

This Week In Band: 2/10

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! We had a rare slow weekend, which was wonderful! I took my son to the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler on Saturday morning. We hadn't been in years, so it was a lot of fun walking through the exhibit cars and listening to the audio guide. We got Duck Donuts afterward, and they currently have strawberry buttercream as their seasonal specialty! So good!! We're going to get them again for Valentine's weekend!

We saw the movie Flow at Pollack Theatres on Saturday. Have any of you seen it? It's an animated film without any dialogue. It takes place on a version of Earth where there are no longer people but there are still animals. The Earth is changing with rapidly rising water levels, and the animals have to figure out how to work together. It has some really cool parts and some head scratching parts, but we enjoyed it overall. We definitely had some questions at the end though! I'd love to discuss if you've seen it!

We ran trains at our model train club at McCormick Ranch on Sunday, and I had a really interesting conversation with one of the club members.

Apparently President Roosevelt had his own private train station in New York that he used to help keep his wheelchair a secret. After his passing, it was no longer needed. A railroad club/museum in New York purchased the station and houses their museum at the location. They pay \$1 a year to lease it! I thought it was such a neat story!

Oh, and apparently there was some sort of sporting event on Sunday...;) I hope your team won!

This will be a fun week with Valentine's Day on Friday leading into a 3-day weekend! As I tell the students, I have loved Valentine's Day since I was a kid! It's so much fun celebrating love of family and friends, and you can't beat the candy! Gotta love the Papa Murphy's heart-shaped pizza too! I hope you all have a wonderful weekend with your families and that you get some delicious treats along the way! :)

How was your weekend? Feel free to share :)

Pueblo Band Yearbook Pictures: Thursday

Please note that we will be having Pueblo Band yearbook photos this Thursday during the school day. Concert Band students will take their photo at the beginning of 2nd period (around 9:52), 6th Graders after lunch (around 11:20), and Symphonic Band at the beginning of their class period (around 1:15). We will take a Jazz Band photo while on our Tucson trip next week.

Concert Band and 6th Grade Band students will need to wear or bring their Pueblo Band concert polo for the photo (no need for the black pants/shoes for the photos—whatever they want to wear for pants is fine).

Symphonic Band students wear an all black dress shirt, but ties aren't required since we'll be taking the photo during their class period. They can change into their shirt at the start of class (or put it on over whatever other shirt they're wearing) and take it off after the photo.

Tissues Needed

You all did such a great job donating tissues at the beginning of the year, and we are only now on our very last box! Thank you! If you are able to send in boxes of tissues, our students would greatly appreciate it. Thank you so much!

Practice Records: Week 4

We are in Week 4 of our current Practice Record, which is due on Tuesday, February 25th.

As a reminder, I check everyone's Practice Record on Mondays. Students who have a parent/guardian signature and minutes written in can earn 2 Dawg Tags! I have many extra practice records, so your student may ask any time if they need a new practice record. Students must have all 5 signatures, minutes recorded for each week, their name, start date, due date, practice assignments written (on the back), and turned in on time in order to earn their 100 points. Remember—time spent playing their instrument outside of their class period (including practicing saying their note names and fingerings/studying their fingering chart) all counts as practice minutes. Please let me know if you have any questions about practice records.

Pueblo Spring Band Concert: Thursday, February 27th

Concert reminder letters will go out on Thursday, but here are the main details:

Binders Needed: Students need to have their music in a 3 ring binder in sheet protectors so their music doesn't blow away at the concert. This doesn't need to be a specific size or color, and they may use one from another class.

Concert Date: Thursday, February 27th in the Pueblo Amphitheater (it's in the center of campus outside the MPR)

Warm-Up: 5:30pm in the Pueblo Band Room for all students.

Concert Time: 6:00pm in the Pueblo Amphitheater

Concert Order: Jazz Band, 6th Grade Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band

Students will sit with their families before and after their performance and stay for the entire concert.

What to Bring: Bring camping chairs, picnic blankets, beach towels, etc. for the audience. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner too! Our Band Boosters will be selling concessions before the concert and between groups as well! It will be a beautiful night!!!

Concert Dress: Same band concert uniform as the fall concert (band polos for 6th grade and Concert Band with black dress clothes; Symphonic Band in all black dress clothes with Pueblo ties for students who wear ties).

7th and 8th Grade Scale Tests Thursday

Each quarter we will be checking off 3 scales, and this quarter we are testing on concert G, D, and Gb major scales. Our first check-off day will be this Thursday, February 13th (Symphonic Band will have trumpets and low brass on Thursday, and horns/woodwinds/percussion will go on Friday).

For this first day, all students will play in class for two required rounds and then an optional third round. Starting next week, students will be allowed to check off scales before school on non-Jazz Band days starting at 7:50 am (next Wednesday is a Jazz Band trip, so next Thursday the 20th will be the only before school opportunity that week; otherwise Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday for the last two weeks of the quarter).

Our second check-off day will be next Thursday, February 20th, and our final check-off day will be on Tuesday, March 4th. Students may also check off scales before school this Thursday and Friday morning or next Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday morning in the band room starting at 7:50.

Students will need to check off all scales by Friday, December 20th for their 100 points.

8th graders must play all three scales from memory for their 100 points. 7th graders (and new 8th graders) can earn extra credit for memorization, but it is not required. Both grades can earn extra credit for extra octaves, and 8th graders can earn extra credit for speed (120 bpm or above).

