



Music Notes



Finneytown Music Parents' Association Newsletter

Fall 2013

President's Message -

Which came first—Finneytown's award-winning music program or the award-winning support program known as the Finneytown Music Parents Association? It's actually a trick question. When students, staff and our support organization work together in a seamless fashion, the team results have historically been fantastic and moving.

Congratulations to the Finneytown High School Marching Band, under the teaching direction of **Mr. Carl Phlipot** and **Mr. Michael Kennedy**, and the support team organized by **Ms. Jenny Jones**, for your coordinated effort with this year's performance show entitled "The Brave". Attendees who have witnessed your creative energies have been moved to tears. Both veterans and non-veterans alike have been touched by your tribute to those who have selflessly served their country.

While physical danger is not imminent when FMPA members work to support our music programs, there is a sense of patriotic duty and pride when parents, family members, and other supporters band together in a group effort behind the scenes of our music students. We thank those of you who have sacrificed your time, talents and other resources to help achieve the success we have enjoyed thus far this school year.

FMPA wants you to join our collective effort. How will you join the effort and share in the pride of our award-winning team? Membership is certainly a strong commitment. If your name is not on our list of financial supporters inside this newsletter, please consider the small investment we ask on an annual basis. Perhaps this request is not in your budget. There are so many other ways to help. Please consider volunteering with one of our FMPA vice presidents to chaperone an event or help with uniforms or bring snacks to an upcoming event. If we all share in the effort, then the sacrifice won't seem as great for those who have already made the commitment.

Come and be part of the successful team!

Best regards,

Kevin Berlon
FMPA President



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Orchestra News

By **Michael Kennedy**



The Finneytown Orchestra would like to thank **Paul Bartel** for visiting Whitaker Elementary at the beginning of the year! Paul is the owner of Baroque Violin and was the former director for the Orchestra program back in the 80's. He did a wonderful demonstration of all the string instruments for the 5th and 6th grade students. He gave his time freely for this event and was well received by the staff and students. Thanks Paul, we truly appreciate the support!

Orchestra volunteers, **Cindy Brown** and **Kelley Hickey** have been coming to the school and helping out with various jobs. Cindy has been working with students who need remedial help in the Middle School orchestra on note reading. She has also been helping me with recording classroom assessments. Kelley has been coming into the Whitaker Elementary School and helping with beginning bowing techniques with the 5th and 6th graders. She has been a huge help to me and the students this year. Thanks Cindy and Kelley, I really appreciate your continuous support.

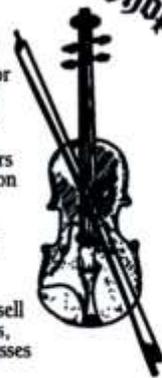
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Show me the Cookie Dough!

By Penny Sauer



You have ordered your cookie dough, popcorn or chocolate covered pretzels from a Finneytown music student, and you have been dreaming about how good they are going to taste. Good news - the wait is almost over! On **Thursday, November 14th**, the items from the FMPA Fall Fundraiser will be delivered to the **Secondary Campus Gym**. A group of parent volunteers will sort the orders and have them ready for pick-up by the students who sold them and/or their parents in the back half of the gym between **3 and 6 pm**. Park behind the gym for easier loading. If you would like to pick-up your order earlier than 3 pm, please contact Penny Sauer at bpsauer@fuse.net or 521-8896 by November 13th to let us know when you will be there, and we will have your order ready. We encourage early pick-ups, especially of large orders.

It is critical that all orders be picked up before 6 pm and delivered to customers or refrigerated on the 14th!! The cookie dough is perishable, and we have no way of storing orders that are left.

We always order some extras, so those will be available for purchase on pick-up day. After that, contact Jennifer Schmidt at JenMattTim@hotmail.com or 560-8617 to arrange to purchase more. Any remaining items will be for sale at the December concerts while they last.

Also, please let us know if you are available to help with sorting orders on the 14th for a 2 hour shift or longer. It is a big job, and extra help is always appreciated. A free lunch and great company is included ☺

Thank you for your support of the Finneytown music department, and see you on **November 14th!**

“Quote for Thought”

“I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are keys to learning.”

-Plato

Alumni Update...

We need your help! We'd love to tell the world (at least all of Finneytown) what you've been up to lately.

Send us your news so we can let everyone know! Have you changed majors, started an internship or job-shadowing experience? Have you had a once-in-a-lifetime experience you'd like the world to know about? Have you moved out of town/state? Are you beginning a new career? Starting grad school? Engaged to be married, or recently married? Are you a new parent or grandparent? Share your news with Finneytown!

