEB Marching Contest Saturday, October 1

We would love the support we had at the Ice Cream Social for our first contest on Saturday, October 1. The band will be competing at the HEB Marching Contest at Pennington Field in Bedford. The schedule for this event has not been released but we would like for all of our Waxahachie Band supporters to mark their calendar and plan to attend this event.



Waxahachie ISD

Supplemental Lesson Program

The Waxahachie ISD band program is offering a supplemental lesson program to enhance students' musicality through one on one individual tutoring. Every student enrolled in band, sixth through twelfth grade, is encouraged to participate. These lessons give students the opportunity to fine tune their skills with an instrumental specialist. As a result, the Waxahachie band program will continue its rich tradition of producing outstanding individual musicians.

Every band student in grades 6-12 will be receiving an information packet with more detailed information concerning the supplemental lesson program by September 2. If you have not received a packet by the 2nd please call your child's band director.

A Note From Our Booster President

Have you sensed the excitement around the band halls? It has been especially thrilling to see so many volunteers helping out with the many projects that we have going currently. The enthusiasm and cheerful spirits of all our volunteers has been greatly appreciated. We could not have accomplished so much in such a short time without everyone's help. Thanks for giving of yourself so freely to making the program the best it can be for our students.

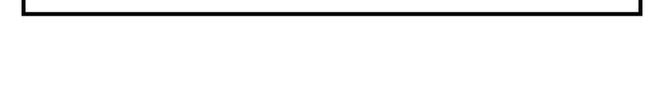
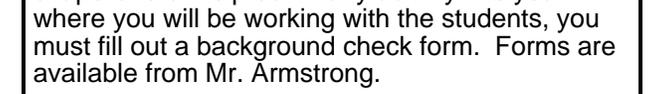
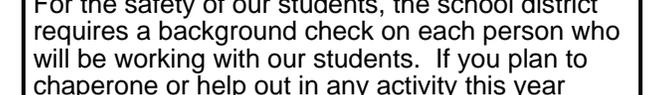
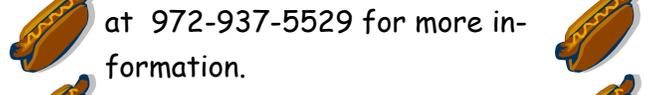
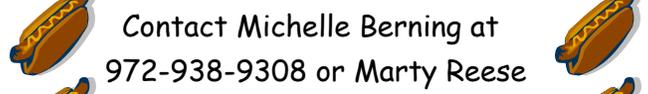
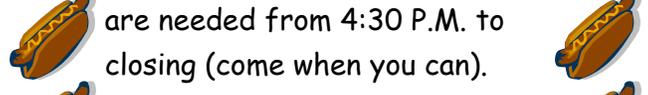
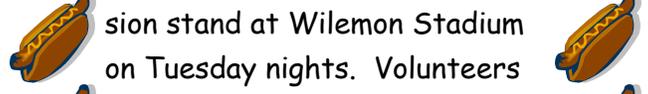
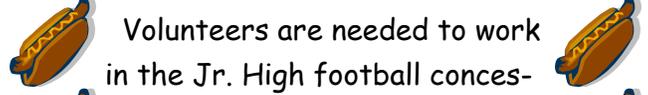
There is still time to get involved. We are in the process of compiling the contact information for all the committee chairpersons. If you volunteered for any committee, you should be hearing from your chairperson very soon. If you have not filled out a volunteer form yet or need more information about a particular committee, please call me at 972-938-1329 (evenings) or email cbbuse@hotmail.com.

I look forward to a great year together!

- Chris Buse, Band Booster President



Help Needed!



NOTICE!

For the safety of our students, the school district requires a background check on each person who will be working with our students. If you plan to chaperone or help out in any activity this year where you will be working with the students, you must fill out a background check form. Forms are available from Mr. Armstrong.

Car Wash—240 cars—\$2004.50



Booster Officers 2005-2006

President.....Chris Buse
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 VP Concessions.....Marty Reese
 Secretary.....Jennifer Dacy
 Treasurer.....Robert Ashley
 WJHS Rep.....Cheryl Stephens
 Turner Rep.....Billie Stephenson
Vacant Positions
 Assistant VP of Concessions
 VP of Fundraising

The Waxahachie Band Booster Organization provides support for all students in the Waxahachie Band Program. Every band parent and friend of the band is invited to join the Waxahachie Band Booster Organization. The Waxahachie Band Booster Organization meets on the second Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M. in the WHS band hall.

www.band.wisd.org

Music T Fundraiser

The Boosters are continuing to recycle award plaques for **Southwest Specialty Co. (Music T's)**. This is easy money for the booster, only requiring parents and students to volunteer 4 hours of their time on a Saturday of their choice. The facility is air conditioned and free drinks are provided. The atmosphere is fun and it is a good way to build new relationships.

Current results



Total plaques recycled: **66,807**

Total donation earned: **\$13,361.40**

Current work dates scheduled

Sep 10—6am—2pm

Sep 17— 6am—2pm

Sep 24— 6am—2pm

Shifts

6:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

For more information contact
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Annual Waxahachie Band Ice Cream Social

Band Earns Standing Ovation!

The Waxahachie Band Ice Cream Social was a HUGE success on Thursday night, August 25th.

Under the direction of drum majors Elizabeth Buchanan and Jaci Wyatt, the Spirit of Waxahachie Marching Band delivered an outstanding performance of their 2005 field production "One More Night in Tunisia". Dressed in their summer uniform the color guard, horn-line, and drum-line came together to present a wonderful musical experience.

The night started with an energetic and exciting stand still renditions of "Night in Tunisia" featuring the soaring trumpet sounds of Michael Prohaska and Brian Stephens. The band followed "Tunisia" with the jazz classic "One More Time Chuck Corea". Michael Prohaska, Brian Stephens, Jose Urias, and Dylan Dacy highlighted the performance with a stylish cadenza.

While the band set up to march the opener the drumline played their new cadence "Funkzilla" which was awesome. The band concluded the night with a sophisticated choreographed marching version of "Night in Tunisia". The WHS Band would like to thank all of the parents, students, friends, and community members who supported this night of great entertainment. The students



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September Booster Meeting Monday, Sept. 12, 7:00 P.M. WHS Band Hall

September 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		CiCi's Pizza Night Every Tues. starting Sept. 13		1	2 WHS v. Ennis Report at 5:30	3
4	5 School Holiday	6	7	8 Executive Com- mittee Mtg 7pm	9 WHS at DeSoto Report at 4:45	10 Recycle Fundraiser
11	12 Booster Meeting 7pm - Band Hall	13 CiCi's Pizza Night	14	15	16 WHS at Corsicana Report at 4:45	17 Recycle Fundraiser Band Party
18	19	20 WJHS Band—Sym. 7th & 8th— Wilemon Stadium CiCi's Pizza Night	21	22	23 WHS v. Terrell Report at 6:00 End of 6 weeks— Eligibility check	24 All Region Jazz Auditions 7-5pm Highland Park Recycle Fundraiser
25	26	27 WJHS Band—Sym. 7th & 8th— Wilemon Stadium CiCi's Pizza Night	28	29	30 WHS v. Lancaster Report at 6:00	