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 ~Thank you~

"Ah, music. A magic beyond all we do here!"~J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone

Dear Finneytown Music Parents and Friends,

As we draw near to the close of another school year, I'd like to take this time to thank all of you for your support of music in Finneytown. Whether your contribution was financial, volunteer, as a fan, or all of the above, you are appreciated! It takes an army of folks to do all that we do to help our music teachers provide the kind of quality music education to our students that they receive here in Finneytown. I'm grateful to our teachers for the experience, creativity and love of music that they share with our students. Dedicated teachers, talented students and supportive parents – it's a winning combination!

For the past four years, I have had the privilege to serve as the president of the Finneytown Music Parents Association. I have been fortunate because I have been able to serve with the 17 people you see listed to the left who make up the FMPA Executive Board. They are a hard-working, dedicated and fun group of people who share a belief that music education is an important part of the school curriculum, and want to contribute in making it the best experience it can be for our students. Together, we have overseen the workings of the organization and represented the approximately 85 member families, 35 patron families and 20 alumni who make up the FMPA membership roster. I cannot say **THANK YOU** enough to them for all that they do!

At the conclusion of this school year, I have chosen to pass on the baton to a new FMPA president. It is always good to get a new perspective and fresh ideas into an organization with a long history like ours from time to time. I will continue to serve on the board next year as the chair of the Savory Sweets cookie dough/popcorn sale. I look forward to what next year will bring, seeing all of you at the music events and working with you on the volunteer projects. Thank you so much for all your support the last four years!

In this last edition of *Music Notes* for the 2012-2013 school year, you will read about student accomplishments from second semester, the success of Dinner Before the Show and the band's Pie Peddler fundraisers, and get a sneak peek into the marching band show for the fall!

Best regards,

Penny
 FMPA President

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News about the upcoming **2013 Marching Band** Season
 Thanks for a successful **Dinner Before the Show** and **Bid-n-Buy**
Bravo, Brava and **Notes on your Calendar**

The 10th Annual Dinner Before the Show was a Huge Success!

by Penny Sauer



On March 2nd, the MP was turned into a 50's style diner as FMPA hosted the 10th annual Dinner Before the Show spaghetti dinner/bid and buy fundraiser prior to the Friday night performance of *Bye Bye, Birdie*. It was a lively and fun evening filled with a delicious dinner, great homemade desserts, live entertainment, people vying for the highest bid on the great bid and buy items, and lots of conversation and laughter between Finneytown neighbors and friends. Best of all, approximately \$3700 was raised for music education in Finneytown! Thank you to everyone who came out and participated.

The Dinner Before the Show committee would like to thank the following people for their help and support:

- The **Finneytown LaRosa's Restaurant** for their generous donation of spaghetti dinner ingredients and paper products
- The **KAO Bistro** for their donation of the salad and to **Joan Gordon** for coordinating.
- **Rick Kennedy** for keeping things interesting and moving along as our MC
- Our entertainment: **Mr. Steve Jones** and the **5th and 6th grade Voices of Whitaker, Fusion, the Phenoms, Bella Garcia, Allie Towner**, and the **FMPA Jazz Ensemble**
- The set-up crew: **Dawn Bouman, Colleen Grogan, Laurie Matzko, Claire Snyder, Lynne Steel** and **Tina Wourinen**.
- Ticket Sales: **Sue Burton, Kelley Smoker, Carla Earlywine**, and **Renee Keith**
- **Dave and Kay Bingham** for overseeing the clean-up crew

Many More Thanks

by Angela Murphy

Those of us with kids in Finneytown schools know how fortunate we are. Our teachers care about their students and our administrators do their best to provide the tools that allow teachers to be their best. In these circumstances, it's natural for parents to do what they can to support those who enrich our children's lives. This gives FMPA its purpose.

With another successful *Dinner Before The Show* behind us, it's time once again to thank those who made it all possible. This year I am indebted to **Dave Clausing**. I had just started a new job and was unable to leave work early to get things started in the kitchen. When I asked

for his help, Dave didn't hesitate to step up and act as kitchen coordinator. Under his direction, things ran smoothly, and everyone knew what their job was for the evening. In fact, Dave was instrumental in providing a more detailed and streamlined food-prep procedure that we'll definitely be using in the future.

