

ABB Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Arapahoe High School Band Boosters
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From the Podium

by Dr. Cannava

I hope you're all enjoying a very relaxing summer vacation!

The 2008-09 England Trip will take place from December 27th through January 3rd. You're going to love this trip! I can say that from experience!! I did a preview trip to England at the end of last month—this performance tour will be our best one yet!! I know the increased fuel surcharges have raised the price (read more, later in this newsletter), but this will be a band trip of a lifetime!!! **The London parade route is incredible, the parade now planned in Dover will be wonderful, the gala concert by our Wind Symphony, at St. John's in Smith Square, will be second to none, and the special added Wind Symphony Invitational Performance at London's Central Westminster Hall will be an outstanding way to end our trip!** That hall seats 2200 people!! If you're not on board the England Band Trip, be sure to come to our final sign-up meeting on Thursday, August 7th at 7:30pm. We'd love to have you final 23 students join us for a performance tour of a lifetime!

Be sure to spread the word about our 4th Annual Alumni Week-end at the Trail Dust Steak House and Arapaho Park from August 9th through 10th (more details later). The events are for all alumni students and their families!!!

Thanks to everyone who hosted and/or attended section orientation meetings earlier in June. They were very successful thanks to everyone's support. Hopefully, your questions were answered and you know much more about the Pride of Arapahoe—The Warrior Band!

A special congratulations to all of you in the Warrior Marching Band for a very successful

June Camp—26 sets completely learned!!

Congratulations to all of you! This year's Marching Band Show, "Triumph of the Valiant" is proving to be one of our best productions!!

Congratulations to all 99 of you in the 2008-09 Warrior Marching Band!!

We have a record number of Masonic Band Camp performers participating in the Greeley Independence Day Stampede Parade. Our 15 musicians make up a good percentage of the band—the best of luck to you!!

Also, in July, our leadership will be attending the **UNC-Greeley Leadership Workshop on July 20-21**. This is an intense workshop, which will teach our students so much. Our drum majors will also be attending the George Parks Drum Major Academy from July 21-25. **Good luck to all of you!**

Get a lot of rest everyone—enjoy your summer vacation—I know I will!! Be ready for a fun, yet challenging, August Band Camp—I can't wait!!

Remember to keep working toward this year's vision: **"Be Valiant and Soar to Greatness!"**

KICK-OFF ABB Social for Marching Band Parents—All of you are invited to attend our **Beginning of the Year ABB Kick-Off Meeting on Friday, August 15th, at 7pm in the Theater**. All present Arapahoe Marching Band Parents are invited. Come meet all your fellow band parents in the **Pride of Arapahoe—The Warrior Band!** You'll hear a performance by our award-winning Marching Band. This will be a great night for all! Field Show and Volunteer shirts will be handed out, along with bumper stickers. **Don't miss our wonderful evening of fun and music. See you on August 15th!!**

August Marching Band Camp

We are all preparing for the exciting August Marching Band Camp—what a great 2008 season this will be! The music to this year's "Triumph of the Valiant" show is terrific—practice hard and be prepared for a terrific August camp.

The **August Camp** is required of all our Marching Band students. Remember, all students planning to go on the **England Band Trip** are required to be continuously enrolled in our **Marching Band**. *Anyone not able to attend any part of our camp* needs to contact Dr. Cannava in writing so that the student's section leader can meet with, and instruct them, before his or her absence.

What to bring to Camp:

Required paperwork and fees

Pencil

Music

Instrument/Color Guard equipment

Ice-cold water bottle

Wear/bring sunscreen

Dress for the weather, but you **MUST** wear tie tennis shoes and socks at all times.

What do we do at Camp?

Music: You'll learn basic tunes and all the field show music. There are extra teachers to help with sectionals.

Marching: You'll learn basic marching fundamentals to become consistent in style and have the field show completed, both design and music!

Marching Band Members

Our camp starts up again on Monday, August 4, at 8am.

