



Berkner Area Orchestra Club



Both the Apollo Symphony and the Apollo Concert Orchestras performed at the Eisemann Festival on March 22, as a Pre- UIL event and Spring Clinic and Concert. This is a photo of the Symphony Orchestra. Please see page 5 for an article written by Apollo student Virginia Nguyen entitled "Our Day at the Eisemann."

Message from the President...

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students,

I hope each of you has enjoyed spring break as much as we did at our house, and that each of you is returning rested, refreshed, and excited about the remaining school year! It is hard to believe this school year is almost completed; there are only a few weeks remaining. I know many of our young musicians wish there was less time – young people are always ready for summer break – but I truly hate to see the year wind down, we have had such an excellent year throughout BAOC. The musicians have been wonderful, the teachers excellent, participation by the parents grand, and leadership and oversight by the board superb.

Of course, this year is not over, the spring orchestra trip to Corpus Christi is yet to happen but is on target for April.

As this school year winds down we need to take the opportunity to look ahead to next school year. There are several positions coming open on the board and we REALLY need parents and orchestra supporters to step up and help continue the great programs and momentum we enjoy at L. V. Berkner and its feeder schools of Liberty and Apollo. If you are interested – or know someone you think would be interested – please contact me at bjbeach226@comcast.net or 972-918-0757. If we all work together as people of good will, everyone will benefit and our children will benefit the most.

One final word – CONGRATULATIONS!!! Our orchestras were simply superb at the UIL competition. I am very proud of their hard work and dedication to their orchestras.

Happy listening,

Beverly Beach

BAOC President

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BAOC Information

BAOC Officer Position Descriptions:

President – presides over the monthly meetings and sets the time and date of each meeting.

2nd VP Newsletter – This position is responsible for the BAOB newsletter. The newsletter is published four times per school year. Articles are submitted by the board members, orchestra directors and occasionally, the students. The person sets up the schedule including deadlines for articles to be submitted, the proposed contents for each newsletter and the posted date.

3rd VP Private Lessons – This position is responsible for collecting and recording payments for private music lessons for students. The private lesson person also updates a spreadsheet and provides printouts used for payment of the instructors.

Secretary – The position is responsible for taking notes during the meetings and notifying board members of upcoming board meetings.

Treasurer – The treasurer’s duties include writing checks, reconciling the bank account, preparing a monthly report and keeping a journal of checks and receipts for each school in the BAOB.

Assistant Treasurer – The assistant’s duties include counting the incoming money, and making deposits for each school in the BAOB.

Student Accounts – This officer collects and records payments and fundraising credits toward the cost of each orchestra student’s annual spring trip. Periodic account statements are provided for students and their families.

Directory – Data is collected from the orchestra teachers of each school in the BAOB. The data consists of the student’s name, address, phone number, instrument, and their parents’ names. Drafts are prepared, returned to teachers for validation and final changes are made.

Publicity – The duties of this office include writing and submitting stories related to BAOB student activities to the newspaper or other free media publicity.

Historian – The historian’s duties include collecting photos, news articles, and other items pertaining to the BAOB students and their activities. The historian keeps an updated scrapbook of these various items and turns it in to the BAOB at the end of the year.

Hospitality - The duties of this office include contacting volunteers, obtaining supplies, arranging refreshments and overseeing events to ensure that they run smoothly.

Webmaster – The duties of this office are to update the website for BAOB.

BAOB 2005-2006

Current Officers

President	Beverly Beach
1st VP Fundraising	Vacant
2nd VP Newsletter	Amanda Aiuvalasit
3rd VP Private Lessons	Judy Scott
Secretary	Patti Hodges
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Asst. Treasurer	Barbara Kershaw
Student Accounts	Janey Lue
Directory	Cheryl Wilson
Publicity	Joyce Lee
Historian	Karin Crinella
Hospitality	Ellen Parsonneault
Webmaster	David Witherspoon
Student Webmaster	Alex Lue

Orchestra Directors

Berkner HS Director	Craig Needham
BHS Asst. Director	Mark Davenport
BHS Asst. Director	Janet Paderewski
Apollo JHS Director	Lynne Thornton
AJHS Asst. Director	Jody Cies
Liberty JHS	David Cook

The BAOB e-mail distribution list is only used by orchestra directors and BAOB board members to share information about the Berkner area orchestras.

If you would like to be added to the BAOB e-mail distribution list, or if you have updates/corrections to BAOB Directory information you have previously provided, please e-mail: 0506baoc@sbcglobal.net

Berkner Ram Orchestra

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Berkner RAMblings....

