



Stay Tuned

Summer Edition
August 2011

This is a communication piece that is used to share band and color guard information at EPHS throughout the school year. Please enjoy our summer edition.

Mark your Calendars

You do not want to miss these awesome events!

Thursday, August 25th - Eagle Band is marching in the State Fair parade at 2:00 pm

Saturday, August 27th – Drumline Carwash 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (**See details below**)

Tuesday, August 30th – First BPO meeting for 2011-2012 year in EPHS Old Commons at 6:00 pm followed by a band parent social at 7:00 pm outside by the field

Tuesday, August 30th – Preview Night for Eagle Marching Band on the EPHS field that is the dome during winter months at 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 1 – Eagle Band will be performing at the first EPHS football game at half time

Drumline Carwash

Eagle Band Drumline Car Wash Fundraiser

Saturday August 27th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Walgreens parking lot on the corner of Highways 4 & 5 in Eden Prairie

Please help us get the word out and tell your friends and neighbors to stop by for a car wash!

There will be a large blue bin set up in the band area starting Monday Aug 22 to collect towels, We will need **LOTS of towels** so if you have old towels sitting around PLEASE send them up to school with your student!

BPO News

First BPO meeting will be Tues Aug 30 just before the band preview, 6:00-7:00 pm in the EPHS Old Commons. Then join us for a social hour before the Preview starts at 8:00 pm outside by the practice field. Please plan to attend. Items on the agenda: BPO calendar, BOA plans, Upcoming events, meet your 2011-2012 committee leaders, and much more. Join us to get this year started with a meeting then a show!

Please contact Susan and Bill Paulus at president@edenprairiebpo.org for more information.

2011-2012 Preview Night A Social and a Show 7:00-9:00 pm

This year on Tues. Aug 30 will be your first chance to see the show in full uniform on the field. Parent Social starts at 7:00 pm with the show starting at 8:00 pm. Due to a soccer tournament in Aerie Stadium our Preview will be on the practice field just next to it. Please come and support our students who have worked tirelessly this summer to get everything perfect. Invite your friends and family. Bring a blanket because it always seems to cool way down on this night. The Eagle's Flight will be ready to soar.

All of the 2011-2012 Band spirit wear will be available to order at Preview Night. Show shirts will be sold on site for \$15.00 each. Bring your checkbooks ☺

State Fair Parade Pointers for Parents

With several parents asking “ how does the parade work during the state fair?” we thought it would be helpful to send out just a few bits of information for new Eagle Band parents and parents of the non-Eagle Band 9th graders who are thinking of marching at the parade. For those 9th grade students who are not sure if they want to go the answer is YES! You should go. It is a great experience to march through the crowd as part of the Eagle Band.

Things to know:

Band members meet at EPHS at 9:00 am and take a bus to the fair. Pit Crew may also ride the bus. The journey to the fair takes a while due to the huge amounts of slow traffic so plan on that if you are driving yourself. This year it is expected to be even worse due to light rail work and construction on 94.

EP buses park next to the SW Transit drop off way in the back. You will need to follow the flag person, but if you tell them you are with the band they may let you park in that general area. A brand new cling on your car window couldn't hurt ☺ Available for only \$5.00 from Kelly Mullett kjmullett@gmail.com

Attire is band camp shirts and khaki shorts. Good tennis shoes are also a must. Sun glasses are also good and lots of sunscreen. It is usually very hot. Don't forget your instrument! If there is any “special” look this will be explained at practice. Last

year face paint and the scary look was needed for the Thriller song. This year it's Don't Stop Believing.

Band students get into the fair for free, and coupons are handed out for discounts on food. If your child is a big eater or wants to try foods that are not included on the tickets they will need some money for that. Rides and games are on your own. You can go to Cub Foods and buy discounts tickets for both. Sheet of 10 tickets is \$10.00. They are \$15.00 at the Fair.

Kids are free to do what they want until just after lunch. A time will be announced to all meet back at the bus area for warm up and prep time. Don't Be Late! This is usually about 90 minutes before our step off time. Our parade time is 2:00 p.m. The whole parade takes about 45 minutes. This includes walking over to the lineup and waiting for our step off. Parents line the route snapping pictures and cheering. Our Pit crew actually walks with the band, and they also wear some sort of band attire if at all possible. Parents are welcome to walk back to the busses with the band after the parade to locate their child.

