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Winter 2013

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~Thank you~

"Music can change the world because it can change people"

~Bono

Dear Music Parents and Friends,

Happy New Year to everyone!

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season, and that you are looking forward to many good things in 2013. I am thankful for each of you who have joined FMPA, sold cookie dough and popcorn, helped us to Light Up Finneytown, volunteered your time to help with your child's music group or attended a concert or contest. You have made a difference by helping to raise funds to support our music ensembles, and/or by making a music teacher's task a little easier.

As we look to 2013 and the second half of this school year, there is still work to be done and money to be raised, but also fun to be had! FMPA's next big fundraising effort is the popular **Dinner Before the Show** spagnetti dinner and Bid and Buy. We will be celebrating the tenth year of this event, which will be held on March 1st, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. There will be delicious food courtesy of our sponsor, LaRosa's, homemade desserts, entertainment, some great bid and buy items, and a fun atmosphere in which to chat with friends and neighbors. Won't you help us to make it not only a fun evening, but also a profitable one for the music department by sending in your ticket orders? Afterwards, you can step over to the Performing Arts Center for a performance of **Bye Bye Birdie** by our Theater and Music Departments. Order forms for both events can be found inserted into this newsletter. I hope to see you there! And the next time you stop by our Finneytown LaRosa's restaurant, why don't you thank them for their generous support of our music programs.

Here's wishing you a great 2013!

Penny Sauer

FMPA President

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The P.E.M. Memorial Scholarship

Submitted by Martha Biederman

The Preston. Eckerle. Morrison. (P.E.M.) Memorial Scholarship is now accepting applications from Finneytown High School seniors who plan to pursue a degree in the arts or music at an accredited university or college.

The P.E.M. Memorial Scholarship was founded in August 2010 out of love for the Finneytown students who lost their lives at the Who Concert in Cincinnati on December 3rd 1979. **Stephan Preston** ('79), **Jackie Eckerle** ('82), and **Karen Morrison**('82) each had a passion for the arts and music. The scholarship founders, **John Hutchins** ('80), **Steve Bentz** ('80), and **Fred Wittenbaum** ('83), thought it fitting that the scholarships help students at Finneytown to realize their dreams in arts and music creating the mission: "Preserving 3 Memories ... Building 3 Dreams".

Three scholarships are awarded each year, and this year, the committee is pleased to raise the one-time scholarship amount to \$2500 per student.

Guidelines and applications for the scholarships can be obtained from the Guidance Counselors office at the high school or at www.pemmemorial.org. Applications are due on April 1, 2013 and will be awarded at Senior Awards Night in May.

Some general guidelines for students interested in applying include:

- Major or minor in the field of Arts or Music with any relation to these disciplines. The arts can include fine arts, performing arts, literary arts, and culinary arts.
- Acceptance at an accredited degree granting institution. Evidence of enrollment is required.
- Full-time and part-time studies are both eligible for consideration.

Further information about the P.E.M. Memorial Scholarship including photos of previous scholarship recipients and events, as well as information on upcoming events can be found at www.pemmemorial.org.





By Marsha Grubbs

Do you have a special dessert that all your family and friends rave about? Here is your opportunity to showcase your culinary skills! Each year for our FMPA Dinner Before the Show, LaRosa's generously contributes the dinner, but our Finneytown families provide the desserts and drinks. So we needlesserts and 2 liters for our dinner on Friday, March 1, 2013. Bring your pies, cheesecakes, cakes, cobblers and those specialty desserts for all to enjoy.

Do you prefer to stick with the basics when you bake? We want those, too! Kids of all ages love those chocolate chip cookies, yummy cupcakes and moist brownies. You make it, and we will take it!!

If you or a family member has a food allergy such as dairy or gluten, we would appreciate a dessert that can accommodate that dietary need. Please clearly label it, and we will identify it for other patrons who have that same allergy.

If you are able to help with desserts or 2 liters, contact Marsha Grubbs by email at marshagrubbs@gmail.com or give her a call at 520-7992. You may bring your baked goods and drinks to the Multi-Purpose Room at the Secondary Campus from 3:30-5:00pm on March 1, or you may drop them off at the Marsha's house on Thursday evening, February 28th at 941 Finney Trail. Please label any specialty dessert so we can let our folks know what they will be feasting upon.