Marching Band Camp Dates

August 4-8 and 11-12—8am-3pm

August 13—3pm-8pm—**Photo Day**

August 14-15 & 18—5pm-8pm

Heads Up: 2008-09 Band Fees Due in August (if you have not already paid)

For incoming freshman and all returning band students, here's a reminder of band fees that will be due in August for the 2008-09 school year. **Fee packets will be mailed to each member in early August. Fees will be due the first day of school, August 19th.** For questions regarding fees, please contact Carol Matthews, ABB Treasurer, at 303-221-1104.

Marching and Concert (Concert Band, Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble): \$290
Concert Only (Concert Band, Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble): \$130

Jazz Band: \$90 + Marching &/or Concert Fees

Jazz Rhythm-Only Band: \$110

Fall Color Guard: \$210

Instrument Rental Fee: \$50 per instrument for the school year

ABB Family Membership: \$35

AHS Activity Fee: \$25

Uniform Fees: Fee information will be sent to each band member in early August. The ladies in the uniform closet will assist students in August with uniform needs.

Banner Carriers Needed: We are in need of some more banner carriers for next year.

Siblings of current Marching Band members make great banner carriers. **6th, 7th and 8th graders are the perfect age for this fun job!!**

You get to perform at all the parades and football games—no experience is necessary.

Please call Dr. C. at 303-347-6031, or email him at ecan11@msn.com, if you know of an eager middle school student who would like to be a banner carrier for the Warrior Marching Band this season.

Banner Carrier Rehearsal Schedule

Mon-8/4, Wed-8/6, Fri-8/7 & Mon-8/10: 1-3pm

Wed-8/12 & Fri-8/14: 6:30-8pm

Sat-8/15: 8am-12:30pm 10am WWW Parade

ABB Meetings

Just a reminder that ABB meetings are **not** just for the board members. Anyone who is an ABB member, and that means a parent of any band student, is encouraged to attend. We need your input and fresh ideas to keep the band program going and moving in a positive direction. **The next meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday, August 6th, in the Band Room**

NEEDED INSTRUMENTATION FOR 2008-2009

- 1 Concert Band Oboe
- 1 Symphonic Band Bassoon
- 2 Concert Band Bassoons
- 2 Jazz II Trumpets
- 1 Jazz I Trumpet
- 2 Symphonic Band Horns
- 1 Concert Band Horn
- 1 Symphonic Band Trombone
- 2 Concert Band Trombones

We will offer **free instruction and free instruments**--please see Dr. C. as soon as possible!

A High Quality Instrument Makes a Difference!

Parents always ask me how they can best support their student musician. I **recommend purchasing an upgraded instrument-either intermediate or professional in quality.** This is really more important than private lessons in many respects. Please contact me at 303-347-6031 or ecannava@lps.k12.co.us if you need help in upgrading your student's instrument. Brad Brickley of Kolacny Music and Al Davis of Flesher-Hinton Music can be very helpful in getting you the best discounts possible.

Private Lessons

Private Lessons are strongly encouraged for all our band students. You can **use your share account funds to pay** for approved private instruction! All students studying privately receive 3 Letter Award Points. **This is the way our instrumentalists will make maximum progress on their instruments;** please see the listing of private teachers on our website, or Dr. Cannava can recommend teachers for your

student--please contact him at 303-347-6031. The students who study privately usually make the highest band chair placements, honor/all-state groups and music scholarships!

You've got to have a Metronome and Tuner for maximum performance!!!

For the maximum progress in band, please purchase a **tuner** and **metronome** if you play an instrument, and a **metronome** if you are in Color Guard. Tuners will help your **pitch development** on a consistent basis. You can put the tuner on your music stand as you practice, and check the various troublesome pitches as you go. *What a difference this will make in your playing!!!* **Metronomes will help everyone's ability to keep time and maintain tempo.** These are great for Color Guard members to practice their flag, rifle, dance and sabre routines. Musicians can work on their basic time, as well as musical subdivisions. Metronomes will assist all of us in our musical development, no matter what level are currently at. *Please Bring in \$30 for a metronome purchase and \$25 to buy a tuner/metronome combination*—make checks payable to **ABB** and please add your student's first and last name.

