

Greetings Parents and friends of the TV Band Program,

Our next meeting is May 10, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Band Room.

April was another positive month for our organization financially and from a participation standpoint. We participated in another Longaberger fundraising event, our kids began selling candy to help pay for band camp, several band kids were involved in the high school musical, 57 participated in Jr. High Solo & Ensemble at West Muskingum High School, we were involved in the Fine Arts event and tryouts for 2006 Marching Band has begun. Guess what? May will be even busier! The boosters want to congratulate all our contest participants for the fine efforts. JR High contest participants earned 23 Superior, 21 Excellent and 13 Good ratings. We are very proud of their efforts and look forward to their future contributions to our music program! Parents, now we need more participation at meetings! Our work and planning needs everyone's involvement! We have many ideas and plans but we need your input, feedback, and **ATTENDANCE**. I challenged the kids in February when we did cookie dough sales. I told them, someone contributed before for you; now it's your turn to do something positive for future participants! They responded, now we must do the same. Here's the latest news.

MARKET DAY – At this point we must increase sales. If we don't increase the numbers of orders per month we will be forced to discontinue this effort. Julie and Jackie have worked very hard distributing order forms, calling customers and parents but we aren't growing and I'm just not sure why. We have netted just over \$1,511.00 in the 5 months we have run this program, but we are not seeing enough sales from enough of our own parents and friends. I have not heard a single negative about Market Day products so I'm just confused why we haven't made progress? The products should sell themselves as they offer great flavor, convenience, and variety. Please give us some feedback, good, bad or indifferent by contacting either Julie (828-3575) or Jackie (588-0578). Check it out at www.marketday.com and make it a point to get at least one customer order in May. Forms will be in the band room beginning Monday, May 8. Ask your kids for some and take them to work or deliver some to your neighbors. Here's what's left on the schedule.

Market Day Month	Delivery Day	Delivery Date	Pick Up Time	Order Forms Sent Home	Reminder Flyer Sent	Order Forms Due Date	Internet Order Cut-Off Date	Internet Order Cut-Off Time
May	Wednesday	5/31/2006	7:00PM	5/10/2006	5/22/2006	5/19/2006	5/26/2006	2:00 PM
June	Wednesday	6/28/2006	5:00PM	6/7/2006	6/19/2006	6/16/2006	6/23/2006	2:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FOR JUNE DELIVERY TIME!

LONGABERGER DAYS- We had a GREAT RESPONSE for the Collectors Club event. Thanks to all parents and friends for your great support. We had 16 helpers on Friday and 39 helpers for Saturday and we earned \$1,568.00 for the weekend. A special thanks goes to Georgia Robison for being the "point person" and communicating with all our workers. Georgia indicates she needs to pass the torch now to another parent for future Longaberger events. I will be coordinating our next Longaberger event entitled the Soccer Tournament for May 13 & 14. Please check your availability for that weekend and expect a call. Longaberger needs up to 40 workers total for both Saturday and Sunday. We earn good money, enjoy good fellowship and if we get enough help **WE MAY NOT HAVE TO SELL OTHER STUFF DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO RAISE MONEY!** Longaberger has been a strong supporter for our program and we now have an inside track for future opportunities. It's our turn to perform now! Preliminary information indicates we will be selling pop & water in concession stands for the Soccer Tournament. Volunteers can work on Saturday and/or Sunday in shifts. Exact details are not final but are assumed to be from 8:00 am to 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM and we have 8 already committed. **CALL ME TO VOLUNTEER AT 452-6914** and let me know which shift(s) I can count on you to assist with. We need your support....

PLANS CHANGED- Due to lack of leadership and schedule conflicts we have decided to cancel planned events for the Car Show and Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers. We will revisit each event next year....

OFFICER (S) NEEDED- As previously mentioned, we need someone or a group to step up and lead our Ways and Means officer job for next year. This position primarily leads our Concession Stand and food efforts during the year. Cheryl Maransky prepared an excellent resource book to guide this effort and concession accounts for over 20% of our annual revenue. This effort COULD be coordinated by 2-3 people, which will make it less of a challenge. Bottom line is we need volunteers, so give it some thought. It is critical we fill this vacancy before June 1 so we can begin preparing for events beginning in August. We need someone or a group to step up!

FUTURE IDEAS BEING CONSIDERED- We have been approached by Bill's Barbecue about working one night a week during the summer to earn money. Our color guard team will be working an evening soon so please consider supporting this event. The opportunity exists for **THE ENTIRE BAND** to work **BY SECTION** to earn money however we must have a parent to lead each section work night. Bill's would like 4-6 kids per shift and volunteers can equally split tip money for that night which will be applied towards band camp fees. If you are interested in working with me to coordinate this opportunity for your child to earn money to offset his/her band camp expenses, please call me ASAP. Please support Bill's Barbecue on the days we work while they help support us! FYI, based on increased fees, this year's band camp **cost will be \$200.00 per person and camp will be held JULY 23-28**. We continue to research previously suggested ideas like 1) selling window decals (Lisa Thomas @ 796-3949), 2) Community Yard Sale (Katie West @ 588-0249) and 3) conducting a monthly raffle offering the opportunity to win a \$100.00 gas card starting in April. Please contact Ms. B (819- 2144), Steve Starkey (704-6195) or the person who suggested any mentioned idea for further information.

MISC- Again, Ms. B reminds us all to plan on having your child available to participate in parades the weekend of May 27-29 for Memorial Day events. We are being strongly encouraged by school administration to participate in ALL our communities. It is critical we show our support so that when we ask for their support in return, we get it! Guys, we still need more chaperone commitments for band camp...How about it?

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES-

- May 7 High School Band at Jefferson "Farewell Days" event.
- May 9 7th, 8th & Jazz Concert at Middle School.
- May 12 JR. HIGH Contest @ Maysville...we need chaperones for buses...leave at 2:30.
- May 21 High School band plays at Graduation.
- May 23 High School band plays at Frazeyburg.
- May 28 Frazeyburg Memorial Day Parade- JR High marches.
- May 29 Adamsville Memorial Day Event...Need 5-8 musicians.
- May 29 Dresden Memorial Day Parade – High School marches.

On behalf of the boosters we are proud of each child's dedication and are encouraged going into the end of the 2006 school year. Parents, let's show our children how proud we are of their efforts by sharing our time, talents and resources to help them continue their personal growth. I would like suggestions and feedback about former members, parents and friends that you think would benefit from knowing about band news. Please let Ms. B (ablevins@tri-valley.k12.oh.us) or myself (steves5295@adelphia.net) know names ASAP. Our organization is only going to be as strong as we make it! If you have an e-mail address please make sure I get it! As a reminder, please mark your calendar for future meetings on the 2nd Wednesday each month. The next 2 meetings are planned for June 14 and our annual Kick Off meeting July 24 (during pre-camp practice week)

Steve Starkey
Band Boosters President