

WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER

"Na Mele o Na Koa" – The Music of the Warriors
August 25, 2009

Welcome! The Waiakea High School Band Boosters Executive Board would like to welcome all returning band students, parents, and especially incoming freshmen and their parents. This year promises to be an exciting and fun-filled year with many activities being planned.



A group of hard working volunteers has already begun making plans for the coming year, and is working to keep the WHS Band Boosters organized and productive. They are:

Booster Executive Board:

President: Kelvin Sewake
Vice-president: Clayton Mine
Secretary: Leinaala Koshiyama
Treasurer: Joni Uemura
Sr. Class Director: Vanessa Riviera
Jr. Class Director: Lauri Igawa
Soph. Class Director: Peg Bitter
Fresh. Class Director: Susan Honda

Committee Chairs:

Membership: Karen Murayama
Fund Raising: **vacant**
Public Relations: Pam Bitter, Rian Lau
Chaperones: Sandy Nakao
Concerts: Mari Nakamura
Awards/Banquet: Dana Sewake
Uniforms: Maxine Aki
Manpower/Instruments: Chuck Tengan
Refreshments: **vacant**

Please Join Band Boosters We need you!

Membership is \$25 per family and is due by October 1st. Those dues help provide the necessary money to support various band activities throughout the year. The high school band budget has been cut this year to zero, so funding support from this group is essential.

Please join the Band Boosters by filling out the attached membership form and returning it with your check to the lock box in the band room, and mark it Attn: Karen Murayama, membership chair, or bring it to the next membership meeting.

We realize that there are significant expenses involved in participating in high school band. That's why participation in fundraisers is necessary and essential for both the students and Booster organization in paying expenses and defraying costs.

As a member, your child will be able to participate in fundraising activities. The money they earn is kept in their band student account and can be used to help you defray expenses for band activities throughout the year, such as KMC Band Camp and the off-island trip.

We value your time

Your participation is another way to financially support your child. When you chaperone band activities, such as performances at football games and in parades, your child's account is credited \$5 per hour for a pre-designated time allotment depending on the activity.

Please consider signing up to chaperone upcoming events and contact Sandy Nakao for details – 937-0893.

Help Wanted: Committee Chairs

We are still looking for two Band Boosters to spearhead the work of two important committees:

Fund Raising – Someone to help organize fundraising projects, including the KTA Teri-beef plate, Pizza Hut Nights and any other good ideas.
Refreshments – Point person to help organize refreshments for concerts and band gatherings.

Uniforms

There's still time to get fitted

If your band member wasn't able to get fitted for their uniform this summer, there is still time. Maxine Aki is coordinating uniform orders with the Men's Shop. Fittings are being done at Love 'n Lace on Kilauea Ave., but must be completed by September 4th. Call Maxine Aki with any questions – 959-4802.

Each student must have:

ALOHA SHIRT (worn with black pants and black shoes) for marching in parades.

PEP SHIRT (worn with jeans and athletic shoes) for playing at athletic games and other off-campus performances and activities. Chaperones are requested to wear PEP shirts at events, as well.

TUXEDO SHIRT (worn with black pants and black shoes) at concerts. Boys must also order a black bow tie.

BLACK PANTS and **BLACK MARCHING SHOES** are worn for parades and concerts. Those students from the WIS band can continue to wear their black pants, shoes and white tuxedo shirt (if they still fit.)

Pep Band Dates

The WHS band will play at home football games on the following nights:

Friday, Sept. 4th

Friday, Sept. 11th

Friday, Oct. 30th, WHS Homecoming

Friday, Nov. 6th

Students must report to the Wong stadium gate a half hour prior to the game OR as otherwise instructed. Chaperones must report 45 minutes prior to the game to receive instructions.

Do not be late! The band must enter the gate together, after which the gate will close! Pep

shirts are required for students and chaperones in order to enter free. All parents and students should have read, signed and returned the Student Rules for Athletic Events and Parades to Mr. Sever's lock box in the band room.

