

## Band Buzz for April 23 - 29, 2019

### Jazz Combo Night Tomorrow!

Come enjoy an evening of cool Jazz presented by our Jazz combos! This fun event starts at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. Please bring baked goods for the bake sale, too!

### Good Luck at State this Weekend

The WMEA State Competition is April 26-27. Good luck to all BPA participants, especially our band soloists and ensembles. We know you will represent Ballard well in Ellensburg!

### URGENT - Parent Drivers Needed for Bellevue Jazz Festival!

Jazz 1 will be performing on Saturday, May 4, at the Bellevue Jazz Festival at Bellevue HS. We need 5 drivers to help transport the musicians to/from this event. Please sign up [here](#). Exact times TBD.

### Save the Date – 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### Looking Ahead – Band Rep Needed for 2019-2020 School Year

Do you have fun watching the band perform at football games or marching in the 17<sup>th</sup> 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** 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.

With a graduating Senior, my time as the Ballard Band Rep is coming to an end. It has been one of the most fun, rewarding volunteer opportunities I've had in my life. I've enjoyed getting to know Mr. James, the students and other amazing BPA parents. I've gotten to go to relive my youth at camp, help plan trips to fun destinations, troubleshoot problems as they arise and enjoy phenomenal music along the way. But now it's time to hand over the reins to another parent who wants to be part of this amazing journey. Please feel free to contact me to learn more about the 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](#)