



The Bernardo Yorba Entertainment Unit Newsletter October 2009



A Message From Our Director

Dear Parents,

We're off to another great start this year! It has been smooth sailing thanks to the help of a number of volunteers. Our musicians are playing better and better and all of their teachers are commenting on how nice and polite they are!!

The **jazz band** has many students who are showing up early every morning. We will have auditions at the beginning of October. Students will be placed into Jazz I or Jazz II. All students are to be commended for their efforts in attempting to make the jazz band. Our **first and second period band** classes are improving each day. It is very difficult to march in step, play perfectly in tune (with music memorized) and stay in perfect alignment. We are working diligently toward a memorable performance at the San Dimas Parade (1st period only). The **beginning band** has learned how to put instruments together, produce good sound and read basic notes and rhythms. I can't describe how those first few days sound, but most people who come into the room try to leave as soon as possible! You will hear their first performance at the Winter Concert and you will be amazed at how much they have learned in such a short period of time. Our **intermediate band** sounds great! We are reviewing some basics that were learned in past years and will be ready to move to more difficult music very soon. **Orchestra** class is having a great time. We will split into two classes this month after auditions. We are already sounding better than we did at the beginning of the school year! There is endless potential within this talented group of musicians.

You will always receive information sheets concerning upcoming events (Disneyland, Knott's, parades, etc.), about one week beforehand. This is designed to give you all the details you need including arrival times ("call times") and return times. If you don't receive this information from your student, ask them for it! It will usually be on brightly colored paper and may be buried in a backpack or music folder! If we received your Email address, this info will be sent to your home. This information will also be on the website (byeu.com).

Reminders and information:

1. You should hear practicing at home...almost every day! Don't leave practice for the weekend! We have an outstanding music program and it will continue as long as our musicians practice!
2. Purchasing an instrument can be tricky business. What may seem to be a good deal may not be. If you have any questions about instruments, please feel free to contact me. Remember this: "Don't buy an instrument from the same store where you buy your groceries!!"
3. Thinking about lessons? Contact me for names of good teachers in our area. What an asset!!
4. If you have not yet done so, please send in your "Fair Share" as soon as possible. If you are having financial difficulties at this time, please contact our treasurer, Kim Merlihan at 693-3991.
5. We need volunteers for many of our events. You can contact our Vice-president Diane Seitz at 488-5154 or at mrseitzhistoryclass@yahoo.com.
6. Thanks for your participation in our fundraiser again this year. When the items arrive, please deliver them in a timely manner.

Musically yours,

Rita Watson



Principal's Message

Welcome back! I'm looking forward to a great 2009 – 2010 school year. The Bernardo Yorba Entertainment Unit enjoyed a great deal of success last year that will be difficult to replicate this year, but I know that the students are working very hard to prepare for parade season. It is amazing to me how Mrs. Watson is able to bring out the best in these young musicians to allow them to perform at such a high level of excellence.

Of course, none of this would be possible were it not for the support from you, the parents. The BYEU boosters are a remarkable group of people who assist our students in a myriad of ways. Thank you for all you do to help make the Bernardo Yorba Entertainment Unit the outstanding group that it is! I hope to see you at the parades!

Mr. Malotte



President's Message

Another band season is upon us! We appreciate all the parents that were able to make it to our information meeting in August. Your support this year will be a great asset to our music program. For those of you who were not able to make it, I'd like to introduce our 2009-2010 BYEU Booster Board.

My name is Carole Ooi. This is my fourth year as BYEU President. I have an eighth grader, Bea-Sim, who plays clarinet in Performing Band. You can call or e-mail me if you have any questions. All board members names and contact information are included in this and all subsequent BYEU newsletters.

Diane Seitz is our Vice President. She coordinates our volunteer network. She is always in need of parent volunteers to drive equipment to performances, chaperone on busses, unload instruments, pull the band water wagon at our parades, etc. Thank you in advance for saying "Yes" when she contacts you for help. She greatly appreciates the support of the parents who have signed up to volunteer for upcoming events, Diane's eighth grade daughter, Kathleen, is in Advanced Orchestra and plays violin.

Lee Ann Gulley is our Ways and Means Chairperson. Lee Ann helps raise money through the fall gift-wrap fundraiser for the band. She has the time-consuming task of sorting out all of those Cherrydale packages that go home with our students. Lee Ann's daughter, Paige, is in eighth grade and plays flute in Performing Band.

