

Band Buzz for April 30 – May 6, 2019

Congrats to our WMEA State Competition Participants

Bravo to all BPA musicians who participated in the WMEA State Competition over the weekend. Ballard was well-represented in all programs, with all soloists and ensembles receiving Superior or Excellent ratings! Special kudos to band member Max Levy for placing 3rd on the Bass Clarinet, as well.

URGENT - Parent Drivers Needed for Bellevue Jazz Festival This Saturday!

Jazz 1 will be performing on Saturday, May 4, at the Bellevue Jazz Festival at Bellevue HS. We still need **2** drivers to help transport the musicians to/from this event. Please email Mr. James and Jen immediately if you can help!

Save the Date – 17th of May Parade Practices

All Marching Band members are expected to attend two after-school rehearsals in preparation of the annual Syttende Mai parade through the heart of Ballard. **Practices will be held on Wednesday, May 8 and May 15, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

In addition, we need 10 chaperones – especially parents/guardians of underclass musicians - to help check out/in uniforms and walk the parade route with the band on the 17th. Call time at BHS is 4:00 p.m. and return is expected around 7:00 p.m. Please contact Jen to volunteer.

Placement Auditions Coming Soon for the 2019 / 2020 School Year

Watch the BPA website for the 2019 / 2020 audition materials for placement into next year's Concert and Jazz bands. All auditions will take place later this spring...stay tuned for more details!

Want to Audition to the Best of Your Ability? Consider Private Lessons!

Private lessons benefit all students – those with high skills who want to be challenged, those with medium skills who want to move to the next level, and those with lower skills who could benefit from one-on-one attention just not available in a full band class setting. Seattle has a thriving music scene with many great private teachers from which to choose. Now is the time do your own research or ask other parents for suggestions. Private lessons will help prepare your child and build their confidence for the audition as well as future performances. It is worth the investment!

Mark Your Calendar Now for the Year End BPA Party!

You won't want to miss the last BPA Boosters meeting of the year on **Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.** We will celebrate our successes over the last year, watch the Disneyland soundtrack recording, and learn about the June 1 Mattress Sale Fundraiser – you can earn BPA \$5 just by showing up to our party! Stay tuned for more details on this fun annual event.

Band Rep Needed for 2019-2020 School Year

Do you have fun watching the band perform at football games or marching in the 17th of May parade? Do you follow along as they go on trips to incredible places like Disneyland and New York? Ever wonder how almost 200 kids get to camp or look so sharp in their uniforms? It takes a village to keep the Ballard band moving as it's one of the largest in the State! Crucial to this village is the **Band Rep (or Co-Band Reps)** who works closely with Mr. James throughout the year to identify upcoming volunteer needs, communicate those needs to the students and families, run the occasional errand and act as a liaison between the band and the Booster Board to ensure the program has the support it needs to succeed. Please feel free to contact me to learn more about this fun position, the time commitment, and the positive impact you can have on this program! (And yes, there is a notebook to help guide you along the way! 😊)

Questions? Contact [Jen Witeck](#)