



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:30p.m.
Lakota East High School Jazz Room**

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

Elected officers present: Amy Stiefel, Al Dick, Maria Wiedwald, Patrice Pieratt, Jenny Tripp

Directors' Reports:

- Mrs. Kathryn Knueven Band Director, Liberty Junior School
(Report submitted via email and is attached).
Additional comments by Mrs. Knueven:
Sousaphone is now popular! Several students want to play it after Band Night.
LJS 30th Anniversary open house is in November and there will be bands performing.
- Mr. Alan Nordyke Director of Jazz Studies, Lakota Freshman and High School
Campuses (Report submitted via email and is attached).
- Mrs. Julie Fuqua – Band Director, Hopewell Junior School
(Report submitted via email and is attached).
- Mr. Rob Tanis, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
 - Mr. Engel is in Columbus and not present.
 - Tag Day went great. Amy has details to share.
 - He was blown away at the Logan Elm Competition! Mr. Engel's video posted from that night was awesome. He said it was amazing to see it all.
 - Upcoming West Game comments: They are moving Homecoming activities to pre-game because East is coming. We will perform our show at halftime. We will perform first, followed by West's show.
 - Mr. Tanis is very happy with marching band and how they felt after they performed at Logan Elm.
 - Concert Band is doing great and have a concert on October 9th.
 - The itinerary for Loveland Band Contest was just received and we perform at 9:15 pm. There will be 16-17 bands performing. We perform after Miamisburg and Turpin.

President's Report: Amy Stiefel

- Review of Tag Day
 - It went great
 - There was no assigning of groups or car drivers, but it worked well.
 - Kept to groups of 4 per car.
 - A couple groups went out twice.
 - Over \$1500 was received from 7 extra routes covered due to extra drivers this year over last year.
 - 55 out of 59 total routes were covered
 - We had approximately the same number of kids as last year.
 - Suggestions mentioned included discussing kids that work vs. kids that just walk.
 - Jenny suggested adding a printed performance schedule to pass out to those who donate so they can come see the band perform and be more aware of where and when they can see them.
 - Nearly 4,000 envelopes were made, which were all used and passed out.
 - This was the most successful Tag Day on record, records date back to 2007.
- Band Night was a huge success and a huge thanks was extended to all.
 - Patrice added that Dominoes did not run out. The kids had a lot of fun. The desserts were used up, but not so with the fruit. Overall the quantities we had for everyone were good.
- Logan Elm Competition: Mr. Tanis was very happy with our performance.
- Marching Band Sign-up Genius (SUG) is on the website. The next event shows first on the list. Homecoming will be our next event.
- Upcoming events include Homecoming dinner and performance this Friday, September 22nd; West Game @West 9/29, OMEA Loveland 9/30, 10/7 Dayton BOA, Fall Concerts 10/9 6:30 pm and 8:15 pm, 10/13 Hamilton Game @East (also the end of first quarter), and 10/14 OMEA Kettering.

Secretary's Report: Jenny Tripp

Motion to approve the August 22, 2017 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald, seconded by Carolyn Landers.....**Approved**

Treasurer's Report: Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- There was a Krispy Kreme deposit.
- There was a \$500 check from Kroger
- New numbers for Kroger fundraising is up to 62 homes now.
- Figures in Miscellaneous were due to old equipment sale.
- Spiritwear lines are mostly for shirts. They are making money but it doesn't yet show on the report.

- Tag day made \$18,639. \$1,660 came from envelope donations, and \$563 from Pay Pal donations.
- Tom's and Wal Mart made donations.
- Expenses for Concert Band uniforms are for women's dresses.
- Expense for \$1,475 for food was pizza and another expense under uniform maintenance for raincoats.
- In conclusion, we are \$6,000 over and should beat the budget.

