



Music Notes



Finneytown Music Parents' Association Newsletter

Spring 2014

Dear Music Parents and Friends,

There's an old adage that recommends "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". After a year spent with so many tireless volunteers, teachers and administrators who constantly looked for better ways to do things, I am more convinced of my motto that "success is not achieved through complacency". FMPA embraces the active approach rather than the passive.

The tradition of a strong music program in Finneytown continues because the community chooses to express its strong expectations and then imparts action where needed. With great appreciation we will always remember the award-winning efforts of an FMPA led by people like **Penny Sauer**. We will forever hold **Kelly Hickey** in our hearts and remember her dedication and tenacity and humor, not to mention her talent. What can you say about percussion instructor **John Marque's** commitment level when he traveled daily from Indianapolis because of his care for our students?

Finneytown students continue to perform well at the highest levels of competition in the state thanks to the commitment and guidance of our K-12 teaching staff. **Carl Philipot** and his team of professionals and parent volunteers crafted a challenging band show which elicited strong emotions from people well beyond Finneytown's borders. We were fortunate that **Chelsea Lamping** was available in our time of need, and she has helped raise the bar of expectations for the future. **Mike Kennedy's** enthusiasm has helped energize the Orchestra program which has stabilized and offers great hope in upcoming years. **Heidi Johnson** and **Steve Jones** round out our experienced staff and their experience is critical in continuous development of a strong K-12 music continuum.

Last, but not least, the District Administrators have given a high level of attention to improving the music program this past year. **Mr. Olverson, Mr. Fisher, Dr. Kessler, and Ms. Hunt** have all worked in conjunction with our organization to maximize opportunities while minimizing disruptions in staff and family schedules.

Thank you to everyone who continues to enhance the music program in Finneytown. Whether you took an active participant role, raised money, or juggled your busy schedule to ensure your student was involved, the ultimate impact was enhancing the education of our community's students and creating an environment for them to succeed.

We will not be complacent. We will continue to be successful.

Have a happy and healthy summer!

Kevin Berlon

FMPA President

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Junior High Honor Band

By: **Kim Fain**

Nine FMS students auditioned and were chosen to perform in the District 14 Honor Band Performance on January 12 at Anderson High School.

Despite missing the mid-week rehearsal due to the 'cold' day, these talented young musicians received their music for the first time on Friday, had a full-day rehearsal Saturday and performed before their friends and family on Sunday. They were honored to work with guest conductor, **Dr. Brian Silvey**.

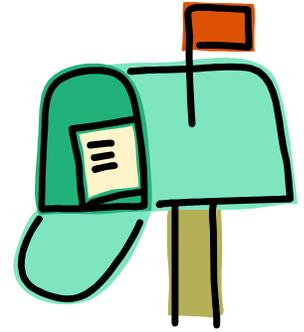
In addition to the Honor Band performance, all of the students were also invited to perform at the District 14 Honors Orchestra performance. A few were able to participate and did so under the direction of **Dr. Robert Monroe** at Walnut Hills High School on Saturday, January 18.

The students, shown here, are:

Nate Sena, Matthew Dauterman, Xander Hatton, James Fain, Lily Hursh, Allie Towner, Joel Steimle. Max Giffin, Alex Eberhardt



Letter from Mr. Phlipot



As the school year quickly comes to a close, I would like to thank the students, parents, and FMPA for a great year. Once again, all the band students in grades 5-12th stepped up to the plate and delivered a very successful school year of band. I am very excited for the upcoming school year as planning is already underway!

The marching band show for the 2014 season is titled "**WIRED**". Humanity is permanently wired. Work, play and rest rely on the network that connects our devices. This modernistic study cleverly brings to life the irony of freedom through connection. Electronic patches throughout flawlessly take the audience by the hand and leads them into the grid, the new hybrid of alternate and actual reality that is our daily life.

Students should have all paperwork turned in by the end of the school year. Please see me if you need extra paperwork. I will be handing out a second packet of information which will have information regarding band camp at Camp Crescendo, order forms for marching band shoes and other materials. As a reminder, all students should have any and all conflict for the marching band season turned in to me by the end of the school year to be considered for approval.

If you haven't 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 year, 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. Contact me for more information.

In closing, I wish everyone a wonderful summer break. I am proud of all the band students' accomplishments and excited for the 2014-2015 school year. I hope to have your continued support as the band program strives for continued excellence.

Sincerely,

Carl Phlipot



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Grazie Mille

(Italian for a thousand thanks)
By **Angela Murphy**



After another successful *Dinner Before The Show* it's time to thank the many folks who made it all possible.

As always, we are grateful to **LaRosa's** for their generosity in supplying the necessities (pasta, sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, plates, napkins, and utensils). Our fundraiser wouldn't be as successful without their major donation each year. This year they made our job even easier by delivering the food hot and ready to serve. Thanks also to **Joan Gordon** and **KAO Brands** for providing salad and a variety of individual packets of salad dressing.

