**Land of Band and Color Guard**  
   
**Finally. March is over.**  
   
The Madness of March finally comes to a close, but somehow, the performances bleed into April!  
   
The Concert Bands, Jazz Bands and Combos, Winter Percussion, and Winter Guards have had many great performances over the past few weeks and have grown immensely. As an educator, it is very rewarding to watch this growth over time and I’m very proud of the effort and commitment our students have shown. I am also very grateful for the amazing staff that have instructed and led these students!  
   
We still have much to accomplish such as SCPA Championships, WGI World Championships, WGASC Championships, the Reno Jazz Festival, etc etc…  
   
Thanks again for everyone’s hard work.  
One more week until Spring Break!  
   
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**SCSBOA-PYLUSD District Music Festival**  
   
Congratulations to both Concert Groups for two great performances at the SCSBOA Music Festival. Both played music that was challenging and enjoyable to listen to. Both ratings are very commendable and deserving for both groups. We will continue to use comments from the adjudicators to help us solidify musical concepts as we learn new music.  
   
**Results**  
Wind Ensemble – Superior Rating  
Symphonic Band – Excellent Rating  
**Festival Student Shifts**  
   
The best compliment a director can get about his students has nothing to do with music. Every adjudicator and director had nothing but great compliments about how the El Dorado students made their visit a pleasant one. One director said, “The best part of the day was knowing that the El Dorado stage crew would be on stage helping setup until we were ready to go.”  
   
I had asked ALL of our students to work at the music festival and about 97% of our students worked *at least* one shift. Many worked two, and some worked more. As many as 6 shifts!  
   
Thank you to those students who volunteered their time to help me make this Music Festival a successful one.  
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**Angel’s Marathon Gig**  
**April 22**  
   
On April 22, a Pep-Band of about 45 musicians will be performing for the Angel’s Marathon in Anaheim.  
   
   
**Sign-up sheet can be accessed through**  
**Google Classroom.**  
   
   
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**Varsity and JV Winter Guard**  
   
On Sunday, both Winter Guards performed at the WGASC show hosted by Rancho Cucamonga High School. The JV Guard competed while the Varsity Guard performed in exhibition.  
   
**JV Results**  
JV Winter Guard – 3rd Place, SAAA Division  
   
**Varisty Winter Guard**  
   
This week, the Varsity Winter Guard travels to WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio! This is their 2nd trip to this great event and we wish them the best of luck and safe travels.  
   
The Varsity Guard has been working extremely hard over the past few months preparing for this event. We are very proud of the members of this team and the staff for their commitment and dedication to the Color Guard program at EDHS.  
   
Competition begins on Thursday, April 6, and you can keep up with scores on the WGI website!  
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**Indoor Percussion**  
   
Once again, the Winter Percussion Ensemble came out with a great performance at the SCPA Show at Colony HS. They added more to their show and performed at a high level.  
   
As always, thank you to the members of this ensemble for their continued hard work throughout the season. We are all very proud of you! And thank you to the many parents who have supported this group all season! It’s always great to see so many boosters at the drum shows.  
   
Results  
Percussion Scholastic Open Class – 5th Place  
   
Next up…  
   
**SCPA Prelims**  
**Sunday, April 9**  
Coussoulis Arena  
CSU, San Bernardino  
   
Performance Time: 10:14a  
   
If you haven’t had the chance to see this group perform, try to make it out to CSU San Bernardino and support this ensemble!  
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**iTunes Card Drive**  
   
As we dive into Concert Band and Jazz Season, we will begin playing new literature and perform them at various concerts and festivals. With our new Apple TV and iPad technology that has been provided by the district, I would like to continue to build our iTunes library of these pieces and educational apps to use in our music classroom.  
   
If you would like to contribute to this cause, please send in an iTunes card and it will be applied to the program’s iTune account. It will be greatly appreciated!  
   
**Thank you to the following families for donating iTunes cards!**  
   
**The Wolf Family**  
**The Johnson Family**  
**The Beckman Family**  
**The Beach Family**  
**The Lyons Family (twice)**  
**The Sperry Family**  
**The Cooper Family**  
**The Vellanoweth Family**  
**The King Family**  
**The Solheid Family**  
**The Quint Family**  
**The Do Family**  
**The Clarke Family**  
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**Upcoming Events**  
(this does not include practices/rehearsals/etc…)

April 4-9                 Varsity Winter Guard at WGI Championships, Dayton, Ohio  
April 9                   Indoor Percussion at SCPA Prelims, CSUSB  
April 15                  Indoor Percussion at SCPA Finals, Citizens Bank Arena (tentative)  
April 15                  JV Winter Guard at WGASC Show, Chino HS  
April 19                  District Winter Guard Exhibition Show  
April 22  (updated)  Angels Marathon Gig – Pep Band  
April 22-23             Both Winter Guards at WGASC Championships, Site TBD  
April 24                  Jazz 1 and 2 at Road to Reno Concert, PAC  
April 27-30             Jazz 1 and 2 at Reno Jazz Festival  
May 8                     2017 Fall Marching Band Rehearsal at EDHS  
May 15                   Area Night Concert, Valencia HS  
June 2                   Jazz Master Concert, PAC  
June 6                   Spring Concert, PAC  
June 9                   Band Banquet at The Phoenix Club  
June 14                  Jazz 2 at EDHS Graduation, Bradford Stadium

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**Here’s what’s up for this week…**  
Monday  
0 Period  
Wind Ensemble, Band Room  
Symphonic Band, Theater  
   
Tuesday  
0 Period  
Wind Ensemble, Band Room  
Symphonic Band, Theater  
   
   
Wednesday  
0 Period  
Wind Ensemble, Theater  
Symphonic Band, Band Room  
   
Thursday  
0 Period  
Wind Ensemble, Band Room  
Symphonic Band, Theater  
   
Friday  
0 Period  
Wind Ensemble, Band Room  
Symphonic Band, Theater  
Guard with Staff  
  
  
  
Thanks,  
Samson

**TIME MARCHES ON...**

**Senior Parents**  
  
It is that time again- to start looking through photos.   
Please start getting 7 pictures ready for the end of the year video.  
6 from baby to current and 1 in portrait format   
   
Photos are due in the black box or preferably scanned and emailed to  
[photo@eldoradoband.com](mailto:photo@eldoradoband.com) **no later than April 19, 2017**.  
  
