

Greetings Parents and friends of the TV Band Program,

The band has experienced a season of great highs and lows so far this year. We were 1 point from obtaining a Superior rating at State Competition. That has been the high point to date. The low point is our current financial condition. This condition is largely due to the Tri Valley Band Classic being rained out in October. By not having the classic we have a \$10-\$12,000 shortfall in income. After discussing the need for additional funding and our need to improved participation, the executive officers of the Band Boosters organization has decided to developed a format to provide information for fundraising efforts that will reach out and encourage feedback for all parents and supporters of our music programs. If you have information or a topic to discuss relating to fundraising and/or improving participation that needs published in this monthly newsletter, please write or e-mail Ms. B (ablevins@tri-valley.k12.oh.us) or myself (steves5295@adelphia.net) up until the 25th day of the month. It is our goal to provide a more constant flow of information that enhances the efficiency and accuracy of information circulated. It is our hope that a more constant source of information will ultimately lead to more participation and ultimately and more successful boosters program. As a reminder, please mark your calendar at for booster meetings on the 2nd Wednesday each month during the school year. The meeting dates for the rest of the school year are 2/8, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10 and 6/10.

Here are current fundraising events in process through March.

MARKET DAY – We decided to offer Market Day products in December after the Band Classic was cancelled in October. We simply **must** find ways to make up a large source of funds and Market Day is our best option. Julie Siddle has agreed the chair this project. Her telephone number is 828-3575 if you have specific questions or would like to volunteer to help. Julie needs follow up callers and 6 – 8 volunteers on delivery day to inventory items, greet customers, and organize product for pick up. Students need to pick up order forms in band class and then **actively** distribute them to family, friends, neighbors, etc immediately and encourage purchases. Students will be provided order forms the first week each month. Below is the complete Market Day schedule through June 2006. We began this project at the High School and Middle School in January and now have over 50 customers ordering product. February was a great month with over \$950.00 profit thanks largely to cookie dough sales. Julie and I spoke to each grade about our budget needs and we feel they have a better understanding of how important this effort would be to their future band activities. We are encouraged by the Jr High kids response, but the High School needs work yet. Students were offered an incentive of \$20.00 for being the top seller in their group. Our #1 seller, Greg Starkey, sold 43 tubs of cookie dough and earned a Best Buy gift card courtesy of Market Day. To make Market Day successful our goal is to have each student in grades 7-12 get 5 customer orders each month. Market day supports our marketing efforts and once we get our customer base built up we will have a consistent source of decent income. Periodic specials will be offered to help establish repeat sales. Market day offers great value in products, convenient ordering and variety for all tastes. We like the potential Market Day has to offer but we need everyone's support with this project.

Market Day Month	Delivery Day	Sale Date	Pick Up Time	Order Forms Sent Home	Reminder Flyer Sent	Order Form Due Date	Internet Cut-Off Date	Internet Order Cut-Off Time
January	Wednesday	1/4/2006	7:00:00 PM	12/14/2005	12/26/2005	12/29/2005	12/30/2005	12:00 PM CST
February	Wednesday	2/1/2006	7:00:00 PM	1/11/2006	1/23/2006	1/20/2006	1/27/2006	12:00 PM CST
March	Wednesday	3/1/2006	7:00:00 PM	2/8/2006	2/18/2006	2/17/2006	2/24/2006	12:00 PM CST
April	Wednesday	3/29/2006	7:00:00 PM	3/8/2006	3/20/2006	3/17/2006	3/24/2006	12:00 PM CST
May	Wednesday	5/3/2006	7:00:00 PM	4/12/2006	4/24/2006	4/21/2006	4/28/2006	12:00 PM CST
June	Wednesday	5/31/2006	7:00:00 PM	5/10/2006	5/22/2006	5/19/2006	5/26/2006	12:00 PM CST

POTATO & SALAD SUPPER - On February 10, 2006 we will be conducting a dinner fundraiser before the John Glenn boys basket ball game. We will offer a potato, salad and drink for \$5.00 in the high school cafetorium from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Cheryl Maransky will coordinate food for this event. Her telephone number is 455-5555 if you have specific questions and want to volunteer. We need potato bakers, monetary donations, food donations (salad dressings, crotons, bacon bits, etc.) and several parent volunteers to make this event successful. The Pep Band will be playing at the game and we expect a big crowd since this game will probably determine the MVL Championship. We are advertising the event in the Dresden Transcript, The Advertiser, and The Times Recorder and on WHIZ, WCLT, WYBC and WCMJ radio. Advance sale tickets will be offered during school lunch periods (ask your child if they signed up to sell tickets at school!) or by calling Steve Starkey at 452-6914. We have even contacted John Glenn high school and they are assisting us by offering tickets to their followers. Ideally, we would like to offer baked goods to sell also. Please consider this opportunity and contact us to volunteer or sign up to help.

SWING INTO SPRING JAZZ DANCE – On March 10, 2006 we will host the 2nd annual music event fundraiser in the high school cafetorium. This event was quite popular and well attended last year. We have the great pleasure to have our kids play along with the Rich Simcox Band. The event will begin at 7:00 PM and last until 11:00 PM and the cost will be \$6.00 per person and \$10.00 per couple. We will also promote this event with newsprint and radio media. One feature of this event that is critical was the silent auction. We are requesting each students/family to obtain at least 2 items apiece to be used in the silent auction that will be conducted during the event. Cheryl Maransky will again coordinate our light refreshment needs. Cheryl can be reached at 455-5555 and has requested donations of light snacks, cheeses, vegetables, chips, cookies and drinks. Deb Starkey will coordinate the Silent Auction. Deb can be reached at 452-6914 or 455-7103 for questions and delivery arrangements of donated items. Parents, we will need set up and decoration volunteers during the time before the dance too. Please don't hesitate to work with your child to contact area merchants for donations. You may even wish to consider donating unused items you have at home. Kids will have a sign up sheet in the band room the 2 weeks before the event so be sure to ask them how they are helping. Last year this event raised approximately \$2,100.00 so this year we would like to raise at least \$3,000.00.

IDEAS BEING CONSIDERED Needless to say, we need to consider the long-term health of the boosters' organization. We will do additional fundraisers like the Car Show and a Spaghetti Supper (both in May), candy bar sales (March) to help with budget needs the remainder of this year. We really need a home run knowing that our major annual expense (band camp) is right around the corner (July). We have an opportunity to sell raffle tickets if we can get corporate donations. We feel the potential exists to raise \$15-20,000 if we can secure desirable items; however, it will absolutely require a sincere sales effort to be made by every parent and student. If you're interested in helping coordinate this fundraiser contact either Ms. B (819- 1111) or Steve Starkey (704-6195) ASAP to learn more. The school district has no additional monies to help us now so we will have to find ways to maintain our quality program.

As always we appreciate everyone's support. Our organization will be losing several officer positions this year so please consider volunteering to time, talent and treasurers to help lead our organization in the future. We all have specific abilities and I implore each of us to share their abilities and show our support for a quality educator running a respected program for our children's benefit. Please contact any officer if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Steve Starkey
Band Boosters President