Thank you to the following people who heeded the call for help and were willing to do whatever was needed to feed the masses:

Mary jo Berlon, Sue Connell, Joan Gordon, Dan Murphy, Donna Saul, Jennifer Schmidt, and Bobbie and Peter Sloan. An extra thanks to those who no longer have children in our music program, but still want to be involved: **Kim Besserman** (Mark, we'll get you back in the kitchen next year!), **Emily and Dave Clausing, Bill McMahan, Claire Snyder, Cathy Zimmerly,** graduates **Becky Clausing** and **Courtney Dennis.** Thank you, **Marya Rusinak** for coming out of retirement to man the salad bar. I know your former students were as glad to see you as you were to see them!

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!

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CHOIR NEWS

By **Chelsea Lamping**



As the school year is nearing its end, Mrs. Lamping would like to congratulate and thank the students of the Finneytown Choral Program for a great year! Your dedication to improving your musicianship has really paid off! We had several students in honors ensembles, Chorale participated in the OMEA District 14 Large Group Contest, and there were also participants in the OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest. WAY TO GO!!!

Congratulations to the following students who went above and beyond!

All-State Choir: **Thomas Steel**

NKU Honor Choir: **Belinda Baty, Ian Esslinger, Allison Gast, Jordan Girdler, Amy Hughes, Sam Osterwisch, Alissa Wuorinen**

District 14 HS Honor Choir: **Amber Boardman, Sarah Fessler, Becca Huff, Colleen Sauer**

JH Solo & Ensemble: **Alexia Bonds, Alyssa Bruton, Sophia Freeman, Amanda Gast, Acacia McCray, Selena Mungur, Nisha Nahallage, Simona Reid, Stephanie Simon, Kennedy Simpson, Vashti Yisra'El, Jackie Zimmer**

Congratulations to the members of Chorale who earned a "I" or "SUPERIOR" rating at the OMEA District 14 Large Group Contest! Here are some highlights from the adjudicator's sheets: *"Lovely, rich, mature choral tone," "A very musical presentation/performance," "Congrats on a wonderfully varied program and professional presentation," "You are to be commended for an outstanding performance that shows hard work and dedication. You are receiving exceptional training. It was a pleasure to hear you!"* The sight-reading adjudicator was also extremely impressed! *"Well done! You have been trained so well. Congrats on a musical read!"* Way to go, Chorale!

Mrs. Lamping would like to thank this year's accompanist, **Carolyn Miller**, who has been a joy to work with! Your professionalism and talent astounds us!! She would also like to thank the choir parents and Finneytown community members for being so welcoming during her first year at Finneytown!

DON'T MISS THE FINAL CHORAL CONCERT OF THE YEAR! The concert will be May 22nd at 7:00pm in the William R. Swartzel Performing Arts Center at Finneytown. This final concert is loaded with exciting music from the big screen and Broadway! It is sure to be a treat!

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!



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Young Musicians Perform at Contest

By Kim Fain

On Saturday, April 12, fifteen Finneytown Middle School musicians performed solo and ensemble pieces at the annual OMEA adjudicated event. This years' contest was hosted by Madeira Middle School.

Participants and results:

Shelby Hatton, Solo, SUPERIOR

Matthew Dauterman, Solo, SUPERIOR

James Fain, Solo, SUPERIOR

Xander Hatton, Solo, SUPERIOR

Allie Towner, Solo, SUPERIOR

Amanda Gast, Solo, SUPERIOR

7th Grade Trumpet Trio:

Forrest Brown, Nathan Stevens, Bret Sanders, SUPERIOR

8th Grade Woodwind Trio:

Jaydn Stover, Selena Mungur, Alyssa Hinton, EXCELLENT

8th Grade Trumpet Trio:

Damoni Robinson, Brett Keller, Neru Tamang, EXCELLENT

BRAVO! BRAVA!

7th Band Director Award

Nate Sena

8th Band Director Award

Matthew Dauterman

John Philips Sousa Award

Kristina Cowan

Alan Huhn Spirit Award

Thomas Steel

High School Honor Band

Janelle Bouman

Alex Brown

Heather Gamble

Kara Sauer

All-State Band

Janelle Bouman

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All-State Orchestra

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All-State Choir

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SW Regional Orchestra

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Junior High Honor Band

Matt Dauterman

Alex Eberhardt

James Fain

Max Giffin

Xander Hatton

Lily Hursh

Nate Sena

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Allie Towner

Junior High Honor Orchestra

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We applaud all of our students efforts and dedication to their music!

*Alex Brown was inadvertently left out of the Spring Concert program and we apologize for this oversight.



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As of April 21st (check school calendar for up to date schedule)

May 2 OMEA State Choral/Band Contest
May 3 Prom and After Prom
May 12 FMPA meeting 7pm
May 13 Orchestra Festival Grades 5-12
May 15 Whitaker Choral Concert
May 16 OMEA MS Large Group/Band/
Orchestra/Choral Contest
May 19 No school
May 22 Choral Festival
May 26 No School
May 29 Graduation
May 30 Last Day of School

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