

This Week In Band

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful 3-day weekend!

We had our annual San Diego/Carlsbad trip! My son and I left after school on Thursday and stayed with my sweet aunt and uncle in Rancho Santa Fe. I've been visiting them at that house since I was around 9, so it's been really special sharing that with my son over the years! We did the Legoland Mile Run on Saturday and had a lot of fun there the rest of the day. It's such a fun event! On Sunday I did the Carlsbad Half Marathon for the 5th time, and I didn't have any injuries this time! Hooray!! I had my slowest time (2 hours 16 minutes), but I expected that. Last year I strained my Achilles because I was trying to go faster, so this year's goal was just to finish without injury. We had our traditional victory breakfast at Shorehouse Kitchen in Carlsbad Village afterward with our favorite Handel's Ice Cream for dessert. So good!!

Sunday night we went to Downtown San Diego to see Back to the Future the musical! They just started a North American tour, and it was fantastic!!

Unfortunately they aren't coming to Arizona, but look up their schedule online to see if you can go to one of the other cities! They'll be on tour through the end of August. It's just amazing what they were able to do with the technology to make it come to life! They had us all up dancing at the end too, which was a blast! Afterward we walked through the fun Gaslamp District to Ghirardelli. It was just the best time!! So grateful for these times together!

How was your weekend? Feel free to share :)

Practice Records: DUE TOMORROW

Practice Records are due tomorrow (Wednesday) for 100 points (they must be filled out correctly with name, dates, minutes, and signatures on the front and their practice assignments written on the back). All students received a new Practice Record today, which will be 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.

Extra Credit: Tempe Winds Concert Next Tuesday 1/28

Next Tuesday, January 28th is our next Tempe Winds concert (see attached flyer). With all the Tempe district auditoriums either booked or undergoing renovations, we will be performing this concert in the children's center at Grace Community Church in Tempe.

This concert is called Luminaries and will feature pieces by lesser known composers with fascinating stories! Much of the music is very modern sounding, Tickets are \$7 each for this concert and must be purchased in advance (kids under 18 are still free). Here is the website to purchase tickets: <https://www.tempewinds.org/> . Students can check in with me at the concert to receive their 100 points of extra credit.

Here is a map to the performance venue. Grace Community Church 1200 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, 85282



Save the Date: Pueblo Spring Band Concert on Thursday, February 27th

This is the same date from the Band Concert calendar (yay!!!). I will send home concert reminder letters as it gets closer, but here are the main details:

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).

California Trip Update: Payment #2 Due FRIDAY

I passed out individualized balance/payment information sheets to all

students going on the band California trip in class today. Please let me know if you have any questions. The second payment (\$350) is due by Friday, January 24th and is tax credit eligible. Please let me know ASAP if your student is no longer attending the trip (or if you are a chaperone that is cancelling).

6th Grade Update: Band Karate Resumes

- We will resume Band Karate this week on Thursday and Friday.
- 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:**
 - **Pueblo 5th Grade Showcase: January 22nd**
 - We will perform at the annual Pueblo 5th Grade Showcase on Wednesday, January 22nd.
 - Students need to be in the band room at 4:30pm for warm-up, and we will perform as part of the 5:00pm presentation.

We will go back to the band room afterward to play while families are touring campus.

- Students will be finished by 6:30pm.
- Students will wear their Jazz Band shirts and nice jeans for this performance. The performance will be indoors, but students may wear a long sleeved black shirt under their Jazz Band shirt if they're worried about being cold.

◦ **Tucson Jazz Workshop Daytrip: February 19th**

- I am thrilled to announce that we will be returning to Tucson this year! Unfortunately the Jazz festival date did not work with our calendar, so we will be going to Rincon/University High School to do a performance for the Rincon/University Jazz Band on Wednesday, February 19th! Their Jazz Band will perform for us as well, and we'll have a clinic with their amazing director, Mr. Jeff Marchant!!! They have one of the best Jazz Bands in the state, and this will be a fantastic opportunity!!!
- 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 (probably U of A Student Union again), go to Reid Park Zoo, and head back to Pueblo with a return time of 5:00pm.
- We will need chaperones, so please email me if you would like to attend.

◦ **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:

Since we didn't have school on Monday this week, Monday pairs can choose Wednesday or Thursday.

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
Ball-Perez	Emma	Lucas Miller	Thursday
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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