Frequent Flier Air Ticket Donations Needed

The Arapahoe Warrior Band is looking for anyone who is in a position to **donate Frequent Flier Mileage Air Ticket Coupons.** We would like to bring in 4 national judges for our September 20th Arapahoe Marching Invitational. Your contributions would help us out greatly. The band's costs would then only involve food and judging fees--the transportation would be taken care of. We have a donor already for the hotel accommodations through Marriott Corporation). Please contact Dr. Cannava at ecan11@msn.com as soon as possible if you can donate any Frequent Flier Mileage Air Ticket Coupons. **THANKS for all your support!**

**2008-09 Arapahoe High School Warrior Marching Band
Rehearsal/Performance Schedule
(As we know it on June 30, 2008)**

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	8/4	8am-3pm (Sectionals 10:30am-Noon)	MB Camp	AHS
Tuesday	8/5	8am-3pm (Sectionals 10:30am-Noon)	MB Camp	AHS
Wednesday	8/6	8am-3pm (Sectionals 10:30am-Noon)	MB Camp	AHS
Thursday	8/7	8am-3pm (Sectionals 10:30am-Noon)	MB Camp	AHS
Friday	8/8	8am-3pm (Sectionals 10:30am-Noon)	MB Camp	AHS
Monday	8/11	8am-3pm (Sectionals 10:30am-Noon)	MB Camp	AHS
Tuesday	8/12	8am-3pm (Sectionals 10:30am-Noon)	MB Camp	AHS
Wednesday	8/13	3-8pm	MB Camp Photo Day	AHS
Thursday	8/14	5-8pm	MB Camp	AHS
Friday	8/15	5-8pm 7pm	MB Camp Perform for ABB Parents	AHS Theater
Saturday	8/16	8am-12:30pm (10am Parade)	WWV Parade	Downtown Littleton
		1:30-3:30pm	England Wind Symphony	AHS
Monday	8/18	5-8pm	MB Camp	AHS
Tuesday	8/19	3:30-5:30pm	MB Winds w/ Dave	AHS
Wednesday	8/20	2:40-5:40	MB	AHS
Thursday	8/21	2:20-3:15pm 4-6	MB Leadership Meeting MB Percussion	AHS
Friday	8/22	3-6pm	Picnic	Arapaho Park
Saturday	8/23	Noon-6pm	MB	Stadium
Monday	8/25	2:30-5:40 (2:30-4pm Sectionals) 6:30pm	MB	AHS
Tuesday	8/26	3:30-5:30pm	MB Staff Meeting MB Winds w/ Dave	AHS
Wednesday	8/27	4-7:30pm (6:50 Performance)	MB @ Back-to-School Night	AHS
Thursday	8/28	4-6pm	MB Percussion	AHS
Friday	8/29	2:40-5:40pm	MB	AHS
Tuesday	9/2	2:30-5:30pm	MB Winds w/ Dave	AHS
Wednesday	9/3	2:40-5:40pm	MB	AHS
Thursday	9/4	2:20-3:15pm 4-6	MB Leadership Meeting MB Percussion	AHS
Friday	9/5	2:40-5:40pm	MB w/ Scott	AHS
Saturday	9/6	8-11am 12:30-2:30pm	MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Monday	9/8	2:30-5:40pm (Sectionals 2:30-4) 6:45pm	MB	AHS
Tuesday	9/9	3:30-5:30pm	MB Staff Meeting MB Winds w/ Dave	AHS