Thanks to **Angel Sears**, Food Service Coordinator, who had the steam tables ready and the water on the stove so the pot wranglers, **Brian Baty** and **Bill McMahan**, could begin their job of preparing the pasta. **Kelley Hickey** and **Colleen Grogan** were on hand to set things up in the kitchen so the rest of the crew could do their jobs.

Current music parents **Bruno Carlsson, Mike Saul**, and **Barb Hershey** were joined by alumni parents **Mark** and **Kim Besserman** and graduate **Alina Murphy** on the serving line, proof that, like the Hotel California, you can check out any time you like, but you can never leave. Which explains why alumni parent **Cathy Zimmerly** was also on hand, working with **Dan Murphy** to keep the garlic bread, sauce, and meatballs coming.

Elementary music teacher **Marya Rusinak** once again manned the salad bar, which gave her a prime spot from which to enjoy all the talented musicians as they performed. Cold beverages were always at the ready thanks to **Ann Auffrey, Mary jo Berlon**, and **Tina Wuorinen**.

Many thanks to all who provided the grand finale to our spaghetti dinner--all those who brought desserts! With so many beautiful and tempting creations, our patrons had a hard time choosing which one (or two!) to take. The dessert helpers were **Marsha Grubbs, Glenda Esslinger, Lynne Steel, April Bruder**, and **Linda Carlsson**.

Once again our professional clean-up crew members, **Brenda Dennis** and **Julie Steimle**, were on the job, making short work of restoring the kitchen to its original condition. Brenda was in the dish room again, this time with **Jennifer Schmidt**, so that the trays collected by **Dave Clausing** and **Conrad Murphy** were clean and ready for hungry families to load up and take to their tables. Thank you to the many folks who stayed past their scheduled time to help clean up; many hands do indeed make light work. My apologies if I've forgotten to mention you by name. I truly appreciate all you do to help.

Every year when I coordinate the kitchen for our fundraiser, I'm always amazed how people always step up to do what needs to be done, often times without being asked. Indeed, it takes a village to feed a village. How proud I am to be part of this caring village. Thank you, all. See you in the kitchen again next year!

Alumni Update

by Angela Murphy

Here we highlight our talented music alumni and keep you posted on what's happening in the world beyond Finneytown High School.

As a member of Valparaiso University's Chamber Concert Band, **Kenneth Bouman ('12)** has completed a spring tour to Illinois, Indiana, and Tennessee. He has been fortunate to play Symphony No 1: The Lord of the Rings under Johan de Meij who composed it.

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

LOOKING FOR MARCHING SHOES

Do you have marching shoes taking up closet space that belonged to your child who is now in college? Or belonged to your child who is graduating this spring? Or belonged to your child who is still in band, but which no longer fit your growing child? Don't throw those marching shoes away. The band uniform room keeps a supply of used shoes in boxes according to size and gender to be used by students who have lost shoes, grown in size, etc. Please put your child's old marching shoes to good use, and donate them to the uniform closet. Place them in a plastic bag, mark them "donation," and drop off at the band room. Thanks!



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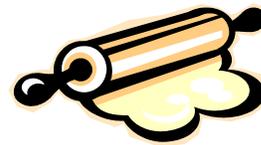
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Many music students earned cookie dough incentive money. This incentive money can be used towards Band Camp, voice and instrument lessons, musical accessories, Solo and Ensemble fees, etc. **Students have until May 27, 2013 to use their cookie dough incentive money.** All unused cookie dough incentive money will be rolled into the FMPA general account after May 27, 2013. Please contact Heidi Reeb at reeb.hl@pg.com to use your cookie "dough."



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Finneytown Choir "News"

by Beth Hofferber

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THREE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS – ALL earned SUPERIOR or EXCELLENT ratings!