Sharon St. Aubin is this year's Secretary. Sharon is responsible for taking the minutes at our Board meetings. Her eighth grade son, Timothy, plays trumpet in Performing Band.

Husband and wife team, Ann and Dennis Radcliffe are in charge of Publicity. They are responsible for publishing our newsletter each quarter. If you have anything to contribute to the newsletter that relates to the music program, please call Ann or Dennis. Our newsletters are typically published in September, late November, February, and late April. Troy, Ann & Dennis' son, is in eighth grade this year and plays trumpet in Performing Band.

This is Angela Guerrero's fourth year as uniform chair. She has one of the most difficult jobs of all. She is responsible for making sure all of our marching band students look absolutely fantastic before each performance. She is also in charge of the shoe and sock ordering from Peacock's. If you have any questions about uniforms, or would like to donate slightly used marching band shoes, please give Angela a call. Her son, Michael, is an eighth grader and plays trumpet in Performing Band.

Kim Merlihan is serving as our treasurer for her fourth year. Kim will be happy to answer any of your questions regarding our finances, including Fair Share, which helps pay our costs to attend parades and other competitions. Meghan, her daughter, is a seventh grader who plays trumpet in Performing Band.

I would like to encourage all of our parents and other extended family members to become involved with our music program. We still have many volunteer spots to fill, so please sign up for one of our events, if possible. Most importantly, support your student(s) by coming to parades, concerts, and other performances. As you know, it makes all the hard work of memorizing music, sweating through competition, and practice worthwhile for our kids. We always have a great time, and so will you!

Carole Ooi

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!



A BIG Thank You to all those parents who sent in soda and treats for our school dance. It was very successful and the students seem to really enjoy the concessions. A special thank you to the volunteers the day of the dance that helped set up, serve, and clean up. We could not have done it without you.

Diane Seitz

If you have an opportunity to eat out you may want to think of going to Joaquin's Mexican Restaurant in Village Center. They are the suppliers of all our ice on the day of our parades. They have been a constant supporter of Bernardo Yorba's music program and we truly appreciate their donations.

Color Guard News



BYMS Color Guard 2009 has begun practices for the upcoming parade season with Color Guard Camp in July and after school practices that began September 10th. Team members are looking forward to an exciting year with their instructors, Jayna Seidel and Allison Neumann. Practices are Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:45 pm to 5:30 pm prior to parade season with some Friday rehearsals during the parade season. Captains are Nathali Roizman and Robin Shepherd. Please cheer on our BYMS Color Guard and wish them luck for the upcoming parade season.

Instrument Insurance

Good News! Instrument insurance is now available once again through Music Agency Inc. Applications can be submitted online at www.musicagencyinc.com. Please call the company at 1-800-421-1283 for rate and coverage information or see the information that has been handed out to your child. Please do not contact Mrs. Watson with insurance company questions.

Uniforms For Concert Season!!

All performing groups will be wearing black on the bottom (pants or knee-length or longer skirts), black shoes (must be dress shoes or marching shoes for 1st and 2nd period bands and orchestra), black socks (at least up to mid-calf), and the black instrumental music polo shirt. The shirts will be ordered at the beginning of October. Please wash these shirts in cold water to minimize shrinkage and fading.

3rd and 4th period bands have the option of purchasing your own black shirt, or you can buy one of the instrumental music polo shirts. Additional information will be handed out to 3rd and 4th periods during the month of October. If you decide to buy your own black shirt, a plain black polo shirt would be best. (Please no T-shirts with big surfing logos or something similar!!!)



Marching Band Parents

Please help your “Marching Matador” be ready for each parade. Please make sure your child comes ready to play with no fingernail polish, no watches, no rings, and no colored hair. Cell phones will be allowed on the bus, but cannot be carried in the actual parade. The black Dinkles marching band shoes should be shiny. Black socks (at least up to mid-calf) are also required. Hair should be up, and make-up should be kept to a minimum. We really appreciate your help. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Guerrero at 777-1354.

Fair Share

Thanks to everyone who has paid their “Fair Share”. “Fair Share” fees cover a portion of transportation costs, uniform jacket and pants and hat maintenance (cleaning and repair), parade and festival fees, new music, school instrument repairs, awards, and scholarships.

