



# The Bernardo Yorba Entertainment Unit Newsletter September 2010



## A Message From Our Director

Dear Parents,

We are off to a very busy start of the year. Please make sure to keep your eyes on the calendar. You should have already received an email about our dance fundraiser. If you didn't, we probably haven't received your email address or maybe we don't have your correct one.

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 Sharon St.Aubin at 970-7585 or at [Sharon\\_staubin@yahoo.com](mailto:Sharon_staubin@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



## President's Message

Phil and I are very excited to start this new marching season. It is truly amazing how well these students get in such a short time, largely in part to our wonderful director Mrs. Watson. She has a way of bringing out the best not only in the marching band, but the orchestra students as well. It is evident by the many awards and honors that she and the program have received.

We appreciated getting a chance to meet some of you at the parent's night meeting earlier this month. If you did not get a chance to meet the board, please don't hesitate to come by and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you and hopefully get you involved in this wonderful program.

For your convenience, the names, positions, and contact numbers for our Board members will be printed in every newsletter this year.

For those who don't know me or my husband, let me tell you a little about us. I have served as vice-president of the board for 3 non consecutive years. My oldest son Robert (17) went through Mrs. Watson's music program in marching band and Jazz band. My 14 year old daughter Kathleen was in color guard and orchestra for her 2 years at Bernardo. I now have a 7<sup>th</sup> grade son, John who is in 1<sup>st</sup> period band and hopes to follow in his brother's footsteps and join the Jazz band. He is a percussionist and plays guitar. He is very excited to make his first trip down Kramer Blvd. in the Placentia Parade as a participant and not an observer as he has been the past 5 years. My husband Phil is new to the board. He has been a Social Studies teacher at Bernardo for the past 13 years and is looking forward to being more involved as our last child comes through the school.

Sharon St. Aubin is our vice-president this year. She served as the Boards secretary last year when her 8<sup>th</sup> grade son Tim was in 1<sup>st</sup> period band and Jazz band. She has a 7<sup>th</sup> grade son, Christopher in band this year. Sharon is in charge of our volunteer network. She is always looking for parents, grandparents, aunts, or uncles, who are willing to drive equipment, chaperone on buses, load instruments, pull the band water wagon at parades, etc. Thank you in advance for saying "yes" when she calls you. We couldn't do it all without your help.

Lisa Doble is our Ways & Means person. She is new to the board and is bringing in lots of great ideas to help raise money for all the events we do. Our Cherrydale Farms fundraiser is off to a great start and our first Moms Night off at Chick-fil-A was a big hit. Her son Billy is in the 1<sup>st</sup> period band in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and plays the sax.

Vicki Wertz is new to the board as our secretary this year. She is responsible for taking notes at our Board meetings. Her 7<sup>th</sup> grade son Eddie is in band and orchestra. Wow!

Carolyn Fry is our new Uniform chair this year. She has one of the hardest jobs. She is responsible for making all our marching kids look fantastic as they represent Bernardo Yorba Middle School at all our marching events. Carolyn coordinated the fitting of our uniforms earlier this season. She is also in charge of the shoe and sock ordering from Peacock's. Please contact Carolyn if you have any questions about uniforms, or would like to donate gently used marching band shoes. Carolyn's son, Logan is in marching band.

Kim Merlihan has returned for yet another year, her 4<sup>th</sup> as treasurer. Kim can answer any questions you have about fair share and other financial issues. Her 8<sup>th</sup> grade daughter Meghan is a trumpet player in the marching band.

Doreen McCann is our publicity person this year. Her son Bryan is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in 1<sup>st</sup> period band this year. She will be putting together our newsletters each quarter. If you have anything that you would like to add to the newsletter that relates to the music program, call Doreen. The newsletters usually come out in late Sept. /early Oct., late November, February, and late April.

Once again I would like to encourage you to participate in this wonderful program. I don't know if you realize how lucky we are in this District to have the music programs we do. We know many children from other areas, whose Jr. High students never march in a parade, even some High Schools who only do field shows. We have such dedicated teachers who give our children one of life's greatest gifts: the gift of music. We hope to see you out at our events. You won't regret it!

Diane and Phil Seitz

## 2010–2011 Bernardo Yorba Entertainment Unit Booster Club Board Members

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### Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!

A BIG Thank You to all of the parents that helped with the uniform sizing. And Thank You to all of the families 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.

### Color Guard News



BYMS Color Guard 2010 season is in full swing! The ladies began practicing for the upcoming parade season with a one week Color Guard Camp that took place over the summer. After school practices began the first day of school and will continue twice a week (Tuesday and Thursdays) from 3:45 pm to 5:30 pm. The squad is larger this season with many incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders joining the team. Members are looking forward to another award winning season with their instructors, Jayna Seidel and Allison Neumann. Captains are Katie Jansen, Christina Kilfeather and Kristin Scarborough. Team Mom is Gail Jansen. Please come out and support your Color Guard at all of the upcoming parades and wish them luck for a successful 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!!!)