		4-7:30pm	MB Leadership w/ Dr. Tim (\$30/student)	
Wednesday	9/10	5-9:30pm	MB	Stadium
Thursday	9/11	2:20-3:15pm 4-6	MB Leadership Meeting MB Percussion	AHS
Friday	9/12	2:40-10:30pm (7pm Game)	MB @ FB vs. Overland Middle School Band Night	Stadium
Saturday	9/13	Noon-6pm	MB	Stadium
Monday	9/15	2:30-5:40pm (Sectionals 2:30-4) 6:45-8pm	MB MB Staff Meeting	AHS
Tuesday	9/16	3:30-5:30pm	MB Winds w/ Dave	AHS
Wednesday	9/17	5-9:30pm	MB	Stadium
Thursday	9/18	2:20-3:15pm 4-6pm	MB Leadership Meeting MB Percussion	AHS
Friday	9/19	2:40-5:40pm	MB	AHS
Saturday	9/20	All Day/Night	Arapahoe Marching Invitational	Stadium
Monday	9/22	2:30-5:40pm (Sectionals 2:30-4pm) 6:45-8pm	MB MB Staff Meeting	AHS
Tuesday	9/23	3:30-5:30pm	MB Winds w/ Dave	AHS
Wednesday	9/24	5-9:30pm	MB	Stadium
Thursday	9/25	2:20-3:15pm 4-6pm	MB Leadership Meeting MB Percussion	AHS
Friday	9/26	2:40-10:30pm (7pm Game)	MB Homecoming FB Game vs. CCHS	Stadium
Saturday	9/27	8-11:30am (10am Parade) 11:30am-7pm	Homecoming Parade CSU Marching Showcase	AHS CSU-Ft. Collins
Monday	9/29	2:30-5:40pm (Sectionals 2:30-4pm) 6:45-8pm	MB MB Staff Meeting	AHS
Tuesday	9/30	3:30-5:30pm	MB Winds w/ Dave	AHS
Wednesday	10/1	5-9:30pm	MB w/ Scott	Stadium
Thursday	10/2	2:20-3:15pm 4-6pm	MB Leadership Meeting MB Percussion	AHS
Friday	10/3	2:40-10:30pm (7pm Game)	MB @ FB Game vs. Mullen	Stadium
Saturday	10/4	All Day/Night	Douglas County Marching Invitational	DCHS Stadium
Monday	10/6	2:30-5:40pm (Sectionals 2:30-4pm) 6:45pm	MB MB Staff Meeting	AHS
Tuesday	10/7	3:30-5:30pm	MB Winds w/ Dave	AHS
Wednesday	10/8	2:40-5:40pm	MB	AHS
Thursday	10/9	4-6pm	MB Percussion	AHS
Friday	10/10	2:40-5:40pm	MB	AHS
Saturday	10/11	All Day/Night	New Friendship Cup	Longmont HS
Monday	10/13	2:16-10pm 2:30-6pm	2A-5A State Qualifying MB Festival (ABB Hosts- Staggered Student Workers) CG Sectional	Stadium AHS
Tuesday	10/14	2:40-5:40pm	MB	AHS
Wednesday	10/15	2:40-3:45pm	MB	AHS
Thursday	10/16	2:40-10pm	5A State Qualifying Festival	Stadium

Friday	10/17	9am-3pm	MB	Stadium
Saturday	10/18	All Day/Night	Pomona Marching Invitational	NAAC Stadium
Monday	10/20	2:30-5:40pm (Sectionals 2:30-4pm)	MB	AHS
Tuesday	10/21	12:10-9pm (Period 5 & 6)	Pikes Peak March of Champions	Berry Stadium Colo. Springs
Wednesday	10/22	5-9:30pm 7-9:30pm	MB MB Leadership Focus Session	Stadium TBA
Thursday	10/23	2:40-5:40pm 7-9:30pm	MB MB Sectional Focus Session	AHS TBA
Friday	10/24	2:40-10:30pm (7pm Game)	MB @ FB Game vs. Smoky Hill	Stadium
Saturday	10/25	All Day/ Night	MB State Championships Semis-5* Stadium Finals-Invesco Field @ Mile High	Northglenn Denver
Wednesday	10/29	2:40-4:40pm	MB	AHS
Friday	10/31	2:40-10pm (7pm Game)	MB @ FB Game	Stadium
Wednesday	11/5	4-6pm	England Wind Symphony	AHS
Thursday	11/6	2:30-4:40pm	Possible MB	AHS
Friday	11/7	2:40-10pm	Possible Playoff FB Game	Stadium
Saturday	11/8	11am-5pm	Possible Playoff FB Game	Stadium
Wednesday	11/12	4-6pm	England Wind Symphony	AHS
Thursday	11/13	2:30-4:30pm	Possible MB	AHS
Friday	11/14	2:40-10pm	Possible Playoff FB Game	Stadium
Saturday	11/15	11am-5pm	Possible Playoff FB Game	Stadium
Monday	11/17	2:20-4:30pm	Possible MB	AHS
Wednesday	11/19	4-6pm	England Wind Symphony	AHS
Friday	11/21	2:40-10pm	Possible Playoff FB Game	Stadium
Saturday	11/22	11am-5pm	Possible Playoff FB Game	Stadium
Monday	11/24	2:30-4:30pm	MB	AHS
Friday	11/28	2:40-10pm	Possible Playoff FB Game	Stadium
Saturday	11/29	11am-5pm	Possible Playoff FB Game	Invesco
Monday	12/1	2:20-4pm 4-6pm	MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Wednesday	12/3	2:20-4pm 4-6pm	MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Thursday	12/4	2:20-4:30pm	MB	AHS
Friday	12/5	2:20-10pm 6pm Parade	Parade of Lights	Downtown Denver
Saturday	12/6	11am-5pm 3-11pm 8pm Parade	Possible Playoff FB Game Parade of Lights	Stadium Downtown Denver
Monday	12/8	2:30-4pm 4-6pm	England MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Tuesday	12/9	8:30-10pm	England Wind Symphony	AHS
Wednesday	12/10	2:30-4pm 4-5:30pm	England MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Thursday	12/11	6:15-9:30pm	England Wind Symphony	AHS
Friday	12/12	2:30-4pm 4-6pm	England MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Monday	12/15	2:30-4pm 4-5:30pm	England MB England Wind Symphony	AHS