If you have not yet paid, please due so NOW. Have your student bring a check to school and turn it in to Mrs. Watson. Make checks payable to BYEU and write your student’s name in the memo section. If you wish to make installment payments, contact Kim Merlihan, at 693-3991.

The “Fair Share” fees this year are:

Marching Band	\$75
Orchestra	\$60
Color Guard	\$50

If your student is in more than one activity, pay the higher “Fair Share” amount.

34th Annual District Band Pageant

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Bradford Stadium, Valencia High School



This is an evening where our district “shows off” the middle school and high school entertainment units for friends and family. We should feel especially proud for all of our district students as each group parades around the stadium! The four high school bands (Valencia, El Dorado, Esperanza, and Yorba Linda High) also present their field shows. As we celebrate the music in our schools, please cheer loudly for EVERY school at this wonderful event!

Each student in our marching band and color guard will receive five (5) tickets to sell for Band Pageant. The advance price of the tickets usually runs about \$2.00 each. All monies received for tickets purchased in advance go directly to BYEU (we make 100% of the profit!). If you need more than five tickets, just ask Mrs. Watson. Tickets also can be purchased at the stadium gate for \$3.00 each, and the profit from the gate sales goes directly to the district music fund. This money is used to help support our music programs here at BYMS and at our local schools. **Money and tickets must be turned in by November 4th.** Your student does not need to sell all of their tickets, but if you are attending, please be sure to buy the advance price tickets!

A Note From Someone Who’s Been There

Last year was our first year of being involved with BYEU. We went to the first parade and sat on the sidelines watching as the band marched by. The second parade found us pulling a water cart and we were hooked! It is a blast to watch and listen to these kids perform. Mrs. Watson does an incredible job with our children. She thoroughly enjoys what she does; you can see it in her face. Support these musicians. Get Hooked! We will guarantee you the time of your lives!



Parades (and other Marching Events)

See your calendar in this newsletter for new rehearsal and parade dates!!!!!!

All BYMS Entertainment Unit Members (1st and 2nd period bands & Color Guard) will be performing at these parades and the district band pageant:

Placentia Parade	October 10
Riverside Parade	October 17
District Band Pageant	November 4
Disneyland "Main Street" March	TBA (mid November)



All of the 1st period Marching Band members & Color Guard will also be competing at these parades:

San Dimas Parade	October 3
Baldwin Park	November 7

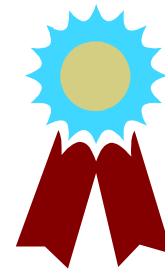
Parade attendance is mandatory. Please contact Mrs. Watson two weeks in advance about Saturday sports schedules that may conflict. The Disneyland trip is a "reward trip" for attending all events.

San Dimas Parade Results (October 3, 2009):

DRUM MAJOR: Sydney Porras	2nd Place Middle School Drum Major
COLOR GUARD:	1st Place Trophy
BAND:	1st Place Trophy

Placentia Parade Results (October 10, 2009):

DRUM MAJOR: Sydney Porras	3rd Place
COLOR GUARD:	2nd Place
BAND:	Sweepstakes
MUSIC SCORE:	Sweepstakes



Congratulations to all of our performers!!!



What About Our Drum Major?

Sydney Porras will be leading the Marching Matadors this year as they "strut their stuff" to the rousing "Make Way for Melody" march. Good luck this marching season Sydney!

Parent Volunteers Always Needed

HELP!!! We need many parents to volunteer their time and talents for our upcoming events. Please get hold of Vice President Diane Seitz.

- E-mail Diane at mrseitzhistoryclass@yahoo.com.
- Call Diane at 488-5154.

Summer Fun with the Arts

Three students from our instrumental music program were selected for the Arts Xpress Program that is sponsored by the Pacific Symphony Orchestra. Kara Wenz, Sara Tengelsen, and Madison Grimes spent a week at the University of California, Irvine. The students were totally immersed in all types of arts programs. Highlights of this weeklong arts experience were the "Pageant of the Masters" in Laguna Beach, a Pacific Symphony Orchestra concert as well as a play! These students had the time of their lives and I recommend that all 7th graders apply for this opportunity at the end of this school year.