Please call Sandy Nakao if you are willing to chaperone for one of these nights – 937-0893.



COMMUNICATION

Every effort will be made to inform you of booster activities. Class directors will be contacting you to remind you of meetings and other important information. We will be publishing this newsletter regularly, as well. If you would like to be added to our email list, send your address to membership chair Karen Murayama at knmuray@hotmail.com.

We will also be posting information on the booster website at whswarriorband.org.

If you have questions regarding booster activities, please contact your class director. Otherwise, contact Mr. Sewake or Mr. Sever.

Band Booster general membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Band Room.

KMC Band Camp in October

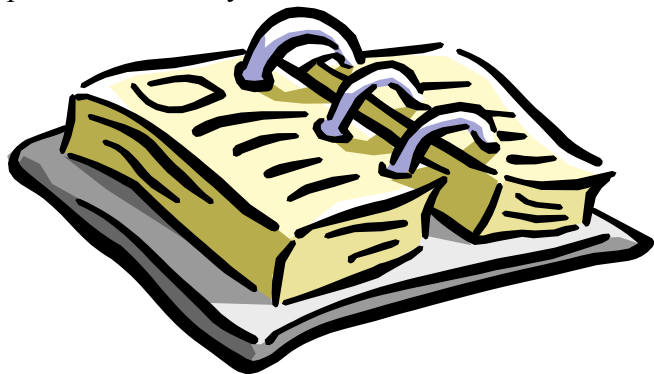
The annual three-day band camp held at the Kilauea Military Camp in Volcano is a great musical and social opportunity for band members. This year's camp is scheduled for Mon., Oct. 5th – Wed., Oct. 7th. **Signed permission forms and payment are due no later than this Friday – Aug. 28th**. Ask your child or see the attached flyer for details.

FUNDRAISING

We're still looking for someone to head up our fundraising committee. But the board has committed to again having **Pizza Hut Pizza Nights** this year. The first one, held Tuesday, Aug. 11th,

raised just over \$150. **The next one is scheduled for Sept. 15th.**

We will distribute forms to you prior to these days, so that the boosters can get some credit back for the sales. Please distribute these forms to anyone you know who can help by purchasing a pizza on these days.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please **mark your calendars** and watch for any future changes in dates as plans do change:

Sept. 4 – Pep Band plays at WHS football game

Sept. 11 – Pep Band plays at WHS football game

Sept. 14 – Monthly membership meeting, Monday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Band Room.

Sept. 20 – Band marches in Peace Parade in Honokaa

Sept. 26 – Band plays at Zoo, 9-9:45 a.m.

Oct. 5-7 -- KMC Band Camp at Kilauea Military Camp, Volcano

Oct. 30 – Pep Band plays at WHS football game

Nov. 6 – Pep Band plays at WHS football game

Nov. 7 – Band marches in Hilo Veteran's Day Parade

Nov. 28 – Band marches in Hilo Christmas parade

Dec. 9 – Christmas Concert

Coming events with no specific date yet:

Jan./Feb. – Basketball season

March/April – Off Island trip, Merrie Monarch parade

May – Band Festival, Aloha Concert, Band Banquet, Graduation

Plan to Attend Our Next Booster Meeting

The next WHS Band Booster meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Band Room. It will include a **mandatory meeting for all parents of and students who are going to the KMC Band Camp in October**, so please make it a point to attend. Band Booster membership dues will also be collected at this time.

Who Ya' Gonna Call?

If you have questions about anything mentioned here or throughout the year, call one of these people:

Kelvin Sewake	959-6768	President
William Sever	974-4888x284	Band Director
	961-5452 (home)	
Vanessa Riviera	981-2685	Seniors
Lauri Igawa	935-5013	Juniors
Peg Bitter	981-2761	Sophomores
Susan Honda	959-7307	Freshmen