Men's Choir, comprised of mostly Freshmen and Sophomores, performed in Class "C" and earned a "II" or "Excellent" rating from the judges. Comments included: *"Good solid sound for such a young choir," "great attention to detail," "excellent diction,"* and finally, *"Gentlemen, you look great in your tuxes!"* ☺

For the first time in Finneytown choral history, Women's Choir took the challenge to compete in Class "A" and was rewarded for their efforts, earning an overall score of "I" or "SUPERIOR". Comments from the judges included: *"Beautiful tone production... Brava!" "Lots of wonderful work going on here!" "Very nice phrase shaping... thank your director for the interpretation and teaching you how to get the music off the page,"* and many other encouraging comments as we prepare for State Contest. One judge wished us well saying, *"best of luck to you as you move along to the next level!"*

Finneytown Chorale again competed in Class "AA" – the most difficult level, usually reserved for larger public schools with high enrollment – and achieved "perfection," earning "straight ONES," meaning that all four judges awarded them the highest "SUPERIOR" rating!

Because of their SUPERIOR ratings, both Chorale and Women's Choir earned the privilege of competing at the State level on Saturday, April 27. However, because of various scheduling conflicts, Chorale has opted not to participate, but Women's Choir will take their "A-Game" to State and hopefully bring back another SUPERIOR rating for the Finneytown Choral Program.

"FINNEYTOWN'S GOT TALENT!"

First ever Music Department
"STUDENT SHOWCASE" a Big Success!

by Beth Hofferber

On Thursday, April 21, the Music Department hosted the first ever (maybe first "annual"?) STUDENT SHOWCASE, including a variety of musical acts, from instrumental and vocal ensembles and solos to classical piano and vocal jazz, from the "The Finneytown Steppers" and their amazing step routine to a Tae Kwan Do "forms" demonstration set to music!

It's safe to say that everyone in attendance was absolutely blown away by the remarkable virtuosity demonstrated by sophomore **Janelle Bouman** performing the classic flute solo, "Carnival of Venice." The last note was still floating in through the PAC when the audience leapt to its feet, showering her with an immediate and unanimous standing ovation.

The event took the place of the "Faculty Music Scholarship Concert," and is intended as a fund-raiser for "all things musical" here at Finneytown. As such, we are pleased to announce that we exceeded both our attendance goal and donation goal, collecting more than **\$650** to contribute to the FMPA scholarship fund.

KUDOS to the Music Department Faculty for coordinating, and all the students for participating!



UPCOMING CHOIR DATES:

Monday, May 20, 3:15-5:00

"Dress Rehearsal" for Spring Choral Festival.

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m. in the PAC

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Thursday, May 30, 2013

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Theatre Awards Gala

The Finneytown Theatre program will hold its annual Theatre Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 7 PM in the William R. Swartzel Performing Arts Center.

"This annual event is our version of the Tony and Oscar awards," says **Shawn Maus**, Theatre Director.

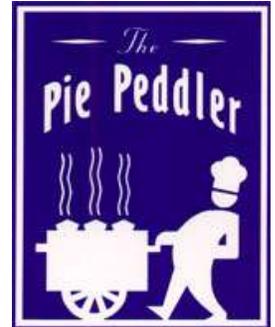
Student actors, actresses and technicians are voted on by their peers as the Outstanding Actors, Actresses and Technicians. All of Finneytown Theatre's glamour in one place at one time! This attire is business casual.

The Finneytown Theatre Awards honor outstanding achievements, thus encouraging higher levels of quality in all facets of Finneytown theatre production. Achievement in up to 12 regular categories will be honored along with some special awards such as the Michael Morgan Technical Achievement Award and the Burt McCollom Performance Award which carry scholarships. The Michael Morgan Technical Achievement Award was created in 2012 to recognize students who were outstanding in service, dedication, and leadership upholding the high standards of technical theatre. The Burt McCollom Performance Award is given in honor of teacher and former theatre director Burt McCollom who inspired performances for 25 years while at Finneytown.

Final ballots are issued to all students who have participated in the theatre season. Award recipients are announced live at the ceremony. Reservations are requested by Tuesday, May 14, 2013 and may be directed to Shawn Maus at smaus@finneytown.org.



Students Earn A Big Piece Of The Pie!