Thank you!!  
Carrie

**GREAT NEW FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY  
FROM THE R.E.A.C.H. FOUNDATION!**

**Your Booster Club qualifies as one of the 18 arts-related Booster Clubs registered in PYLUSD.**  
**The R.E.A.C.H. Foundation is extending an invitation for you to participate in a new fundraiser aptly named “Boost Your Fundraising.”**  
   
The Performing Arts Center (PAC) Seat Dedication program is THE fundraiser that supplies the dollars that enables R.E.A.C.H. to enrich the arts in our school district. A high percentage of the seat dedications celebrate the middle and high school graduates/alumni from the performing arts programs. R.E.A.C.H. would like to support the Boosters of these talented students, through the Seat Dedication program in our district Performing Arts Center.   
   
**From March 1 through June 30, 2017, 25% of a Seat Dedication purchase price will be gifted to**  
**YOUR performing arts registered Booster Club.**  
  
***We recommend to set up your participation before May 1, 2017***  
   
***To participate:***  
Provide the name and contact of your Booster Club board member/s (either President, Treasurer or Ways and Means),  
   
***Once a contact is established:***  
  
You decide the level and length of your promotion. Your Booster Club will receive promotional tools (flyer- pdf format, Boost You Fundraising website/email/facebook insert jpg format)  
  
Your Booster Club’s name will be listed on a “pull down tab” within the online PAC Seat Dedication purchase process. ***Anyone***making a Seat Dedication purchase can opt to select a Booster Club to support.  
   
**Seat Dedication prices are based on seat location in the Performing Arts Center**  
**Front Row - $1,000 (25% = a $250 donation)**  
**Orchestra Section - $500 (25% = $125 donation)**  
**Mezzanine Center Section - $300 (25% = $75 donation)**  
**House Side Sections - $150 (25% = $37.50 donation)**  
   
**Let’s Boost YOUR Fundraising!**  
**Debi Grant – R.E.A.C.H. Foundation Performing Arts Chair**  
[dgrant@reach4pylusd.org](mailto:dgrant@reach4pylusd.org)[(714) 232-9425](tel:(714)%20232-9425)  
   
**Visit**[reach4pylusd.org](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=eb0f4ccaa1&e=7dc0227750)**for more information about the Performing Arts Center Seat Dedication**  
  
*This is not a PYLUSD sponsored event*

**ONGOING BAND & COLORGUARD FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**  
  
All Ralph’s shoppers can earn money toward their student’s account every time they shop! Simply sign up for your reward card at [www.Ralphs.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=bb20cfa3ac&e=7dc0227750), and swipe your card with every purchase. At the end of each quarter, send in your earnings statement from your on-line account to the Treasurer ([treas@eldoradoband.com](mailto:treas@eldoradoband.com?subject=Ralph%27s%20Rewards)), and your earnings will be credited to your student’s account. You can also ask friends and family to link their cards to El Dorado Band & Color Guard and send in their earning statements as well! To ensure that our organization continues to receive the benefits of the Ralphs Rewards program, our supporters will need to register and/or re-register as quickly as possible on or after September 1, 2016.  
   
   
SCRIP  
  
UnitedScrip is a program that allows band supporters to purchase gift cards from hundreds of retailers and restaurants including Amazon, Best Buy, iTunes, Arco, Albertsons, Macy’s, Wendy’s, Subway, Target and more. Supporters get to spend 100% of the amount they paid for the gift card. The retailer pays the band a percentage of each gift card sold. The percentage varies from retailer to retailer, but ranges from 1% to 50%. Family and friends can help out by including their order with yours.    
  
If you have any questions about the Scrip program, please contact the  
Scrip Coordinator at [scrip@eldoradoband.com](mailto:scrip@eldoradoband.com?subject=Scrip%20Order).  
  
Thank you for doing all you can do to help support our kids in the  
El Doard Marching Band and Colorguard!  
  
Scrip orders will be accepted again on the first and third Mondays of the month.  
  
AMAZON SMILE

Attention all Amazon users, even Prime members! Amazon provides a way for you to donate to the El Dorado Band & Colorguard with every Amazon.com purchase you make.

Simply log in to [smile.amazon.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=5e7c46cd27&e=7dc0227750) using your normal Amazon log-in account name and password. All your account information will be there, just like your normal Amazon account, and your Amazon Prime benefits work on this website as well. The first time you log-in this way, it will ask you to designate your beneficiary. Select “El Dorado High School Band Boosters” (make sure it’s the one in Placentia, CA, not Texas!), and at the end of your purchase transaction, it will give you the following message confirmation:

Amazon will make a donation to **El Dorado High School Band Boosters Inc**.  To support this charitable organization, always shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=7377a48ad5&e=7dc0227750).   Additional information can be found at: [smile.amazon.com/about](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=fba6577868&e=7dc0227750)

Amazon will give the El Dorado Band Boosters 0.5% of all purchases registered to our group! (This is a general fundraiser; Amazon does not keep track of individual user purchases.)   
So please shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=fd7b338f29&e=7dc0227750)and support the Band & Colorguard!