6th Grade Update: Band Karate

- Congratulations to our newest Band Karate Black Belts:
 - Tori Macziewski and Griffin Badillo, both flutes! Way to go!!
- We learned our first scale today! Concert Bb! It's always a rite of passage, and they did a great job!

- We will have Band Karate this week on Thursday (woodwinds) and Friday (brass and percussion).
- We will have Band Karate less often this quarter due to increased difficulty of our concert songs as well as the quarter being shorter.
- As stated in the directions, students may also email me videos to check off songs and/or check them off before school on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings (the band room opens at 7:50 each morning).
- Students will earn a treat for each belt they complete and will earn one Dog Tag per song they complete.

Jazz Band Update

This week we will rehearse on Tuesday and Friday at the normal time (gate closes at 7:05).

The gate opens at 7:00 and closes at 7:05. Please email me or send a message to the Remind if your student will be absent or is running late so I can send someone out to get them (text @puebloja to 81010 if you haven't joined our Remind Jazz Band group yet). If you don't hear from me, **please call the band room phone number if your student arrives after the gate has closed: 480-541-6990.**

- **Third Quarter Jazz Band Dates:**
 - **Tucson Jazz Workshop Daytrip: February 19th**
 - I emailed the online permission slip on January 23rd. Thank you so much to those of you who have completed it already! **Please complete the online permission slip by Friday this Friday by clicking [here](#).**
 - Here's a rough outline of the day: We will meet at 7:05am, leave at 7:30am (charter bus), do our performance/clinic, have lunch (Park Place Mall), go to Reid Park Zoo, and head back to Pueblo with a return time of 5:00pm.
 - **Pueblo Band Concert: February 27th (see concert details earlier in this email)**

- **4th Quarter Jazz Dates:**

- No rehearsal on 3/25 (first day of the quarter)
- Normal rehearsals on 3/28 and 4/1
- No rehearsal on 4/4 (California trip!)
- **Pueblopalooza Performance: April 11th**
 - We will once again be performing at the annual Pueblopalooza festival on Friday, April 11th.
 - I don't have our exact performance time yet, but plan on having your students available from 5:00-7:00pm that evening.
 - Students will wear Jazz Band shirts with nice jeans and will need to have their music in a binder with sheet protectors.
- **Final Pueblo Band Concert: Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00pm.**

Here is the band mentor schedule as a reminder:

The band room is open normal hours this week (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning at 7:50).

Band Mentors

Please make sure they contact their partner anytime they are unable to make it to band mentors. It's not too late to get a mentor! Please have your student submit a form ASAP if they're interested. Here is the schedule:

Student Last Name	Student First Name	Partner Name	Day
Albright	Savannah	Holland Chapman	Thursday
Badillo	Griffin	Micah Berkowitz	Monday
Ball-Perez	Emma	Bryce Hocking	Wednesday
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Barbaree	Jack	Alex DuPlessis	Monday
Bassett	Lillian	Grey Ward	Thursday
Berkowitz	Ari	Savannah Quezada	Thursday
Berkowitz	Micah	Griffin Badillo	Monday

Blinick	Victoria	Zoe Fernandez	Wednesday
Bond	Ace	Elaina Zemke	Thursday
Brish	Solomon	Shane Werkman	Thursday
Butler	Paige	Layla Larson	Thursday
Chapman	Holland	Savannah Albright	Thursday
Coggins	Sophie	Rowan Dowling	Wednesday
Dowling	Rowan	Sophie Coggins	Wednesday
DuPlessis	Alex	Jack Barbaree	Monday
Fagerman	Julia	Nina Griggs	Thursday
Fernandez	Zoe	Victoria Blinick	Wednesday
Foreman	Landon	Luke Shaw	Wednesday
Garcia	Josh	Emma Hocking	Thursday
Garcia	Sable	Ryan Hesselbacher	Thursday
Griggs	Nina	Julia Fagerman	Thursday
Hannah	Parker	Max Ohlgren	Wednesday
Hesselbacher	Ryan	Sable Garcia	Thursday
Hocking	Bryce	Emma Ball-Perez	Wednesday
Hocking	Emma	Josh Garcia	Thursday
Hsieh	Morgan	Kira Lee	Wednesday
Jarvis	Simryn	Xochitl Martinez	Wednesday
Jimenez	Ehlias	Safiya Underwood	Monday
Keiter	Steven	Lyla Sutton	Wednesday
Larson	Layla	Paige Butler	Thursday
Lee	Kira	Morgan Hsieh	Wednesday
Macziewski	Tori	Safiya Underwood	Thursday
Martinez	Xochitl	Simryn Jarvis	Wednesday
Martinez	Xochitl	James Olson	Wednesday
Miller	Lucas	Emma Ball-Perez	Thursday

Ohlgren	Max	Parker Hannah	Wednesday
Ohlgren	Charlie	Evan Sackett	Wednesday
Olson	James	Kai or Xochitl	Wednesday
Quezada	Savannah	Ari Berkowitz	Thursday
Sackett	Evan	Charlie Ohlgren	Wednesday
Shaw	Luke	Landon Foreman	Wednesday
Sutton	Lyla	Steven Keiter	Wednesday
Underwood	Safiya	Tori Macziewski	Thursday
Underwood	Safiya	Ehlias Jimenez	Monday
Ward	Grey	Lillian Bassett	Thursday
Werkman	Shane	Solomon Brish	Thursday
Zemke	Elaina	Ace Bond	Thursday

Thanks everyone! I hope you all have a wonderful week! Reach out with questions anytime!

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