

MEADOWBROOK AND MUSTANG CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

BAND-A-PALOOZA



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**Want to attend this game as a
VIP guest of the
PRIDE OF OKLAHOMA
marching band?**

Dear Friends of our Bands:

It is time for our annual donation drive, the BAND-A-PALOOZA! Every year at this time, we ask our community to support our band programs at the 6th-8th grade levels because in an era of restricted school funding, our band budget is zero. While our district does support us with certified staff and bond money for some items, our fundraiser is necessary to protect the integrity of our program. With over 1,400 kids enrolled in bands throughout the district and needs including adjunct staff, instruments, technology, repair, and supplies, we are more determined than ever to continue our tradition of putting kids first. Your child's participation in BAP allows us to provide the things instrumental for continued success. Our donation goal for all schools combined is \$40,000. The "fair share" amount list below is designed to provide our programs with necessary funding for band operation, and to fund our incentives. We have been very successful in past years because our students and families believe in our mission and our community is so wonderfully supportive. In order to motivate our students to have a successful fundraiser, we are offering the following incentives:

- Students from **Mustang Central Middle School** who earn their "fair share" amount of \$100 will be eligible to attend a reward party at **Frontier City** after school on Friday, October 4. Transportation to and from the park along with a ticket for entry into the park will be provided.
- Students from **Meadow Brook Intermediate** who earn their "fair share" amount of \$100 will be eligible to attend a reward party at **Incredible Pizza** during the school day on Wednesday, October 2nd. Transportation to and from Incredible Pizza along with a meal and some games will be provided.
- Students in band AND choir at Meadow Brook who earn \$100 total will get to choose to attend either the band or choir reward trip. Students in band AND choir at Meadow Brook who earn \$150 total will earn the band AND choir reward trip.
- Students who have one or more siblings in band at MCMS and MBI will have a reduced "fair share" of \$85.00 each.
- Donors of single contributions of \$100 or more will receive an ad spot in our Winter Concert programs at no extra charge.

- Band directors at each site will provide special incentives for high-earners. The overall top earner of our fundraiser will receive a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card.

The highest earner from either MCMS or MBI will enjoy "A DAY WITH THE PRIDE OF OKLAHOMA." This includes entry for the student and one parent/guardian to the OU vs. West Virginia football game on October 19th. The winning student and their parent/guardian will enjoy VIP status for a full day starting with game day rehearsal, marching to the stadium with the band, the pre-game concert, half-time featuring the music of Elton John and a post-game concert with the pride.

Note: OU game times are not set at this time. Students will be informed of the game time as soon as it has been released.

Reasons why Band-A-Palooza has been successful:

- Simple! No products to deliver and no hassles.
- Student-centered! We believe that our kids deserve the best, and so does our community.
- Fun! Our incentives are designed to appeal to kids. They also provide opportunities for fun and fellowship.
- Effective! Our band rooms are filled with excellent instruments, music, and technology, all of which has been funded by past BAP's.
- Necessary! Band is a very expensive pursuit, and this funding assures our continued fiscal success.

How/When To Turn In Donations

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our format. We ask that you carefully supervise your child's participation, and that you do a FINAL CHECK of the following before turning in your student's proceeds:

1. Use the provided envelope for turning in money. The envelope should be sealed with the following information written clearly on the outside of the envelope.
 - A. Student's full name
 - B. Student's school site
 - C. Student's band class period
 - D. Total amount of money contained in the envelope
2. Inside the envelope, please place the following items:
 - A. All of the money collected, carefully counted and sorted - this should match the amount written on the outside of the envelope. Checks are acceptable and should be made payable to your student's band program (example: MCMS Band). Please **DO NOT** include any coins.
 - B. The provided DONATION PAGE, filled out with the names of donors and amounts donated.
 - C. The provided SUPER DONOR PAGE should include entries representing each donor of \$100 or more with either a business card or a short message to be included in our Winter Concert program.
3. Donation turn-in day will be Wednesday, September 11. Please do not turn in any money prior to this date. Please mark this date in your calendar and turn in money on this date only. This will insure that we can process deposits in an efficient manner. Parents, we understand that your student may be turning in large amounts of money. Please be aware that we will have a band director at each participating site before school starts on Wednesday, September 11. Have your student bring their envelope directly to the band

room when they come to school that day. If for some reason your student misses school that day, they may bring their envelope on their day of return.

4. Please issue a receipt to all donors. These are included in this packet. Remind donors that we are a not-for-profit organization and that donations may be tax deductible.

Tips For A Successful Fundraiser

The following tips may help you to achieve your "fair share" goal.

- Smile! Be very friendly when talking to potential donors.
- Show potential donors your DONATION PAGE and ask them to "take a line" for you.
- Accept the donation matching the line that they selected.
- Briefly discuss the SUPER DONOR option. If they donate \$100 or more, they will get free advertising space in our Winter Concert program.
- No matter how big or little the donation, offer a handshake and big "THANK YOU" to every single person you approach.

Who should you approach?

- Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends from church or clubs, neighbors, parents' co-workers, local business owners, family members who own or manage businesses.

Donations Page

Please use this page to keep track of all donations. This page should be submitted in the envelope provided with all proceeds on Wednesday, September 11.

Student's Name _____ School _____

Amount	Donor Name(s)
\$5	
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\$20	
Other Amounts	Donor Names including SUPER DONORS

Total Amount Collected _____

Super Donor Page

Student's Name _____ School _____

Thank you for deciding to be a "Super Donor" this year (donations of \$100 or more)! Please write your name and a short message to be included in this year's winter concert program. If you'd prefer, you may include a business card for the program. Thank you for your donations to our band.

Donor(s) Name(s)	Message

Receipt for Band-A-Palooza Contribution

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