Summer Music Camps

These students participated in music camps around the area this summer.

Valencia Jazz Camp:
Max Freeseemann
Jacob Geosano
Jackson Nestor
Alex Wertz

Yorba Linda Middle School Jazz Camp:
Jacob Geosano
Alex Wertz

Yorba Linda Middle School Band Camp:
Jacob Geosano
Alex Wertz

Honor Groups

Musicians: If you are interested in auditioning for Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) Honor Groups, please go to the SCSBOA Website (scsboa.org) to find out about required scales, required audition music, audition dates, rehearsal dates, and performance dates. You will be required to play a number of major scales, the chromatic scale, and an advanced-level piece of music. We encourage all of our serious musicians to audition for these very prestigious groups. Please let Mrs. Watson know if you are planning to audition.



Deadline for application forms:
Concert Band & Orchestra
Jazz

October 29, 2009
December 11, 2009



Attention All Photographers!



We would like to add pictures to our newsletter and BYEU's website. If you take any great pictures of our Entertainment Unit kids please submit them to Dennis and Ann Radcliffe at Drad77@yahoo.com. If the files are too big or you have too many to choose from you can burn them on a disk and have your child give them to Mrs. Watson.



Bernardo Yorba Entertainment Unit 2009-2010 Calendar



(Subject to changes/additions/deletions, etc.)

Bold print indicates something new has been added/changed from previous calendar

- Fri., Oct. 9 1st and 2nd period band rehearsal with color guard 3:30-5:00 p.m.
 ^Sat., Oct. 10 Placentia Parade (1st, 2nd, and color guard)
 9:15 a.m.-band review (competition) (1st period only)
 9:30 parade a.m.-all 1st, 2nd and color guard
- Fri., Oct. 16 1st and 2nd period band rehearsal with color guard 3:30-4:30 p.m.**
 ^Sat. Oct. 17 **Riverside Parade (1st, 2nd, and color guard)**
 Cancelled ^Sat., Oct. 31 Yorba Linda Parade (1st, 2nd and C.G.) 10:00 a.m.
- ^Wed., Nov. 4 34th Annual District Band Pageant (1st, 2nd, and C.G.) 7:00 p.m. Bradford Stadium
 ^Sat., Nov. 7 Baldwin Park or Chino Parade (1st per. and C.G.) 9:30 a.m.
 (There will be a couple of after school or before school marching rehearsals during marching season.)
 ^2nd or 3rd week of Nov. (Tent.) Marching band to Disneyland (1st, 2nd, and C.G.) all day
- ^1st week of Dec. (Tent.) Jazz Band I and Orchestra to Knott's Berry Farm (may be small fee \$5-10) all day
 **Thu., Dec. 10 Winter Music Concert (All band & orch. classes) 7:00 p.m. Lasorda F.H.
- ^2nd week of Feb. (Tent.) Jazz Band I and Advanced Orchestra to Disneyland all day
- Tue., Mar. 16 (Tent.) Pre-Festival Concert 6:30 p.m. (Performing bands and orchestra)
 ^Tue., Mar. 30 Performance bands at music festival Valencia H.S.
 ^Wed., Mar., 31 Strings at music festival Valencia H.S.
- Tue., Apr. 20 Open House (POSSIBLE performances by Beginning, Interm. and Jazz Bands)**
- Fri., May 7 (Tent.) Jazz Band I with guest artist and Esperanza Jazz Band Concert**
 Mon., May 10 String Fest! 7:30 p.m. @ Valencia H.S. (strings only)
 Tue., May 11 Area Band Concert 7:30 p.m. @ Valencia H.S. (1st & 2nd per. bands/jazz band I)
- June 2nd or 3rd Yorba Meadows Concert 6:00 p.m. (all students in the program!)
 Thu., June 17 Advanced Strings at Promotion 10:00 a.m.

Attendance at all concerts is mandatory and will be part of your grade.

* **You must attend Pre-Festival Concert to attend music festival.**

** **You must attend Winter Concert to participate at Disneyland in Feb. (orch. and jazz only)**

^ **A bus will take you to this event. Meet at Bernardo Yorba at designated time.**

B.Y.E.U. Calendar is updated approximately every other month. Check the website (byeu.org) or ask your child for the calendars that are handed out at school. (Updated 10/4/09)