Tuesday	12/16	2:30-4pm 4-5:30pm	England MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Monday	12/22	1-2:30pm 2:30-4:30pm	England MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Tuesday	12/23	1-2:30pm 2:30-4:30pm	England MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Friday	12/26	1:30-3:30pm 3:30-6pm	England MB England Wind Symphony	AHS
Sat-Sat	12/27-1/3	Overnight	England Trip!	England

2008-09 ENGLAND BAND TRIP

We hope all you join us on this band concert tour of a lifetime! Remember, all band members who started making the **\$200 monthly trip payments** in August, 2007, and continue to make payments on time through October, 2008, will have the final November, 2008, payment reduced by \$50.00. **But, anyone can join us and get caught up on trip payments in the next few months.**

The highlight of the 2008-09 Warrior Marching Band Trip to England, will be our performance in the 2009 London, England New Year's Day Parade! This is the Macy's Parade of England and all of Europe!! Millions of foreigners will watch us perform in this world famous parade!!!

We now have **posted sign-ups for room assignments, buses and touring/restaurant groups** throughout the England trip. You must be **current on all payments** in order to sign up for any list.

There will also be two Arapahoe Wind Symphony performances in London concert venues—one of these is part of the Annual Concert Gala Series. That performance will be in the beautiful **St. John's Hall in Smith Square**. We will be performing along with three other U.S. High School bands. We have received a **special invitation to perform at the start of the International Choral Festival in Central Westminster Hall**. We are just one of two High school concert bands chosen to perform there! It holds 2200 people!! Both performances are 20 minutes in length. Our **Marching Band has also been invited to perform in Dover, England**. This will be a mayor gift exchange performance.

Many activities will take place during our **2008-09 England Band Trip**. We'll be traveling to **Canterbury, Stonehenge, Bath, and Windsor**, among other places. You're going to love the **London Eye, London Dungeon, "Wicked", the Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum**, and many other fun excursions throughout our 8-day concert tour. We are also now planning on an **evening boat ride to view the lights and attractions of London**. This will take the place of the Pizza on the Park Dinner/Jazz show, since it will be closing down. The boat ride will **include a DJ and dancing!** **Be sure to check out our website for all the details on how to sign-up for this band trip of a lifetime!!!**

The time is approaching for the big trip!! In fact, unbelievably, we are less than 6 months away from the departure date!!

It is time to sign up.....anyone who wishes to be included on the trip needs to get their forms completed and call us for payment arrangements.

IMPORTANT Fuel Surcharge and Trip Cost Update:

The increase in fuel costs has taken its toll on the airline industry, as it has on our home budgets for auto gas. Fuel surcharges are skyrocketing, as we are reminded each day. When we began to plan the London trip, we used information from our travel facilitators to determine the amount of fuel surcharge to include in the trip cost. We included, therefore, \$300 per person in the participant payment amount. We felt at the time that this was more than ample. However, we have learned that, at this date, the fuel surcharge has risen to \$599 per passenger. It is not expected to increase further.

