



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

A Message from the President...



Dear Orchestra Parents and Students:

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

Congratulations to all of the Junior High and High School students who were selected for All Region and All State Orchestras. We are proud of you!

Happy Holidays and thank you for supporting the BAOC orchestras!

Lynn Hoffman

2008-09

BAOC President

Be sure to visit the BAOC website for information, calendars, updates and more.

Just go to:

www.berknerorchestra.org

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS...
from the Berkner Area Orchestra Club

BAOC Information

BAOC 2008-2009 Board of Directors

President	Lynn Hoffman
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Berkner HS Director	Craig Needham
BHS Assoc. Director	Mark Davenport
BHS Assoc. Director	Janet Lattanzi
Apollo JHS Director	Lynne Thornton
AJHS Assoc. Director	Jody Cies
Liberty JHS Director	David Cook

**Dates for All-Region and String Fling:
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 & 13 /
The TMEA All-Region (Region 3) Orchestra
Clinic and Concert will be held at Berkner
High School....the concert begins at 4pm on
Saturday, Dec. 13, in the auditorium.**

**Monday, Jan. 26 /The annual String Fling
will be held at Apollo Junior High School.....
the concert begins at 7:30pm in the big gym.**

**A special thanks to our BAOC
President Lynn Hoffman for
organizing our recent orchestra
yard sign and widow decal cam-
paign. By the time you read this, signs
and decals should have been distributed
to those who ordered.**



**Thank you Lynn for your hard work on
this project, and thanks to all who
purchased yard signs and decals. This is
a wonderful way to show our Orchestra
pride. The deadline to order for 2008-
2009 has passed, but we plan to make
this an annual opportunity to show
support for the Berkner Area Orchestras.**



BAOC '08-'09 Board Meeting Schedule:

September 23, 2008	February 16, 2009
October - no meeting	March - no meeting
November 3, 2008	April 7, 2009 (Cluster Concert at BHS / '09-'10 Board installed)
December - no meeting	May 4, 2009 (old & new Board)
January 12, 2009	

The meetings will take place from 7-8 pm in the Berkner Orchestra room, unless otherwise notified.

Berkner Ram Orchestra

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Associate Director: Mark Davenport / 469-593-7244 / e-mail: mark.davenport@risd.org
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Berkner Ramblings....



CONGRATULATIONS to our two All-State musicians!

Thomas Baek (violin, 10th grade) made the All-State String Orchestra, which will be conducted by the composer of one of their pieces, Kirt Mosier. Very seldom does one get to play the music of a living composer, much less have that composer conduct, so this is particularly exciting.

Hanna Choi (piano, 10th grade) was selected for the All-State Symphonic Band. Only three pianists in the entire state of Texas were chosen to participate in an All-State organization. Both of these outstanding musicians will go to San Antonio in February for three days of rehearsals and one unforgettable performance.



BHS placed 21 students in the 2008 All Region Orchestra, comprising 1/3 of the entire orchestra! Please congratulate the following outstanding musicians:

Violins: Carol Liu, Bryan Chen, Benjamin Su, Thomas Baek, Garrett Jackson, Jackie Lin, Esther Kang, Cindy Tan, Justin Ma, Tim Issac, Tiffany Lin, Tiffany Wong, Hunter Porter

Viola: Lisa Sun

Cello: Hanna Choi, Daniel Machuca, Paul Hwang, Matthew Wong, Evan Wright, Colin Horton

Bass: Kathryn Siverling

Harp: Lydia Villarreal (Alternate)

Special thanks to the booster club parents that helped run the concessions: **Frank Baek, Valerie Siverling, Lynn Hoffman, Lupita Villarreal, and Amanda Aiuvalasit.**



A string quartet made up of **Thomas Baek** and **Benjamin Su** (violin), **Lisa Sun** (viola), and **Hanna Choi** (cello) performed recently at the Love Field Flight Museum.

Chamber music is a great way to connect with your friends and make music at the same time. If you'd like to form your own ensemble, remember that Solo & Ensemble contest is in April and it's never too early to start.



Preparing for the December 9th concert was even more fun than usual in Mr. Davenport's class. Seniors **Krystal English, Giao Nguyen, and Zach Austin** took over the conducting duties! Maestros one and all!!!

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Berkner Ramblings continued....



SPRING TRIP UPDATE



BHS is in the middle of the **annual candy sale**. Items sell for \$1 each and students receive 50 cents profit in their individual accounts. This is important because of our upcoming spring trip...



For this year's spring trip, we will be going to Corpus Christi and staying at the fabulous **Port Royal Condominiums.**



(Visit <http://www.port-royal.com/> for details and photos!



The Symphony Orchestra will compete in the Varsity division and a composite orchestra made up of Concert, Philharmonic, and Chamber musicians will be the Non-Varsity performers.



For something new, we plan to stop at Sea World on the way back to Richardson, making each day packed full of fabulous events.



The per-student cost is \$325. The \$50 deposit was due on November 25th.

Students should have another \$137.50 in their account (\$187.50 total) by January 30th, and the full amount must be paid by the end of February.