"For the Betterment of Finneytown"

FCA Sponsors:

- Steve Elliott Community Service Awards
- Cash Mobs to benefit local businesses
- Candidate's Night in October
- FCA General Meetings (April & September)

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Finneytown HS/MS Music Department presents:



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Thursday, February 28; Friday, March 1; & Saturday, March 2

Adults - \$10.00 HS/MS Students (grades 7-12) - \$8.00 Children in 6th grade or younger - \$5.00 Senior Citizens (age 62 & up) - \$5.00

"Bye Bye Birdie" is a high energy & light-hearted musical from the 50's: rock 'n' roll, getting 'pinned', the Ed Sullivan Show, and a typical American family from Sweet Apple, Ohio.

It's the story of a rock and roll singer, Conrad Birdie, who is about to be inducted into the army (a la Elvis Presley). His agent Albert is frantic, but Albert's faithful secretary (and long-time girlfriend) Rose concocts one final national publicity plan before Conrad's induction: Conrad will bid a typical American teen-age girl goodbye with an all-American kiss LIVE on The Ed Sullivan Show. Kim MacAfee from Sweet Apple, Ohio (President of the Conrad Birdie Fan Club #2748) wins the honor! Just one little thing: Kim has just been pinned to Hugo, a local boy.

The arrival of Conrad Birdie in Sweet Apple causes women of all ages to faint hysterically, the MacAfee household is completely upset by the visiting celebrity, Kim's father tries to break into the act on the TV show, and Albert's mother arrives in town to break up the romance between her son and Rose. And that's just Act One!

Music from the show includes: "Put on a Happy Face", "Kids", & "A Lot of Livin' to Do"

All seats are reserved, so get your ticket orders in SOON!

Cast includes:

<u>Thomas Steel</u> as Albert; <u>Katie Connell</u> as Rose; <u>Conner Zimmerman</u> as Conrad Birdie; & <u>Molly Fisher</u> as Albert's mother. <u>Ben Burton & Hannah Heath</u> are Mr. & Mrs. MacAfee; <u>Colleen Sauer</u> plays Kim MacAfee; & **BJ Ward** is her little brother Randolph

Alumni *Update*

It's here! Welcome to **Alumni Update**, new feature of *Music Notes.* Here we hope to highlight our talented music alumni and keep you posted on what's happening in the world beyond Finneytown High School.

Finneytown alumni Molly Hickey ('10), Tim Ovia ('11), Andrew Polter ('10) and Rachel Sauer ('11) traveled to New York City this past October with the Miami University Music Ensembles to perform a concert at Carnegie Hall. This was a once-in-a-lifetime musical experience for them, as they performed to a sold-out crowd of parents, alumni and friends.

This feature needs your help! We'd love to know what's been happening with you! 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!

Are you the parent of a more recent graduate? Send us their news so we can spread the word!

Send your Alumni news 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 Year's Resolutions?

By Angela Murphy

Here's a resolution that's easy to make and easy to keep and will leave you feeling good — join FMPA!

It's never too late to support our wonderful music programs, and it's never been easier! Simply complete the enclosed membership form and send it in with your check to the address at the bottom of the form. This year, we've resolved to make donating to our organization even easier than ever. FMPA now accepts payment through PaySchools. Visit our website, finneytownfmpa.org, and click on the link for PaySchools.

As you know, your contribution to Finneytown Music Parents' Organization is vital to the continued success of our music programs. The sole purpose of FMPA is to raise the money necessary to continually improve the quality of music education in our schools. The strength of Finneytown's music program is unusual in this era of budget cuts and the reduction of services offered in the schools. With your support we are able to help our music faculty provide our children with the best music experience possible. We provide yearly funds, matched by the Board of Education, for the purchase of new uniforms. In addition, we help purchase much-needed instruments for orchestra and band students at the elementary and secondary level. FMPA also provides scholarships to students to help defray the costs of private music lessons, All-State Band fees, solo and ensemble fees, and band camp.