The trip committee has decided that the easiest way to remedy this underpayment is to ask each passenger to pay \$25 additional with the June 2008 payment and \$65 additional with your July through November payments. So, if you are on the \$200 per month plan, your payment will now be \$265 per month for the remaining trip payments. Anyone who is catching up to the \$200 per month payment plan, because of later trip signup, should have included the \$25 additional payment in June and add \$65 to your remaining July through November payments.

Many of you are concerned and/or confused about what is happening with the additional cost of this trip. You are being asked to increase your payments by \$350, for a total trip cost of \$3550. The increase covers the fuel surcharge mentioned above for the students and chaperones and other anticipated expenses. Although there can be no absolute guarantee that there will be no additional increases, this \$3550 is based on in-depth analysis of the worst case scenarios considering fuel, exchange rate, the number of actual trip participants and other trip budget items. The fact that we do not have the number of participants we had originally budgeted for has already been factored into these costs. The parade officials have been consulted and they are confident that we have adequate coverage for anticipated expenses. As they put it—"no worries"! Hopefully, this answers questions you may have about the trip cost and reassures any of you who were concerned about further increases.

Passports:

Please be sure to **send your passport copies** to Susan James at 5454 E. Hinsdale Cir., Centennial, CO 80122. All passport copies must be turned in by October 1, 2008. We must provide passport information to the airlines, hotels, etc. by mid-October. You can send your sign-up paperwork, with your first check, and all subsequent checks to ABB, P.O. Box 2612, Littleton, CO 80161.

Passport note: Important. All passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of re-entry into the U.S. This is important. You cannot travel if you do not take care of renewal, if applicable.

Personal luggage: Every student, shadow tripper, etc. is allowed one piece of checked luggage. The piece cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight and combined total dimensions cannot exceed 62 inches. A traveler is usually allowed two pieces of luggage to be checked. However, when traveling in a group, the second checked piece for each person is used for instruments, uniforms, and band equipment. The work crew and trip committee are in charge of determining the items to be packed in these boxes, bags, cases, etc. Each traveler will be in charge of one of these boxes, bags, cases, etc. for check in and collection, both on the outbound and inbound flights.

Carry on baggage: The UK has very stringent rules for carry on luggage for outbound and inbound flights. One carry on piece is allowed per traveler, not to exceed 22 inches x 17.5 inches x 9.85 inches. Purses count as a carry on, and must be placed in a bigger carry on, if you wish to take both pieces.

All liquids and gels should be packed in checked luggage. If brought on board, these liquids/gels must

be in containers with capacity of 3 oz. or less. All liquids/gels must be placed in a zip-lock plastic bag, not to exceed 8" x 7.5".

Special Dietary Needs: If any student, etc. has special dietary needs (allergies, vegetarian, etc.), please send an email to Susan James, jbspei@aol.com, explaining the necessary changes for meals.

A bit about hotel accommodations: All hotel rooms should be of very high standard. They will all include private bathrooms, including shower and bathtub, cable or satellite TV with radio, and central heating. Telephones, in the rooms, are available for room to room calls and can receive calls. Students who need to make outgoing calls can bring cell phones which are internationally capable. Please check your carrier's international prices, before authorizing your student to make international cell phone calls. Some carriers charge as much as \$10.00 per minute!!! There will be several internationally capable cell phones within the chaperone/tour guide group for emergencies. Most hotels will have public telephones for students to use to call home. Students can purchase phone cards in the hotels to use on the pay phones. Or, students can call collect to their homes, which can be quite expensive.

Fun fact: British hotels do not furnish face cloths!!!! You can bring your own cloths, though!!!

Some exciting notes about the itinerary:

A tour of the **Tower of London** is now included in the itinerary!!! This will include tours of the Royal Palace, fortress, prison, place of execution, arsenal, mint, menagerie, and jewel house (where the crown jewels of England are kept).

