



# Berkner Area Orchestra Club

## A Message from the President

Season's Greetings from the BAOC!

December is here and the holidays are upon us! Please don't let this time rush by without pausing a moment to listen to the music and to appreciate the talent behind it. Remember that you and yours contribute to the sights and sounds of the season with your involvement in the BAOC program.

Congratulations to the BHS Symphony Orchestra for placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the State and to all of the Junior High and High School students who were selected for All Region Orchestras. We are proud of you! Thanks again to our directors and parent volunteers who make this program a success.



Wishing you wonderful holidays accompanied by musical cheer!

*Lynn Hoffman*

BAOC President, 2011-2012

## Region III Junior High & High School Orchestra Concerts

**North Mesquite High School  
Saturday, December 10  
4:00 p.m.**

*Everyone is invited!*

**Web: [www.berknerorchestra.org](http://www.berknerorchestra.org)**

**Facebook: [BerknerOrchestra](#)**

*Visit often for up-to-date info!*

## Upcoming Events

- Thu Dec 1 7:00 **Berkner Orchestras Winter Concert**, BHS Auditorium
- Mon Dec 5 6:30 **Apollo JH & 6th Grade Cluster Winter Concert**, AJH Gym
- Mon Dec 5 7:00 **Liberty JH & 6th Grade Cluster Winter Concert**, LJH Gym
- Sat Dec 10 4:00 **All-Region Concerts**, North Mesquite HS
- Mon Jan 23 7:30 **String Fling** (All 6th graders, JH Advanced, BHS Symphony), LJH Gym
- Thu Feb 23 **JH Orchestra Festival** (AJH & LJH), Eisemann Center
- Thu Feb 23 **HS Pre-UIL**, Richardson HS
- Mar 1-2 **HS UIL**, North Garland HS (or Richardson HS?)
- Mar 8-9 **JH UIL**

For more events, visit [www.berknerorchestra.org](http://www.berknerorchestra.org) and click on *Calendar*.

## Private Lesson Teachers

Visit the website [www.berknerorchestra.org](http://www.berknerorchestra.org) and click on *Private Lessons* for complete list and contact information.

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# Berkner Ram Orchestra



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## Thank you . . .

To everyone who supported our **Fall Concert** at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church. The students appreciated the opportunity to play in such a fine environment. As you may know, the BHS Symphony Orchestra submitted a recording from that night for the Texas Music Educators Honor Orchestra competition, and we are thrilled to announce that **BHS placed 7th in the state of Texas!** Congratulations to everyone involved in this outstanding effort.

## All-Region News

Shortly after our fall concert, **All-Region Orchestra** auditions took place. Berkner's Orchestra students made quite a splash, earning 14 places in this year's organization. Representing BHS at the clinic/concert in December are:

**VIOLIN:** James Lee, Garrett Jackson, Tiffany Wong, David Cheung, Tiffany Lin, Kayla Needham, Emily Lin, David Ni, Kelsey Auldridge, Elissa Dabaghi

**VIOLA:** Daniel Choi

**CELLO:** Will Hughes, Colin Horton, Heejin Shin

**The All-Region orchestras will perform on Saturday, December 10th, at 4:00 p.m.** at North Mesquite High School. There is no admission charge. It will be well worth the drive to hear the junior and senior high schools' finest players in concert.

## Spring Trip

**Our spring trip this year is to Corpus Christi on April 27-30, 2012.**



A \$50 non refundable deposit is due before winter break to reserve a spot on the trip. The total cost of the trip is \$350 and can be paid off at any time. The trip is the highlight of our year and you do not want to miss out!

## Fundraising Updates

### Carwash

Thank you to those that came out to help with our carwash on Saturday, October 8. We **made over \$600** for our David Cook Memorial Scholarship fund which helps with lesson scholarships.



### Passbooks & Candy

We have ended our Passbook fundraiser and are currently selling candy. **Candy sells for \$1 each** and students make 42% profit on each item sold. Profit can be used to pay off fees or can be applied to the trip. Speaking of fees and our trip, please remember that fees must be paid off before any money is applied to our trip. **Please check your Charms account for current financial information.**

### Chick-Fil-A Spirit Days

All day, every other Friday: Dec 2, 16  
 \* Remember: you must ask for your receipt to be put in the box for Berkner Orchestra. We get 15% of those sales.