Congratulations again to the five BHS Orchestra members chosen for the 2006

Texas All-State Orchestra: violinists **Eugene Baek**, **Erika Sherhart**, and **Amanda Su**, violist **Stacy Yuan**, and cellist **Samuel Lee**. These five musicians had the opportunity to spend four days with professional conductors and to give a concert before thousands of music teachers from all over the country. During the convention Mr. Needham accepted a certificate from the Texas Music Educators' Association in honor of the Symphony Orchestra's 2nd place finish in the Honor Orchestra competition.

Berkner High School played host to the district's Chamber Music Festival on

February 25th — Many students were "instrumental" in the competition's success, from student monitors and runners to the many performers who dazzled the judges with their skills and musicianship. The 4th period Chamber Orchestra performed as a large ensemble and earned a rating of I (superior) from judge Margaret Johnson from the McKinney ISD. Congratulations to these fine musicians and to the students and parents who made this event possible.

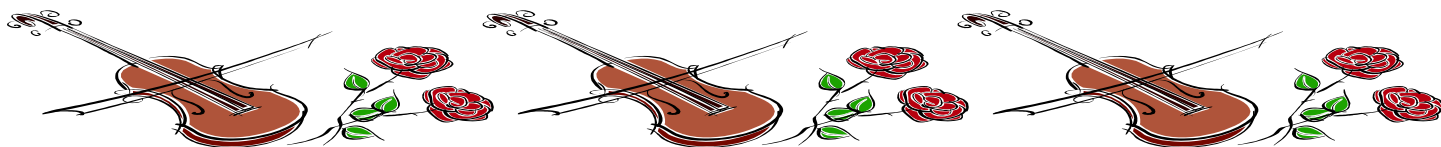
UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest (think TAKS for orchestra) was held at Pearce High School on March 8th. The Symphony and Philharmonic full orchestras received ratings of I (superior) in both concert and sightreading, and the Freshman string orchestra received a rating of II (excellent) in concert and I (superior) in sightreading. **Way to go, BHS Orchestras!**

The Orchestra had its final fundraiser during February, selling mouth-wateringly beautiful cookie dough and tempting pizzas. The \$700+ earned went into individual students' accounts to help pay for the spring trip.

On Monday, April 3rd, members of the BHS Symphony and Mr. Needham will be recognized at the RISD school board meeting, again in honor of being the TMEA Honor Orchestra runner-up. Invitations from the Board will be mailed to each student's home.

It's almost time for the Spring Trip! There is a very important meeting for parents on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the BHS Orchestra room. A full itinerary will be given out at that time, along with our expectations, policies, packing ideas. An all-important "how much money should we bring" discussion will also take place. If your student is going with us on the trip, please make an extra effort to attend. Students must have their Medical Release Forms signed, NOTARIZED, and on file with the directors by April 3rd. Copies were distributed to all students, but if you need another then you can find it on the BAOC website at: http://baoc.us/doc/Medical_Release_Form.pdf Again, please make certain that the document is signed in the presence of a notary public and given the official seal.

The Grand Finale featuring the elementary, junior high, and high school orchestras will be on Monday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. **Please plan to attend this wonderful event!**



Apollo Junior High Panthers

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Apollo Orchestra News....

String Fling Concert — The String Fling Concert on Monday, January 23 at Apollo Junior High was a great success. The Liberty and Apollo 7th graders enjoyed performing with and for the 6th graders. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers who helped serve the pizza and drinks and especially to Ellen Parsoneault for being the coordinator. Everyone enjoyed an evening of nice music, food and fun.

Region Clinic & Concert — The Region Orchestra Clinic and Concert sounded fantastic. Apollo students were given a congratulatory goody bag with candy and snacks.

Spring Fund Raiser — Apollo concluded their spring fundraiser of frozen baked goods. Thanks to the students and parents for participating to make this a success and raising over \$1200!

Apollo at the Chamber Music Festival — Apollo had 35 solo entries and six ensemble entries; many students received a 1st division rating.

Violin Solos: Mikalyn Allen, Tais Altunian, Thomas Baek, Jessica Cheng, Han Chieu, Jasmine Chowdhury, Lynne Hoang, Daphne Hwong, Kimberly Larson, Ralph Lee, Jackie Lin, Tiffany Lin, Wesley Lue, Traci McDaniel, Tammy Nguyen, Virginia Nguyen, Luke Nicholson, Laura Peavey, Benjamin Su, Daisy Su, Deedi Thames, Tiffany Wong.