When you join FMPA, you also have an opportunity to volunteer in various capacities. Whether it's chaperoning, hemming band or choral and orchestra uniforms, providing baked goods and drinks, or helping with our annual Dinner Before the Show fundraiser, every contribution makes our music programs even more successful. If you're unable to volunteer your time, please know that your monetary support of FMPA is just as important to our students and the continued success of Finneytown's music program. Thank you for your willingness to help our children.

DR. JAMES R. CRYDER, D.D.S., M.S.

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OMEA District 14 Jr. High/Middle School Honor Orchestra:

Katie Bishop7th grade - CelloRebekah Blais8th grade - ViolaEnoch Brookins7th grade - 2nd ViolinJosh Dees8th grade - 1st ViolinHeather Gast8th grade - Viola

OMEA District 14 Junior High Honor Band:

Belinda Baty
8th grade - clarinet
7th grade - percussion

OMEA District 14 High School Honor Band:

Janelle Bouman10th grade - fluteAlex Brown10th grade - trumpetHeather Gamble10th grade - fluteMaureen Hickey10th grade - french hornAiden Matzko9th grade - percussionKara Sauer11th grade - french horn

Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble

Kristina Cowan Heather GambleChris O'Connell

11th grade - french horn
10th grade - flute
12th grade - clarinet

<u>Cincinnati Children's Choir – Girl Choir</u> **Molly Brown 9**th grade **Beth Morgan**10th grade

NKU Honor Choir Participants:

Amber Boardman
Ian Esslinger
Allison Gast
Becca Huff
Julia McDannold
Sam Osterwisch
Jocelyn Parks
Jacob Stevens

<u>Cincinnati Young Men's</u> Choir:

Ian Esslinger

Overture Award Semi Finalist:

Janelle Bouman

Junior High Honor Choir members: Lizzie Alrichs Hunter Figgs Amy Hughes BJ Ward Alissa Wuorinen Jackie Zimmer



BRAVO, BRAVA!

High School S&E Contest - Saturday 1/26/2013

- 3 Soloists **Tara Keller, Krista Lee, Beth Morgan** 3 Ensembles:
- Janelle Bouman, Heather Gamble, Allison Gast, Maureen Hickey - "Sing a New Song"
- Maria Gast , Mac Gill, Becca Huff, Julia McDannold, Jocelyn Parks, Megan Zimmerer - "Danny Boy"
- Ben Burton, Caleb Burton, Jeff Grogan, Nile Ross - "Vive L'Amour"

All-State Choir

Jeff Grogan, Julia McDannold, Thomas Steel, Megan Zimmerer

All-day rehearsal at Otterbein, Saturday 1/19/13 Students will attend/sing at the OMEA Annual Conference, February 7-9, 2013

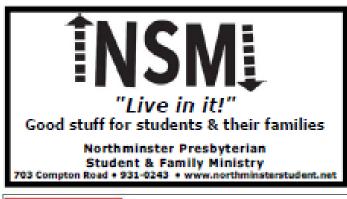
Concert on FRIDAY, February 8 @ 8:00 p.m.



By Veronica Bishop

You are wanted for After Prom! What is After Prom? It is a parent sponsored organization that coordinates a lock in at the school after Prom is over. The idea is to create a fun and safe place for our children to enjoy themselves and their friends. It takes a village and we can always use help. If you would like to volunteer for any aspect, including the set up on Saturday, April 20 please contact Veronica Bishop at finneytownafterpromcommittee@gmail.com for more

information. We also have an open house from 10 – 11 PM before the students start showing up so you can see how the school is transformed into an amazing venue for fun!





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Finneytown Music Parents' Association

FMPA members volunteer time, talent and resources to support our music programs. Please indicate on the membership form the areas in which you would like to volunteer, and an FMPA board member will contact you. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

You can contribute financially to the FMPA's budget in the following ways:

Family Membership- \$25

Family membership fees make up approximately ¼ of our annual budget. (Theatre musical and faculty/charity concerts not included.)

Patron Donation

Any amount beyond the basic membership – will go towards our general budget.

FMPA Memorial Scholarship Fund

Funds are directed to student and staff music education scholarships. Please indicate in whose memory the donation is being made.

Finneytown Music Alumni Fund-\$25

Designed to recognize the alumni and parents of alumni who would like to keep assisting Finneytown music programs. Money goes towards our general budget.