The EPHS bus will leave shortly after the parade and is available to take kids back to EPHS. Most kids do stay at the fair on their own and take the SW transit express bus back to EP. This works great! Just bring money for the ticket. **If you plan to have your child stay at the fair ...they must have a note from you with permission to do so and you must make arrangements to have your instrument taken back.** The instruments are not allowed on the bus back to school without the owner! Some parents' cars may be available to take instruments back. Have your child make arrangements a head of time. Everyone is responsible for their own instrument!

Participating in the parade is a highlight of the marching season. Having the EP Band get a spot on Opening Day is great, and it's always a lot of fun. Each year we are delighted that so many EP families come and support our Eagle Band. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a section leader or email them to Susan Paulus at bs2paulus@aol.com.

Prairie Colors Update

A reminder to all of you that Prairie Colors is October 8th, 2011. We are off to a great start with our list of volunteers. We have several time slots available in various areas and we need each one of you to take a part to make this a success. The highlight of the evening, in addition to our own Eagle Band performing, is the U of M marching band. Please look for the Prairie Colors sign up area on Tuesday, August 30th. Signups will be available at the BPO meeting (6:00pm), the parent social (7:00pm), and before and after the Preview show.

A Huge Thank You To:

Every one of you who sent mail to camp through our new “direct mail service”. We are truly grateful for the nearly \$1,400 in donations that we collected. The dollars collected will be put towards items needed in order to make band camp even better than it is now. Thank you for your amazing generosity.

Our first band social of the year was a great success. We had approximately 65 people join us at Santorini after Band Camp send off. New and not new members came and we all had a great time getting to meet each other. Thanks Barb Hallowell for pulling it together. Watch for more social opportunities to come. If you ever have an idea for a social event, suggestions are always welcome.

Standing Ovals go to:

Cameron Mingo our very own band member who was a part of the American Legion Baseball World Series winners!! Awesome pitching Cameron!! and we welcome you back! We have missed you.

Congratulations also to 4 members of our marching band who were selected to participate in the MN All State this summer. Danielle Stacy , Brian Paulus, Jackson Mullet for All State band and also Justin Vanni who went to the All State Choir . AWESOME!

Don't Forget to Purchase Your Booster Association Activity Passes

These are multi-event passes that will save you money and time in line for all the football games that Eagle Band will be performing at. Profits earned through the passes go directly to Student Activities that helps support our band program. The Booster Association bought our new plumes last year! A 10 punch adult pass sells for \$50 which is a \$20 savings based on a single ticket price of \$7.00. You can punch more than one person on a single card. There are also student passes available. **Activity Passes are valid for all home sports, drama and musical events. Prairie Colors, hockey and post season play are excluded.** Activity passes will be available for purchase at Preview Night also.

The Booster Association has a program called “Volunteer Shares” which is a way for you as parents to *earn money for the band program*. Booster Association volunteers earn *Volunteer Shares* simply by volunteering their time! By attending Booster Association meetings, working in the Spirit Store, or helping out on a committee, you'll earn \$10 per hour that can be applied to the sport, activity or program of your choice. If you are interested in earning shares for the band program by selling activity passes at

the home football games please contact Susan Paulus at bs2paulus@aol.com for available dates. The hours would be 4:45 pm until half time, finishing in time to watch the Eagle Band performance!

Important Contacts

Band student account balances contact Jean Braun at treasurer@edenprairiebpo.org. Information regarding BPO events and opportunities visit www.edenprairiebpo.org.

Looking Ahead for All Eagle Band Members

Monday, August 29th 7:00am-9:00am report to EPHS Band Area for special event

Monday, August 29th 6:00-9:00 pm full Eagle Band rehearsal

Thursday September 1st, 5:00pm report, Eden Prairie Home Football Game

Friday September 9th, 5:00pm report, Eden Prairie Home Football Game

Friday September 23rd, 5:00pm report, Eden Prairie Home Football Game

Friday September, 30th, 5:00pm report, Eden Prairie Home Football Game

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Watch your e-mails for the next edition of Stay Tuned the first week of September or check the BPO website for postings at www.edenprairiebpo.org.