When you join FMPA as an Alumni member, not only are you supporting the same music program that enriched your life when you were a student, you'll also be doing your part to maintain the tradition of Finneytown's excellence in music. You will also receive our quarterly newsletter, *Music Notes*, so you'll always know where and when to catch your favorite group's next performance.

Are you the parent of a more recent graduate? Send us their news so we can spread the word! Remember, when your graduate joins FMPA at the Alumni level, s/he will receive their own copy of *Music Notes* so you won't have to share yours.

Send your Alumni news and current Alumni addresses to: Alumni Update C/O Angela Murphy 8413 Sunrise Ave Cincinnati, OH 45231. Or email updates to Angela: a.murphy720@gmail.com



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New **LOOK** for Music

Groups by **Brenda Dennis**, Uniform Chair

There will be a new look for some of the music ensembles this year. Chorale will look sharp as ever in their tuxes and blue dresses, and Men's Chorus will also be looking good, wearing tuxes.

Women's Chorus and Concert band are changing to concert black this year. What is concert black? Simply put, it's nice, dressy black clothing.

Guys, black dress pants, black dress shirt, black dress socks, and black dress shoes (and black tie if you wish). Did we mention "dress"? No matter how sharp they are, jeans, tee shirts, and sneakers are not included in the above list.

Ladies, dressy black top with skirt or nice slacks, or black dress will look very classy, with black shoes, of course! When choosing your dressy black outfit, school dress code applies, especially on stage. Let's be honest here: ladies, you're sitting on stage or standing on risers. Remember that little fact when considering the length of the skirt.

Tux-wearing guys will be provided with jacket, trousers, blue bow tie and cummerbund. You provide white wing-tipped collar tux shirt, and black dress socks and shoes. Look for shirts at Burlington, men's formal wear shops, or on Amazon.com. Ladies of the Chorale are provided with blue dress, to which you add black dress shoes (low heels recommended, remember those risers).

Direct any questions or concerns to your student's music teacher, or feel free to give me a call.

BRAVO! BRAVA!

Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra

Janelle Bouman - flute

Alex Brown - trumpet

Maureen Hickey - violin

Kara Sauer - french horn

South West Regional Orchestra:

Maureen Hickey – 1st Violin

Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble

Kristina Cowan - french horn

Heather Gamble - flute

Cincinnati Children's Choirs at CCM:

Ian Esslinger

Molly Brown

Jordan Girdler

Nile Ross

All State Ensembles:

All State Band;

Janelle Bouman – Flute

Heather Gamble - Flute

All State Orchestra;

Kristina Cowan - French Horn

All State Choir;

Thomas Steel

NKU Honor Choir:

Belinda Baty

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Alissa Wuorien

OMEA District 14 Honor Choir:

Amber Boardman

Sarah Fessler

Becca Huff

Tara Keller

Colleen Sauer



The OMEA District 14 Honor Choir concert will be held on October 18th at Sycamore High School at 7:00pm. Admission is FREE!

The guest conductor this year is Dr. Paul Mayhew, Director of Choral Activities, Ohio University.

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**Delivery to your door will be made the week of
December 8th.**

**Earlier delivery possible for special events.
Thank you for your support!**



VOICES OF WHITAKER

By Heidi Johnson

Voices of Whitaker has begun a new year! Over 100 students have signed up to participate in grades 3-6. For our first concert (Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Performing Arts Center, High School Campus), all grades will join together to sing holiday favorites such as "Santa's Going On A Diet" and "The Reindeer Hop". On the last day of school, Friday Dec. 20th, the Voices of Whitaker will be singing at the Union Terminal Museum Center Rotunda from 11:00-11:30am. This will be followed by a sack lunch and free admission for the students to the Duke Energy Train Display! At least 24 adult chaperones will be needed for the Dec. 20th field trip (Museum Center requires at least 1 adult per every 5 children in grades 5 and under).

NEW THIS YEAR: All chaperones will need to be fingerprinted at the Finneytown Board of Education office before chaperoning field trips. Many school districts already have this policy in place to make sure that all children are safe and in good hands. Please call Patti Schnur (728-3700) to schedule an appointment for your fingerprinting. It just takes a few minutes, and the school will cover the cost!