The London Eye is the world's largest "Ferris wheel". It is 450 feet high and you can see over 25 miles from the top on a clear day. Everyone will be riding the London Eye on this trip !!! Outside of the residence of Her Majesty the Queen of England, at 11:25 a.m., the **royal guard changes** each day. AHS Band will watch this pageantry in front of the Palace railings or by the Victoria Memorial!!!

The **London Dungeon** is the place where horrifying events in British history are reenacted: Jack the Ripper's tortures, the plague of 1665, and the 1666 Great Fire of London. Not only will the AHS group see all of those horrors, but they will also continue with the Boat Ride to Hell---a terrifying journey ending with the uncertain fate of the axe man!!!!

On the evening of January 1, we will most likely be enjoying a **boat ride to view the lights and sights of London!!** This is the culmination of the wonderful **New Year's Day Parade!!!!**

Tickets for the West End musical, "**Wicked**", have been requested and booked!!!

There will be **shopping!!!!**

England Band Trip PASSPORT

If you are going or are *even still considering going* with us to England, it is NOW time to apply for your passport. This process takes up to several months. Applications for new passports can be obtained at the **Highlands Ranch post office**. You need proof of US citizenship, (a driver's license or school photo ID), proof of identity, (an **official birth certificate**, with a **raised seal**, not the certificate issued by the hospital), two 2" x 2" passport photos and applicable fees.

If your passport is due to be renewed within 6 months of our travel dates, the travel agency has advised us that you should **definitely renew before** the England trip. Renewal applications are also available at the Highlands Ranch post office.

If a student wishes to travel and holds dual citizenship, or a Visa, please take a moment to apprise us, so that we may avoid any problem.

So far, these 65 students plus 10 family members are traveling to England in December, 2008!!

Barton, Alyssa	Flaum, Chelsea	Krantz, Jordan
Bassett, Joyce	Flynn, Phoebe	Larson, Blair
Blanchard, Drew	Furry, Grant	Lay, Matt
Bridges, Jordan	Furry, Lauren	Leak, Jordan
Brown, Cameron	Gardner, Jaden	Mackelburger, Jordan
Brown, Melanie	Gehring, Jordan	Matthews, Dan
Caldara, Jeni	Gehring, Tyler	Matthews, Kevin
Cheney, Brian	Gordon, Dylan	Mirow, Jake
Cheney, Sarah	Haller, Emily	Mulhern, John
Churchill, Kelly	Haley, Chris	Munn, Madison
Churchill, Sarah	Haskins, Emily	Phenix, Molly
Cloyes, Krissy	Hicken, Talon	Prasertsin, Kanin
Culp, David	Hood, Karly	Pye, Lucy
Darling, George	Howald, Ashley	Roberts, Tom
Darling, Matt	James, Alex	Sabo, Hannah
DeLaTorre, Vikky	Jensen, Nicole	Stogsdill, Cody
DeLaTorre, Vince	Jonscher, Raleigh	Strom, Phillip
Denman, Paul	Jonscher, Spenser	Tetley, Kathryn
Dixon, Cady	Kopischke, Nick	Villanyi, Donna
Fedde, Duncan	Kosse, KeKe	Wait, Nathan
Fitzgerald, Matt	Kosse, Maureen	Walworth, Martin
Flatt, Jordan		Wharry, Alex

FUNDRAISERS

Each band student receives semi-private instruction from one of at least 12 sectional instructors whose salaries are ENTIRELY paid by our fundraising proceeds.

The Arapahoe Band Boosters must fundraise to maintain our *outstanding* music program.

Bingo, the Student Car Wash, phone book delivery, and the Silent Auction, are the major fundraisers benefiting the entire band program. There are also several fundraising opportunities to enable each student to secure their own funds, in their share account, and use that money to help pay the various program fees. These fundraisers include **Grocery Certificates, Scrip, Butter Braids, and Cookie Dough sales. See's Candies is a new fundraiser for share accounts that students worked on in February. This fundraising opportunity will be offered periodically throughout the year.**

Romano's Italian Restaurant in Highlands Ranch will donate 20% of your dinner check to the band. Romano's Night is the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Make a copy of the coupon from our website (see below) and have dinner at Romano's on July 8th!