**Again, concert season polo shirts must be purchased by October 1<sup>st</sup>.**



## 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 our uniform chairperson, Carolyn Fry at [maddezines@yahoo.com](mailto:maddezines@yahoo.com)

## 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.

## 35th Annual District Band Pageant

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010

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 advanced price for tickets will be \$5.00 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 \$6.00, 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 3rd.** 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!



## Parades (and other Marching Events)

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

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

Placentia Parade	October 9
District Band Pageant	November 3
Disneyland "Main Street" March	TBA (mid November)



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

Tustin Parade	October 2
Baldwin Park	November 6

**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.**



## What About Our Drum Major?

Dylan Breneman will be leading the Marching Matadors this year as they "strut their stuff" to the rousing "On the Street" march. He has been spending numerous hours this past summer practicing for this demanding role. Best of luck to you, Dylan!

## 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 Sharon St. Aubin.

- E-mail Sharon at [Sharon\\_staubin@yahoo.com](mailto:Sharon_staubin@yahoo.com).
- Call Sharon at 970-7585.

## "Mom's Night Off" Meet-and-Eat Night

The first "Mom's Night Off" at Chic-Fill-A was very successful. Thank you to everyone who came out that night and supported BYEU!

Our next "Mom's Night Off" is scheduled for Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at various participating restaurants in the Eastlake Shopping Center. A flyer will be coming home soon listing all of the participating restaurants or print one from the website. We hope to see you there.

## Silent Auction Donations

If you or someone you know has an item or service that they would like to donate for our upcoming silent auction please contact Lisa Doble at 714-970-6476 or Vicki Wertz at 714-501-1782.

## Summer Fun with the Arts

One student from our instrumental music program was selected for the Arts Xpress Program that is sponsored by the Pacific Symphony Orchestra. Desiree Niola 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, and a play! Desiree had the time of her life and I recommend that all 7<sup>th</sup> 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:

Sean MacKellar  
Nathan Wilkes  
Edwin Wertz  
Kenny Garcia

### Yorba Linda Middle School/Tuffree Camp:

Billy Doble  
Riley Mau

### Brass Ensemble:

Ryan Tom



## 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](http://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.



# 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 our website at [www.byeu.org](http://www.byeu.org). 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 2010-2011 Calendar



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

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

- Wed., Sept. 29**      **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> per. marching rehearsal with color guard  
7:15 a.m.**
- Fri., Oct. 1            1<sup>st</sup> period and color guard---After school rehearsal  
3:20-4:30 p.m.
- ##^Sat., Oct. 2        Tustin Parade 10:00 a.m.    1<sup>st</sup> per. and color guard
- Fri., Oct. 8            1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period band rehearsal with color guard  
3:20-5:20 p.m.
- ^Sat., Oct. 9            Placentia Parade (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & c.g.)  
9:15 a.m.-band review (competition) (1<sup>st</sup> per. only)  
9:30 parade a.m.-all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and c.g.
- Tue., Oct 12**            **(NEW RESCHEDULED DATE!!) Marching Band (a.k.a. Performing  
band-per. 1 & 2) & Color Guard Photo 8:00 a.m.**
- Sat. Oct. 16            No Riverside Parade
- ^Wed., Nov. 3            35<sup>th</sup> Annual District Band Pageant (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and C.G.)  
7:00 p.m. Bradford Stadium
- ^Sat., Nov. 6            Baldwin Park (1<sup>st</sup> per. and C.G.) 9:30 a.m.
- (There will be a couple of after school or before school marching rehearsals during  
marching season.)***
- ^Nov. 10, 18, or 19    Marching band to Disneyland (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and C.G.) all day
- ^Dec. 2 or 3            (Tent.) Jazz Band I/Orchestra--Knott's Berry Farm  
(fee? \$5-\$10) all day
- \*\*Thu., Dec. 9**            **(DATE CHANGE!!) Winter Music Concert** (All band & orch. classes)  
7:00 p.m. Lasorda Field House

## Bernardo Yorba Entertainment Unit 2010-2011 Calendar Cont.



- ^2<sup>nd</sup> week of Feb. (Tent.) Jazz Band I and Advanced Orchestra to Disneyland all day
- Tue., Mar. 15** (Tent.) Pre-Festival Concert 6:30 p.m.  
(Performing bands and orchestra)
- ^Tue., Mar. 29 Performance bands at music festival Valencia H.S.
- ^Wed., Mar. 30 Strings at music festival Valencia H.S.
- Wed., Apr. 13 **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 16 String Fest! 7:30 p.m. @ Valencia H.S. (strings only)
- Tue., May 17 Area Band Concert 7:30 p.m. @ Valencia H.S.  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> per. bands/jazz band I)
- Fri., May 20 (Tent.) (DATE CHANGE!!)BIG BAND BLOWOUT Concert with  
guest artist TBA 7:00 p.m.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Yorba Meadows Concert 6:00 p.m.**  
**(all students in the program!)**
- Thu., June 16 (Tent.) 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.

(Calendar revised 9/21/10)