Looking ahead to the future: Ms. Johnson would like to request some help with writing and applying for grants to fund a new music keyboard/computer lab to be located in the general music area. Many students have expressed an interest in learning how to play piano and the piano is one of Ms. Johnson's interests as well. In addition, synth. keyboards attached to computers with music software would open up new avenues of music education for all students of Whitaker Elementary! If you would be interested in working on this project with Ms. Johnson, please contact her at hjohnson@finneytown.org or leave a phone message at Whitaker.

What's Going On?!?

Ever wondered what music events are coming up that your son or daughter forgot to mention? Visit www.finneytownfmpa.org for a quick list of music related events and maybe some additional details. Click on the 'Events' link on the right side of the page. We'll keep this as up to date as possible by posting any information provided by our Elementary and Secondary Music staff.



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It's Never Too Late!



Now that the frenetic pace of the new school year has settled a bit into a more normal routine, and you are slowly ridding the dining room table of the beginning-of-the-year clutter, you may have discovered the completed FMPA membership form you thought you mailed weeks ago.

Well, don't despair! It's never too late to join FMPA! We continue to support our wonderful music programs throughout the year, and we welcome new and continuing members at any time. It's through the generosity of our members and patrons that our organization is able to provide both the financial and volunteer support needed to maintain our strong music program.

Not sure where that membership form is? We've included another form in the newsletter for your convenience. Not a fan of paperwork? Join FMPA online! Simply go to Finneytown.org and click on "Support Organizations". From the drop-down menu, select "Finneytown Music Parents' Association", go to the "FMPA Online Store", and follow the prompts to join at the desired level. Upon receipt of your membership, an electronic FMPA Volunteer form will be sent to you. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support! We look forward to seeing you at the next music event!

Angela Murphy
Membership

Best of Class and Bound for State Competition



Congratulations to the Finneytown Marching Wildcats! They have had a tremendous season so far and have received many awards. They will be performing at State Competition in Dayton on Sunday, November 3rd.

Tipp City Contest:
1st in Class B

Northwestern Band Fest:
1st in Class B
2nd place Overall
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Overall Best Percussion
3rd Place Overall
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Alumni Members

Kenneth Bouman	2012
Maddy Fessler	2011
David Hart	1983
Molly Hickey	2010
Monica Hickey	2008
Alina Murphy	2012
Andrew Polter	2010
Phillip Polter	2006
Rachel Sauer	2011
Erin Saul	2007
Zachary Stump	2011

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Anonymous donation in memory of Rebecca Archambeault
 Brian and Alison Baty in memory of Rebecca Archambeault
 Allan and Anita Beach

Finneytown Music Parents' Association wishes to thank all who have given financial support to FMPA this year through their membership dollars. To become a member, (or to give the gift of FMPA Membership—including a year's subscription to *Music Notes*) please send your membership form to **FMPA Membership Chair - Angela Murphy**, 8413 Sunrise Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231, or contact her at 522-1120, or email a.murphy720@gmail.com. FMPA is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization, which means that all contributions are tax deductible to the extent that nothing of tangible value has been received in return. Your cancelled check is your receipt, but if you need an additional receipt for tax purposes, Angela Murphy will be happy to provide it. The **FMPA Honor Roll** reflects contributions received through October 15th, 2013.

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To the Family of:

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

♪♪ Notes on Your Calendar ♪♪

As of October 25, 2013

Oct 25	Varsity Football (H) 7:30	Dec 12	MS/HS Choral Concert 7pm@PAC
Nov 1	Varsity Football (H) 7:30	Dec 19	Whitaker Band and Strings Concert
Nov 3	State Marching Band Contest 4:45	Dec 23	No School – Winter Break Starts
Nov 11	FMPA Meeting 7:00	Jan 6	School Resumes
Nov 14	Cookie Dough Delivery		
Nov 27	No School – Conference Release		
Nov 28	No School – Thanksgiving Break		
Nov 29	No School – Thanksgiving Break		
Dec 5	Whitaker Choral Concert 7pm @PAC		
Dec 6	No School – Staff Development		
Dec 7	P.E.M. Memorial Concert 7pm@PAC		
Dec 9	FMPA Meeting 7:00		
Dec 10	MS/HS Band and Orchestra Concert		

Visit FMPA online at

www.finneytownfmpa.org

Also visit the school website:

www.finneytown.org

*FMPA meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm in the Secondary Campus Teacher's Lunch room next to the cafeteria. All FMPA members are encouraged to attend.

**All school concerts at the Wm. Swartzel PAC are now FREE!
So come to the concerts and support our students.**