Vice President of Ways and Means Report: Al Dick

- There is a band night Dine and Donate event at Raising Cane's next Wednesday, September 26th from 5 pm – 9 pm. Each customer must present the flyer and 20% of the purchase will be donated to Lakota East Bands.
- October 24th will be a Dine and Donate event at El Rancho Nuevo on Cincinnati-Dayton Road. That will be an all-day event. Just mention the band and we will receive 20% of your purchase.
- P & G Fundraiser upcoming: (J&R Coordinating Services)
 - We are asking for donations of used, dirty and smelly towels, and t-shirts for this fundraiser
 - A collection bin will be set up in the band room
 - A flyer will be sent out with restrictions and explanations
 - We receive \$2 per item donated
- Krispy Kreme Donuts were sold out at the last game! We made a \$577 profit. There was great help from Jennifer Clark, and Jennifer and David Berry who helped sell. Julie Leonard let us borrow the tent, which was greatly appreciated.
- Storage Plus and Uhaul of Love Joy Storage and Storage Plus of West Chester donated the truck for this past week and again for this coming week. Thanks to Anthony Walter, General Manager of Storage Plus.
- **Spiritwear Report: Amy Stiefel and Eunice Vogelsang**
 - The first Promospark online store sold 150 items for \$1000 in profit.
 - The baseball tee and performance tee were the biggest sellers.
 - Next time it opens we will consider adding holiday and colder weather items.
 - Promospark pays quarterly.
 - The 2017 commemorative tee that was sold alone will be delivered this week. 96 were sold for \$500. The checks will be cut in October.
 - Stadium seats were bought in bulk. We have 5 new ones and 4 old ones left. (7 were sold at Band Night.)
 - A bulk order of lanyards were purchased and will be in inventory later.
 - The next Spiritwear Shop will open around October 18th through Black Friday with at least one cut off for partial order to be received.
 - Season buttons are still for sale and available tonight.

- Any requests for items to be added to the store should be directed to the Spiritwear chairpersons: Eunice Vogelsang or Dawn Golembiewski, or to the Upbeat Club Officers. We will continue to adjust the online store as needed.

Vice President of Student Activities Report: Patrice Pieratt

- Patrice extended a huge Thank You to everyone for the Band Night.
- Homecoming Dinner:
 - Planning to serve 300.
 - Historically Chick-Fil-A was served, but they have raised pricing.
 - Freddy's has given us a great deal. Dinner will consist of Beef Hot Dogs, chips, carrots, and they will provide a Frozen Custard Sundae Bar. We will add additional desserts.
 - Freddy's is interested in potentially partnering with us in the future.
- Dayton BOA Dinner at Welcome Stadium on October 7th
 - LEUC will feed the band. Donato's is offering a discount and delivering on-site.
 - This will be instead of the subs we served last year.
 - We will eat at Welcome Park outside the stadium.

Marching Band Games and Contests: Additional Information

- There are still volunteer needs including Uniform Shadow, Website Admin, Photographers, etc. Please check the website and look for SUG or contact the LEUC to volunteer.
- Dinners will be served to the Marching Band on Homecoming 9/22, and Senior Night 10/27
- The Spiritwear shop is available at <http://www.apparel.promospark.com/lakotaeastband> The next time the shop will open is still being determined.
- Krispy Kreme Donut sales is on the season SUG on the website.
- 3rd Quarter Cookies is going well. They have enough 2 liters for now.
- Pit Crew: If you'd like to help please contact the LEUC.
- Indianapolis BOA overnight trip:
 - Chaperones/traveler's need to log on and make their payments at the travel website.
 - Look for the itinerary in a week on the band website.
 - Medical permit information posted today for students (not chaperones). There is a change from the past that medication must be in its original container, whether RX or OTC. That is a new procedure.
 - The medical forms will be filled out one time and serve for Indy trip and the Orlando trip.
- Wednesday night the kids will be signing up for Orlando rooms.

- Mr. Tanis shared that for the District 13 Honor Band, the Assistant Conductor of the U.S. Marine Band, Dr. Richard Wyman, is coming to spend the day with us. He is a saxophone player and in the Wind Symphony. It will be great for our kids to have this visit.
- Beth Yost shared that her daughter, Martha, will be starting a project to benefit the Marching Band. For her American Heritage Girls Stars and Stripes project, she will be building 2 new platforms for the other drum majors, by the blue lines. Any support is greatly appreciated. Martha will present her project at a future meeting.
- Mr. Tanis noted that music for Honor Band auditions will be available on November 1st.
- Twitter now has 966 followers and we want to get to 1K. Please spread the word.
 - It's our brand.
 - Over 10K people have interacted with us.