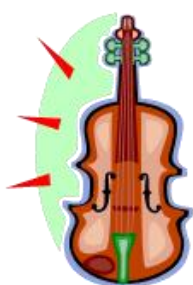


# Apollo Orchestra Notes



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## Winter Concerts



**Monday, Dec 5, 6:30**  
**Apollo Gym**

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade orchestra students will perform.

**Wednesday, Dec 7, 11:00**  
**North Park Center**

Following this concert, students will have time to eat and shop before returning to Apollo by 2:00.

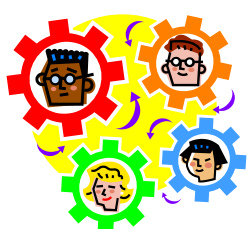
## Congratulations!

**Emma Petty** and **Victor Granados**, both violinists, earned positions in the Region III Jr. High Orchestra. The concert will be Saturday, December 10 at 4:00 at North Mesquite High School.



## Officers

**Apollo Concert Orchestra Officers have been elected.** They are:



President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Librarian  
Board Members

**Karen Nava**  
**Teresa Wright**  
**Joy Dabaghi**  
**Vinson Kok**  
**Alysha Dix**  
**Karl Wong**  
**Jack Jarman**

## Fundraising



Ozark Delight Lollipops are on sale until they run out. A candy bar and twizzler fundraiser has just begun.

## 6th Grade News

### Winter Concert

**Monday, Dec 5, 6:30, Apollo Gym**

6<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing with 7th and 8th graders at this Apollo cluster concert.

### Apollo Cluster Directors

Lynne Thornton—Mark Twain, Yale

Jody Cies—Big Springs, Terrace, Dartmouth

## Recent Activities

### Fall Concert

Students played nicely, and the Fall Concert was well attended despite coinciding with a World Series game. Special thanks go to Apollo's new counselor, Mr. Thiago Oliveira, for playing percussion on "Rock Riffs" and to Lupita Villarreal and Gwen Austin for coordinating the reception after the concert.



### Music Department Scary Party

Students and teachers had a great time at this annual event. Teachers added a fun new twist by dressing up in Wizard of Oz costumes. For those who missed, just picture Ms. Thornton as Glenda the Good Witch and Ms. Cies as Dorothy. Thanks to all the helpers who made this event a success.





# Liberty Orchestra Notes



Director: Amanda Su • 469-593-7836 • amanda.su@risd.org

## Winter Concerts

**Monday, December 5, 7:00, Liberty Large Gym**



The concert will feature some holiday favorites as well as some other great tunes. Students should wear nice, Sunday attire. All orchestra parents, families, and friends are invited to this spectacular event.

**Tuesday, December 6, 11:30, Collin Creek Mall**

Students will be playing some holiday favorites and parents are welcome to come watch the performance. After performing, students will get to eat lunch and do some holiday shopping.



## 6th Grade News

### Fall Concert

**Monday, Dec 5, 7:00  
Liberty Large Gym**

The 6th graders in the Liberty cluster will perform in a joint concert with the Liberty Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras.

### Liberty Cluster Directors

Amanda Su  
Forestridge, Springridge

Mark Davenport  
Audelia, O. Henry

Ashley Johnson  
Jess Harben, Richland



## Spotlight on Liberty

Thursday, October 27th was a very fun evening.

Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders got to come and check out Liberty JH. The Advanced Orchestra performed in the cafeteria and some of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders even got to meet the Liberty Orchestra students and ask them questions about being in orchestra at LJH.

## All-Region Orchestra Audition

The **All-Region Orchestra audition** was on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and we had two students try-out. Those students were Brandon Nguyen and HeeChul Shin.

Congratulations to **HeeChul Shin** who ranked 6<sup>th</sup> out of 150 violins who tried out. He will be performing on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at North Mesquite High School.

