

Band Buzz for May 7 - 13, 2019

Jazz 1 Takes Top Honors at Bellevue Jazz Festival

Congrats to Jazz 1 for placing first in the Bellevue Jazz Festival at Bellevue High School over the weekend! It was quite fitting they played "Braggin' in Brass" to earn bragging right at the competition.

Thank you to chaperones Kelly, Lucinda, Mara, Mishelle, and Xena for driving the group to and from this successful event. We appreciate your time on a Saturday afternoon and evening.



17th of May Parade Practices Start This Week

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

We still need 5 more 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.

We also need **three 40-bottle cases of water** from Costco. Can you help?

Jazz Alley Concert Tickets Now Available

The Jazz Bands and Vocal Jazz will once again be performing at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.! Visit the [Jazz Alley website](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

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.