

This Week In Band: 2/3

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! As I shared with the students, I was at my annual Arizona Music Educators Association annual conference in downtown Mesa. This conference has always been so special to me because I get to spend it surrounded by hundreds of other music teachers! I attend many sessions on different music education topics, see great performances (shoutout to Corona percussion and Wind Ensemble!!!), and reconnect with friends and colleagues. We have a great awards luncheon each year that is so lovely as well, and I love it when we all sing the national anthem and the choir teachers break into 4 part harmony. So awesome! We also had a Jazz combo from one of the Air Force bands perform for us, which was fantastic! I was very honored to receive one of the Excellence in Teaching awards at the luncheon (I was nominated by three of my colleagues)! It was a really special weekend, and I'm excited to share what I've learned with the students!

After the usual grocery shopping and Sunday chores, I finally had time to build Legos with my son! We watched some tv shows and movies while building our sets (Magic of Disney and Chrysanthemum sets for me, Lego City Streetcar and Stations for him). It was so much fun, even though my fingertips were sore at the end, haha! I brought in the Magic of Disney set today to add to my Lego shelf at the front of the band room!

How was your weekend? Feel free to share :)

Band Parent/Teacher Conferences This Week

Pueblo Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up this Wednesday and Thursday (February 5th and 6th). I will be in the MPR from 2:00-6:30pm on Wednesday and 1:45-4:00pm on Thursday. Conferences are optional and students are welcome to attend with their parents but aren't required. **If you would like to sign-up for a conference with me for band, please click [here](#).**

Pueblo Band Yearbook Pictures: Next Thursday

Please note that we will be having Pueblo Band yearbook photos next Thursday, February 13th during the school day. I will work out a schedule to have Concert Band and 6th Grade Band combine during one of those class periods for their photo.

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 will wear an all black 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.

Practice Records: Week 3

We are in Week 3 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

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).

6th Grade Update: Band Karate

- Congratulations to our newest Band Karate Black Belts! We are so proud of them!
 - Penelope Pasco, Clarinet
 - Ryan Hesselbacher, Tuba
 - Jax Burns, Clarinet
 - Charlie Ohlgren, Percussion
- We will NOT have Band Karate this week due to the early release days. We will resume next week (February 13th and 14th).

- 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 that by Friday, February 14th.
 - 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
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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