

Band Buzz for April 16 - 22, 2019

Welcome back! Hope you had a relaxing Spring Break!

Ballard Bands Earn High Praise at Disneyland

Congratulations to the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band for their fantastic performances both onstage and at the soundtrack recording at Disneyland. Disney Performing Arts professionals said how impressed they were with the strength of our program on multiple occasions. It was noted most visiting bands only get through sight-reading and recording three or four movie clips, whereas Ballard recorded seven under the direction of Disney musician and guest clinician Sal Lozano!

NOTE: Concert attire must be taken home by Friday, April 19 or students will pay a storage and retrieval fee of \$5!

A huge thank you to our chaperones and equipment truck drivers for helping to make this trip possible. We appreciate your time, watchful eyes and patience Barb B., Lucinda C., Martin C., Loy D., Marie and Aaron G., Jill and Mike H., Jeff K., Steve R., Joe R., Jenny W., Karen W. & Marie W. A special shout out to the Senior parent chaperones; you will be missed next year!



Save the Date – Jazz Combo Night is April 24

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 consider bringing baked goods for the bake sale, too!

Hey Dawg Fans...The Husky Marching Band Has an Invitation for You!

Are you an admitted Senior or prospective Junior who plans to audition for the UW Marching Band? Join Dr. Brad McDavid and the Husky Marching Band for the annual **Junior/Senior Day** on April 27! Interested students will get an up close and personal look at the band's game day experience during the Spring Preview Football Game. Participation is free; you just need to register [here](#) by April 21. Also note...Woodwind and Brass auditions for the UW Band will be held on Sunday, September 1. Drumline auditions are still TBD, but will occur in late-May to early June.

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 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 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 ever 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](#)