Thanks for your support! FMPA members and donors are listed in our quarterly newsletter, **Music Notes and** in all concert programs.

Membership Form

Info	ormation:						
Name:							
Add	Address:						
Phone:							
E-Mail:							
Volunteer Options:							
	Concerts/Events		Fundraisers				
	Chaperone school concerts		Sell/assemble/distribute luminaria kits				
	Assist with PEM concert		Sort/distribute cookie dough				
	Bus chaperone		Assist with charity/faculty concerts				
	Transport Instruments		Provide baked goods or drinks				
	Pit crew for football games/contests		Solicit & Prepare for Bid-N-Buy				
	Uniforms		Set up/serve/clean up Dinner Before the Show				
	Assist with fittings		Business Partnerships				
	Distribution or Collection of uniforms		Music Notes advertising				
	Hemming & Alternation		Research or Write grants				
	Other:		Just let me know where you need help!				
Donation Ontions:							

Family Membership*			
Patron Donation (any amount beyond the basic membership)			
FMPA Memorial Scholarship Fund			
In the name of:			
Finneytown Alumni Membership	\$25.00		
Alumni name(s)/Year of graduation:			
Checks payable to FMPA TOTAL			

^{*}Excludes music scholarship benefit concert and theatre programs.

Finneytown Music Parents' Association Member Honor Roll 2012-2013

FMPA thanks the following member families for your support this year:

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Alumni Members

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Alison Beach Baty		Braedon Long	2009
Brian Baty		Bree McLaren	2012
Bradley Besserman	2010	Caroline Michaelson	2012
Jennifer Besserman	2012	Eric Mizelle	2011
Ken Bouman	2012	Tom Mizelle	2006
John Cooker	2012	Alina Murphy	2012
Maddy Fessler	2011	Andrew Polter	2010
Molly Hickey	2010	Phillip Polter	2006
Monica Hickey	2008	Rachael Sauer	2011
Elizabeth Mizelle Hoerle	2008	Erin Saul	2007

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Anonymous donation in memory of Rebecca Archambeault Brian and Alison Baty in memory of Rebecca Archambeault Karen O'Connell in memory of Karen Gillespie Brian and Vickie Stump in memory of Myrtle Barto Cathy Zimmerly** in memory of Mick Michaelson

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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 January 17, 2013.

Finneytown Music Parents' Association

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To the Family of:

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

♪Notes on Your Calendar. ♪

As of Jan 29, 2013

Feb 6	MS/HS Early Release 1:05p	Apr 1	School Resumes				
Feb 11	FMPA meeting 7:00p*	Apr 8	FMPA meeting 7:00p*				
Feb 15	No School -Conferences	Apr 20	OMEA Dist 14 JrHi Solo+ Ensemble				
Feb 18	No School – President's Day	Apr 20	Prom and After Prom				
Feb 21	Marching Band Parent Mtg 6:00p	Apr 26	OMEA State Band+Choir				
Feb 28	Musical Production PAC 7:30p	Apr 27	OMEA State Band+Choir				
Mar 1	Dinner Before the Show 5:30p	May2-4	Spring Theatre Production				
	Musical Production PAC 7:30p	May 7	Band Festival PAC 7:00p				
Mar 2	Musical Production PAC 7:30p	May10-11	OMEA Dist 14 JrHi Large Group				
Mar 7	MS/HS Band Concert PAC 7:00p	May 13	FMPA meeting 7:00p*				
Mar 11	FMPA meeting 7:00p*	May 14	Orchestra Festival PAC 7:00p				
Mar 12	PTA IceCream Social+Concert 7:00p	May 15	MS/HS Early Release 1:05p				
Mar 13	HS Choral Concert PAC 7:00p	May 16	Whitaker Choral Concert PAC 7:00p				
Mar 15	OMEA Choir District Contest TBD	May 21	MS/HS Choral Festival PAC 7:00p				
Mar 16	OMEA Choir District Contest TBD	May 27	No School – Memorial Day				
Mar 21	MS/HS Orchestra Concert PAC 7p	May 30	Last Day of School and Graduation				
Mar 22	3 rd Quarter Ends	July 21-20	6 Marching Band Camp				
Mar 25-29 No School - Spring Break							

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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.