

## ***September 10, 2018 Band Minutes***

- Monthly meetings will be short/ nuts & bolts type of stuff
- Review calendar/ some key points:
  - Jr jazz starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> grade afterschool club).
  - New addition to calendar: November 2<sup>nd</sup> UW Jazz Festival- sr. jazz
  - November 15<sup>th</sup>- all jazz bands to play
- Band Chair, Balika Haakanson, shared some updates of the planning that goes into helping Mr. E carry out programming. Some needed volunteer Needs:
  - Eckstein Band Families have need for the following volunteer positions to be filled:
    - Bake sale Coordinators
    - Secretary (recording monthly minutes)
    - A wind ensemble parent to help plan the Silverwood trip
    - A Sr. Jazz parent to help plan the Lionel Hampton trip with the Vocal Jazz volunteer
  - Band website will have permission slips/ links to updated info, etc. Check back often: <https://sites.google.com/view/ecksteinbandfamilies> and let Balika know at [ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com) if you have further questions.
- Concert Dress:
  - Boys- white Tux shirt & Black bow ties are available from Ted Brown Music (shirt \$20/ bow tie \$5). 206 622 0171. Black socks are necessary as well. Moc will have extra bow ties for concerts if bow ties get lost.
  - Girls- white or black blouse (3/4 sleeves at least- no midriff bearing). Black pants or skirt and black socks. Skirts should be below the knee or make sure to have black tights. Flats are preferable to heels (comfortable and safe to walk in).
- Enrichment fees:
  - \$90 enrichment fee can be paid to the Alliance for education (online payment or check, deposited in band box). If paying by check, make sure student name is in subject line. Checks can be made out to "Alliance for Education- Eckstein Band" and dropped in the band box in band room. Schoolpay is also available for donations and enrichment fees (via the source).
- Jr. Jazz:
  - T/Th 4- 5:30: Looking for piano players and trombone players. Kids are recommended to show up as often as they can, but if there are alternate commitments, we can work around that. Jr. jazz is mostly for kids who have played for a year or so and who want to get some experience with jazz.
- Combos- M,T, TH, & F afterschool are some available practice times. Jennifer Dobson is the coordinator and finds gigs for combos. These are optional opportunities for interested kids to organize themselves into small groups for some additional challenge.
- Privately owned instruments- Please be mindful that SPS does not take responsibility for private instruments. Sometimes Mr. E can loan out instruments for school for students who choose to not bring them to school. Instruments can be stored (and locked up) in the band room as well.

- Endangered Instruments Project- there are teachers who come to Eckstein to teach some of the rarer instruments (tuba, French horn). The teachers will do a demo in class and then ask who is interested.
- Drum line- homeroom during Thursdays and Fridays. Will be starting soon.