Province Car Wash, south of County Line on Colorado, will donate \$1 to the band for every \$8 or \$9 car wash purchased through their automated bays. Just enter the **Code: 43210. Pass this on to family and friends!**

ARAPAHOE BAND GROCERY CERTIFICATES

This is probably the easiest way to earn money for your share account. Use the proceeds to make trip payments, pay for private lessons and pay yearly fees. **King Soopers, Tony's Meats and Sunflower Market grocery certificates are available. For every \$100 you buy, \$5.00 goes directly to your student account. Sell certificates to your friends and neighbors and earn even more!**

Contact one of the following ABB members to purchase Grocery Certificates:

Ellen Strom

Joan Berres

Kellie Bridges

Denise Reznicek

Homestead Farms II
Holly & Dry Creek
7862 S. Ivy Ct.
303-773-3623

Highlands 460
Dry Creek & Adams
2903 E. Otero Cir.
303-795-6624

Liberty Hills
Easter and Eudora
7005 S. Dahlia St.
303-771-2250

_(student Dylan Gordon)
South Suburban Ice Arena
Arapahoe & University
2121 E. Panama Drive
303-794-3420

We are always looking for lucrative fundraising opportunities. Please contact a board member with any ideas you may have. Better yet, attend the monthly ABB Board Meetings!

Check out our website for the latest and greatest...

There is a lot of information about the band program, fundraising details, England Band Trip information, band awards and history, and quite a few very cute musicians (check out the section photos!) on our band pages of the AHS Website. The link is below:

<http://arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net>

To Access the AHS Band Website:

Click on Activities
Click on AHS Band

2008-09 ABB Board Members

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The 2008 Arapahoe Band Concerto Competition

Rules for the Recording Entries Due September 24th

1. The applicant must be a band student enrolled at Arapahoe High School, or a middle school band student who will be joining the Arapahoe Band.
2. The performance will consist of a technical movement of a concerto with piano accompaniment.
3. Pianists and percussionists do not need to provide piano accompaniment, unless they would like to be considered as a senior featured soloist.
4. Senior featured soloist applicants must confirm the published band accompanied work is available for their selected piece.
5. The entry fee of \$30 and an original score must accompany the application and recording. This is due to the Arapahoe High School Band Office by September 24th.
6. The Arapahoe Band Instructional Staff will listen to the recordings and select up to the top 3 performances in each category (WW, Brass & Percussion).
7. CD or cassette tape recordings will be accepted.
8. Up to 9 finalists will be announced on October 22, 2008.

Rules for the Finalists Who Will Perform in the AHS Theater on November 17, 2008

1. Each performer will provide their own piano accompanist.
2. Pianists and percussionists do not need to provide piano accompaniment, unless they would like to be considered as a senior featured soloist.
3. All finalists must provide 3 original scores for the judges.
4. A complete technical movement of a concerto will be performed by each finalist.
5. Professional musicians will judge the finalists.
6. All finalists in each division (WW, Brass & Percussion) will be announced at the end of the evening, along with the Grand Prize 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
7. A maximum of 3 seniors will be selected to perform their concerto movement with the Arapahoe Wind Ensemble at the December, March or May Concerts.
8. All finalists will receive a professionally recorded CD and DVD of their performance on 11/17/08.
9. Each finalist will receive a framed certificate award.
10. The top 3 finalists will receive an engraved medal commemorating the event.
11. Cash prizes will be: \$100.00 1st Place; \$75.00 2nd Place; and \$50.00 3rd Place.
12. Admission tickets for the November 17th Concerto Performance will be \$5.00.

2008 ARAPAHOE BAND CONCERTO COMPETITION APPLICATION

This completed application, along with your \$30.00 entry fee (payable to Arapahoe Band Boosters), an original score, and your CD or cassette tape recording, is due by September 24, 2008.

Name _____ Instrument _____

School _____ Grade (Fall, 2008) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

Complete Name of Concerto _____

Composer/Arranger of Concerto _____

Seniors Only-Publisher of the Band Accompaniment of your Concerto _____

Technical Movement you are Performing _____

Piano Accompanist's Name _____

Private Teacher _____