Please contact Mr. Needham if you have any questions. Our goal is to have as many students as possible come with us!



Apollo Junior High Panthers

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Apollo Orchestra Notes

The Fall Orchestra Concert on Oct. 9 was a great success.

The students wore their new blue T-shirts and the concert was well attended by parents and friends. (Thanks to **Mrs. Alicia DeFino** for coming.) The program ended with our traditional finale favorite of the *Canon in D* by Pachelbel. Thanks to **Mrs. Lupita Villarreal** and **Mrs. Valerie Siverling** for organizing the reception and to **Mrs. Dana Sams, Mrs. Laurel Tooley, and Mrs. Patricia Rudd-Gloster** for helping at the reception.



Both the boys and girls have had formal **uniform fittings**. The girls' uniforms were ordered and they will be receiving their new blouses and skirts soon. The boys have all been fitted for their tuxedos and they should be in their closet at home. Thanks to **Mrs. Angela Geoffrion** and **Mrs. Ellen Parsonault** for their help.



Ten students auditioned to earn a spot in the All-Region orchestra and eight students were accepted. Congratulations to these students: Violins: **Jonathan Chari, Mandy Kok, Robyn Lam, Emily Lin, Rebecca Salazar, Steven Zhang**; Viola: **Daniel Wright**; Bass: **Grace Hoffman**



Our **Fall Fundraiser** through Express Industries started on Oct. 22. Orders have been turned in and we will receive the items right before Thanksgiving. The orchestra's profit was around \$900. Thanks to all of our parents for their support and to **Mrs. Teri Lawrence** for helping us on the turn-in day.



The Scary Party on Monday, Oct. 27 was lots of fun. The game, Musical Chairs, was held in the orchestra room. Thanks to Mrs. Sabrina Jarman for decorating the orchestra room and organizing the orchestra volunteers. Thanks to all of our parent volunteers: Mrs. Rebecca Bolanos, Mr. Jorge Bolanos, Mrs. Clair Edmonson, Mr. Darius Edmonson, Mrs. Angela Geoffrion, Mrs. Sui Lam, and Mrs. Tina Vaguine.

The Sixth Grade Fall Orchestra Demonstration Concert on Oct. 30 was a huge success, with 100% attendance. This was an exciting and successful first concert for our 6th graders. We are very proud of you. Thanks to **Valerie Siverling** and **Lupita Villarreal** for organizing the reception.



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.... and the Panthers play on !!!



Upcoming Events

Concert Orchestra Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 3, 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Apollo orchestra room.

Winter Concert---Monday, Dec. 8 in the Apollo Cafeteria. 7:00 p.m., Students will be wearing their formal uniforms.

North Park Mall Concert - Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 4:00 PM.



Congratulations to the following students who were elected to be the new 2008-2009 Apollo Orchestra Officers

Officers	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer	Librarian
Concert 3rd	Christian Anniboli	Gwen Dalmacio	Bre'Ann Lewis	Charlisa Sanders	Ayesha Khan
Symphony 4th	Rebecca Salazar	Katie Hames	Shelly Granados	Ginny Thai	Mason Yao
Concert 5th	Alex Sobotka	Anthony Johnson	Briana Stratis	Kendra Rodd-Gloster	



String Fling @ Apollo



Apollo will host the annual String Fling on Monday, January 26. This performance will feature the 6th grade orchestra from all of the elementary schools in the Berkner Cluster. Also featured will be the combined orchestras from Apollo and Liberty. The evening will begin with a joint rehearsal for the 6th grade beginners and the joint intermediate orchestras followed by a snack of pizza and soft drinks at a cost of \$3.00 per student. Parents are invited to hear the concert at 7:30 pm in the Apollo big gym. Watch for more information.



Liberty Junior High Patriots

Director: David Cook / 469-593-7836 / e-mail: david.cook@risd.org



Liberty Orchestra
News....

All-Region results...

We are pleased to announce that three Liberty students were placed in the All-Region Orchestra:

Congratulations

7th grader, **David Cheung** will be 3rd chair, 1st violin,
8th grader, **James Lee** will be 8th chair, 1st violin and
8th grader, **Young An** was selected at 14th chair, 1st violin.

We are very proud of these students' accomplishments.

The All-Region Clinic and Concert will take place on Friday, December 12th and Saturday, December 13th at Berkner High School. The Concert will be at 4:00pm on Saturday.



Spotlight on Liberty

Liberty hosted an open house for current 6th graders in the Liberty attendance zone.

Spotlight on Liberty was held on Tuesday, December 2nd. The Liberty Advanced Orchestra and the Berkner Symphony performed as students and parents toured the school.