Meeting adjourned: 8:42 p.m.: Amy Stiefel (motion), seconded by Maria Wiedwald
.....**Approved**

Attachments:

Liberty Junior School: Kathryn Knueven, Band Director / Upbeat Report September 2017

Liberty Junior School Band Upbeat Directors' Report September 19, 2017

The third annual Lakota East Band Night on Friday, September 8, was a huge success. The Liberty eighth grade band students thoroughly enjoyed the experience they had with the LEFS and LEHS band students! A special "thank you" is extended to Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel for all of their hard work to make this happen. Another special "thank you" is extended to the LEHS Upbeat Club for providing a great meal for all of the students at Band Night.

The Liberty Junior School Music Department Yankee Candle Sale officially began today. The music students are selling Yankee Candles and other gift items by Yankee Candle until Monday, October 2. Please support the LJS Band Program by buying a Yankee Candle product from an LJS band student!

The first evening concerts of the 2017 – 2018 Liberty Junior School Bands will be on Thursday, October 19, in the LJS Gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. with the seventh grade performing at 6:30 and the Eighth Grade Jazz Ensemble and Eighth Grade Band performing at 7:45 p.m.

The LJS Eighth Grade Jazz Ensemble, an extra-curricular ensemble which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, will have its first performance at the LJS Bands Fall Concert in October. There are 37 students in the LJS Eighth Grade Jazz Ensemble this year.

The LJS Clarinet Choirs will be starting up soon. The seventh grade clarinet choir will begin rehearsing on Friday, September 29. The eighth grade clarinet choir will begin rehearsing on Friday, October 6. The ensembles will rehearse every other Friday throughout the school year and will end with a pizza party and awards ceremony on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Kathy Knueven
LJS Band Director

Lakota East Jazz: Alan Nordyke, Director of Jazz Studies
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Lakota East Jazz September Report
September 19, 2017

The school year continues to go well in the Lakota Jazz Program. Each ensemble at the main campus and freshman campus has been working on some great charts during the first five weeks of school as they prepare for their fall concert, Monday, November 13, 6:00 PM, in the West Main Campus Theater. The jazz band members have been practicing diligently in class, sectionals, and at home. Section leaders have been named for each main campus ensemble, and each band member seems to be enjoying the music they are preparing. Students in each main and freshman campus ensemble have been working on improvising solos during the warm up section of class. It has been wonderful seeing more and more students volunteering to solo as the quarter progresses, and it has been awesome hearing the additional layers of creativity and confidence they have added to their soloing skills.

Congratulations to the East Jazz Band students selected to be members of the Cincinnati Youth Jazz Orchestra (CYJO):

- AJ Hanmer, percussion
- Chris Mink, trumpet
- Russell Specht, baritone saxophone
- Henry Stiefel, trombone

Congratulations to each of these band members for this well-deserved honor!

Thanks to everyone for all you do for the East Band Program. I look forward to the jazz band members' continued individual and group musical progress as the school year progresses!

Sincerely,

Alan Nordyke

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Hopewell Junior School: Julie Fuqua, Band Director / Upbeat Report September 2017

Congratulations to the Thunder Hawk Marching Band on a great competition Saturday!!

The 8th grade band students had a terrific time at East Band Night, Sept. 8. They wear their band night shirt to school very proudly! Many of the students commented on how nice all the high school marching band students were and that they talked to the 8th graders and helped them out all through the band night experience. Many 8th grade parents have commented on what a great opportunity this was for our students. Thanks to the Upbeat Club for providing such a wonderful supper for the students and accommodating all of the dietary needs.

Thanks to Mr. Engel for stopping by Hopewell Junior yesterday and visiting both 8th grade band classes. The students were excited to see him and asked great questions about the East band program.

Congratulations to the following Hopewell Junior 8th grade band students for auditioning and being selected in the Junior Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble.

Ryan Cheng-percussion

Sabrina Watson-Tenor Saxophone

Wendi Reffner-French Horn

Kenta Thompson-Trombone

Nathan Anderson-Tuba

Band Concert, Thursday, October 26

6:30 p.m. -7th grade band

7:45 p.m. 8th grade concert band and 8th grade jazz band

The next Upbeat Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lakota East High School Band Room.