The Pie Peddler sales event was a substantial fundraiser. Students earned **\$1953** in money to put towards band camp this coming summer. Another **\$2011** was raised to put towards a much needed marching band equipment trailer. Thanks to all who sold, purchased, and distributed the pies just before Spring Break.

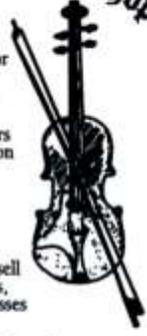
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Band News

As the school year quickly comes to a close, **Mr. Phlipot** and **Ms. Collins** would like to thank the students, parents, and FMPA for a great year! All band students, grades 5-12, stepped up to the plate, embraced change, and delivered a very successful year in band. Mr. Phlipot and Ms. Collins are very excited for the future of the band program as planning for next year is well underway!

The marching band show for the 2013 season is titled "The Brave." The Brave is a tribute to the armed forces and veterans who have fought for our freedom. The show will be uplifting yet emotional, filled with familiar patriotic songs, along with sections of original music composed exclusively for our marching band show. Students should have already submitted all paperwork for participation in the 2013 Finneytown Marching Band (extra copies of any paperwork can be picked up in the band office). Additional information regarding band camp at Camp Crescendo, order forms for marching band shoes and other materials, and school medical forms will be handed out in the upcoming weeks. As a reminder, all students should submit any and all conflict for the marching band season by the end of the school year to be considered for approval.

If you have not signed up for private lessons, please consider taking advantage of this fantastic opportunity over summer break. Students have made a lot of progress throughout the school, and private lessons are a great way to keep the learning process going over the summer months. One of the most valuable opportunities we offer is our private lesson program. Every successful band program has a large percentage of its students involved in private lessons. This is an opportunity for students to work individually with a professional of his/her particular instrument. Most of the lessons will be held at the Finneytown Secondary Campus. Please contact directors for more information.

In closing, Mr. Phlipot and Ms. Collins wish everyone a wonderful summer break. We are very proud of all the band students' accomplishments and are excited for the 2013-2014 school year! We hope to have your sustained support as the band program strives for continued excellence.

BRAVO, BRAVA!

Junior High Solo and Ensemble – A Huge Success!

OMEA District 14 Junior High Solo and Ensemble was held at Madeira Middle School on Saturday, April 20. The Finneytown Band had a total of 25 seventh and eighth grade students participate in this significant event. The students spent a great deal of time, both in and out of class, preparing small ensembles and solos for the event. The students are adjudicated on a variety of musical categories. All 25 Finneytown band students who prepared for the event received Superior and Excellent ratings for their performances!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who participated and received top ratings in the OMEA District 14 Junior High Solo and Ensemble:

Belinda Baty
Alexia Bonds
Alexander Eberhardt
Myles Hall
Shelby Hatton
Lily Hursh
Brett Keller
Jack Montgomery
Caleb Nieves
Damoni Robinson
Hannah Swartwout
Molly Thomas
Alissa Wuorinen

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Alumni Members

Alison Beach Baty	Braedon Long	2009
Brian Baty	Bree McLaren	2012
Bradley Besserman	Caroline Michaelson	2012
Jennifer Besserman	Eric Mizelle	2011
Kenneth Bouman	Tom Mizelle	2006
John Cooker	Alina Murphy	2012
Maddy Fessler	Andrew Polter	2010
Molly Hickey	Phillip Polter	2006
Monica Hickey	Rachael Sauer	2011
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Apr 26 OMEA State Band+Choir
Apr 27 OMEA State Band+Choir
May 2-4 Spring Theatre Production
May 7 Band Festival PAC 7:00p
May 10-11 OMEA Dist 14 JrHi Large Group
May 13 FMPA meeting 7:00p*
May 14 Orchestra Festival PAC 7:00p
May 15 MS/HS Early Release 1:05p
May 16 Whitaker Choral Concert PAC 7:00p
May 21 MS/HS Choral Festival PAC 7:00p
May 27 **No School** – Memorial Day
May 30 Last Day of School and Graduation
July 21-26 Marching Band Camp

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*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.

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