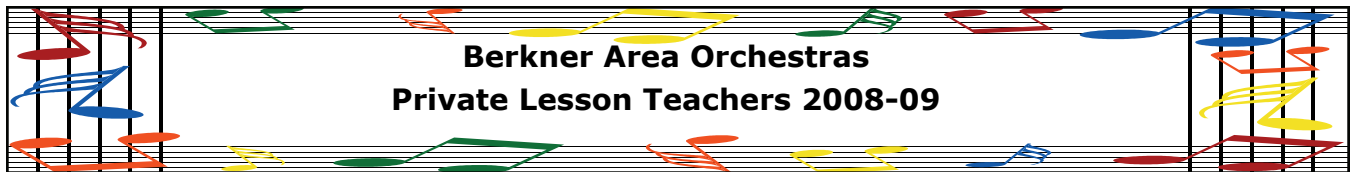
Winter Concert

The Liberty Cluster Orchestras will perform on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00pm in the Liberty Gym. The 78 member 6th grade orchestra will perform as well as the JH Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras. Music will include a variety of selections from "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" by Vivaldi to "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Born to be Wild".

String Fling

The annual String Fling Concert will be held at Apollo JH on Monday, January 26th. This concert will feature the 150+ member combined Liberty and Apollo Cluster Sixth Grade Orchestra as well as the combined 7th grade orchestra and the Berkner Symphony. Sixth grade students and parents will get a taste of the future as they watch and hear students from the JH and HS. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm....hope to see you there!





VIOLIN/VIOLA

Ronald Houston (near Rich. Med. Ctr.).....	972-423-0566
Natalie Kharlova.....	972-943-3487
Inga Kroll (BHS Area).....	972-437-6659
*Larry Lattanzi (BHS Area).....	214-868-6925
Ruslan Lisovoy.....	972-669-9651
Ute & Mark Miller (Dallas).....	214-887-8611
Bruce Patti.....	972-407-0767
Motoi Takeda.....	214-691-6989

VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO

Janell DiCarlo (Liberty).....	972-669-1048
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VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO/BASS (Through book 4 of Suzuki)

David Large (Grove/Highland, near Terrace Elem.).....	972-907-1530
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VIOLA

*Sarah Myers.....	972-490-5305
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CELLO

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*Matt Epperson.....	972-312-6244

BASS

Jonathan Fisher (Dallas).....	972-926-6227
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HARP

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***Bold denotes teachers who come to the schools.**



Berkner / Apollo / Liberty
Combined Event Calendar 2008–2009
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Date	School	Event	Time	Location
August 29, 2008	BHS	Spring Park Fall Party	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Spring Park Recreation Center
September 11, 2008	Apollo	Popsicles in the Park	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Huffhines Park
September 12, 2008	BHS	Passbook Fundraiser ends	none	BHS
September 26, 2008	BHS	Honors Credit Applications Due	none	BHS
October 3, 2008	BHS	All fees due	none	BHS
October 9, 2008	Apollo	Fall Concert	7:00 pm	Apollo Cafeteria
October 13, 2008	BHS	Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church
October 18, 2008	All	Region Orchestra Auditions	Morning– H.S. Afternoon–M.S. & Jr. High	Berkner HS
October 20, 2008	Liberty	6th Grade Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Gym
October 29, 2008	Liberty	Liberty Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Cafeteria
October 30, 2008	Apollo	6th Grade Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
November 1	BHS	All State Auditions	All Day	Berkner HS
November	BHS	Candy Sales	none	BHS
December 8, 2008	Apollo	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
December 9, 2008	BHS	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	BHS Auditorium
December 17, 2008	Apollo	Perform at North Park	4:00 p.m.	North Park Mall
December 12-13	All	All Region Clinic and Concert	check website	Berkner HS
December 16, 2008	Liberty	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Small Gym
January	BHS	Symphony and Philharmonic Full Orchestra Rehearsals	TBA	Berkner HS
January 26, 2009	All 6th–8th grade	String Fling Concert	5:30–8:30 p.m.	Apollo JH
February 11–14	BHS	All State Students to TMEA	TBA	San Antonio
February 24, 2009	Apollo/Liberty	Eisemann Ctr Pre UIL Concerts	TBA	Eisemann Center
February 26, 2009	BHS	HS Pre UIL Concert	TBA	Berkner HS
March 9-10	BHS	UIL	TBA	Lake Highlands HS
Match 11-12	Apollo/Liberty	UIL	TBA	North Garland HS
March 13-20	All	Spring Break	TBA	Party Time!



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Date	School	Event	Time	Location
March 24, 2009	BHS	Council of PTA's Concert (Symphony)	9:00 am	Lake Highlands HS
April 1-5, 2009	BHS	Spring Trip to Corpus Christi	TBA	Corpus Christi, TX
April 7, 2009	All	Berkner Cluster Spring Showcase	7:00 pm	Berkner HS
April 25, 2009	All	RISD Chamber Music Festival	TBA	Richardson HS
May 7, 2009	Apollo	Peak Music Festival (Symphony)	TBA	Murchison Performing Arts Center
May 9, 2009	BHS	BHS Orchestra Banquet	7:00—11:00 pm	Oakridge Country Club
May 20, 2009	Apollo	Spring Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
May 20, 2009	Liberty	Spring Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Cafeteria
May 26, 2009	BHS	Grand Finale Concert	7:00 pm	Berkner HS
May 29, 2009	BHS	Senior Recognition Night	6:00 p.m.	Berkner HS
June 8, 2009	BHS	Graduation	7:00 p.m.	Garland Special Events Center