Viola Solos: James Aiuvalasit, Thomas Baker, Emily Hoffman, Marisa Holiwell, Winona Tzou, Kyle Wong

Cello Solos: Hannah Choi, Amber Parsoneault, Matthew Wong, Evan Wright, Rebecca Yen

Bass Solo: Bryan Co

Harp Solo: Lydia Villarreal

Ensembles:

Violin Duet: Tiffany Lin and Tiffany Wong

Violin Duet: Ralph Lee and Wesley Lue

Bass Duet: Paul Gomez and Kathryn Siverling

String Quartet: Thomas Baek, Jackie Lin, Julia Rodriguez and Amber Parsoneault

Medium Ensemble: Lynn Hoang, Melody Kao, Lisa Sun, Tammy Nguyen, Virginia Nguyen, Kyle Wong, Rebecca Yen

Medium Ensemble: Jessica Cheng, Hanna Choi, Kimberly Giang, Jae Jeon, Kimberly Larson, Daniel Machuca, Laura Peavey, Jennifer Vo

The following students received special recognition by earning a 1st division rating with Honors for their solos: Thomas Baek, Hannah Choi, Jackie Lin, Virginia Nguyen, Benjamin Su and Lydia Villarreal.

The following students received special recognition by earning a 1st division rating with Honors for their ensembles: Ralph Lee and Wesley Lue

Lynn Hoang, Melody Kao, Lisa Sun, Tammy Nguyen, Virginia Nguyen, Kyle Wong, Rebecca Yen

Congratulations to all of the Apollo students for all of the hard work they put into learning their music and for their fine performances. Three of the ensembles performed at the Apollo Multi-Cultural Night and Open House Night which was held on Monday, February 20.

Violinists perform national anthem at Basketball Games — Several violinists played the National Anthem for Apollo basketball games during the season.: **Jackie Lin, Wesley Lue, and Allison Linstead**

Thanks to these students for their fine performances.

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Apollo Orchestra News...continued

Our Day at the Eisemann

By: Virginia Nguyen

The Concert Orchestra of Apollo Jr. High performed at the Eisemann Center on Wednesday, March 22, 2006. According to the judges, our performance was excellent! The three judges gave good comments and enjoyed it. After getting blisters from practicing and playing, it was nice to eat lots of pizza at Cici's. Everyone had a great time over food and hanging out with buddies! After all of our hard work, it ended with a delicious treat.

Spring Performances

Symphony Orchestra 4th Period

- March 30 - UIL Contest at North Garland High School. (See May newsletter for results!!)
- April 26 – 5th grade recruiting concert – during the school day.
- May 3 - Peak Music Festival in Denton – during the school day

Concert Orchestra/2nd and 3rd Period

- Thursday, May 11, 2006 – Sandy Lake - during the school day

Apollo Area Elementary Schools (Big Springs, Dartmouth, Mark Twain, and Yale)

- Friday, May 12, 2006 – Sandy Lake – during the school day

All Apollo Orchestras — Concert, Symphony, and Elementary:

- Grand Finale Concert at Berkner High School on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:00 PM.



Liberty Junior High Patriots

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Liberty Orchestra News...

Chamber Music Festival results:

The following students participated in the annual RISD Chamber Music Festival on February 11th at Berkner HS:

		Rating:		
<u>Solos:</u>	Carrie Fox	violin	7	I
	Tiffany Horta	violin	7	I
	Allison Pitney	violin	7	I
	Angel Alvarado	violin	8	I
	Miranda Gutierrez	violin	8	II
	Kevin Kong	viola	8	I
	David Truong	violin	8	I
	Alex Pan	violin	8	I
	Carol Liu	violin	8	II
	Bryan Chen	violin	8	I
	Aubrey Kirchoff	Cello	8	I
<u>Quartet</u>	Truc Huynh	violin	8	I
	Lily Kim	violin	8	
	Myphuong Huynh	viola	8	
	Ji Son	Cello	8	

Congratulations
to all...

Contest preparation:

Since January, the Liberty Orchestra students have worked very hard on the music for the Spring Contest season. Our selections this year are:

Hornpipe from Water Music by G.F. Handel

This piece features two of our violinists: Bryan Chen and Carol Liu

An English Folksong by McQuilkin

This beautiful piece is a wonderfully lyric arrangement of a folksong often used as a hymn. Mr. Cook knows when the orchestra is playing this piece well when he gets "goose bumps".

Dramatic Essay by Mark Williams

This is an original composition for young orchestra. The opening is slow and "dramatic" while the middle section is fast and lively.

Eisemann Festival

The Liberty Orchestra competed at the RISD Eisemann Festival on March 22nd. The 3 judges were very pleased with our performance. Each judge awarded the orchestra a First Division rating. After the performance, Mrs. Sue Ewing from Haggard M.S. in Plano worked with the orchestra. Both written and verbal comments were given to help us improve our preparation for the UIL contest.



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Liberty Orchestra News...continued

UIL

The Liberty Orchestra competed at the annual UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest on March 30th at North Garland High School. The students were awarded a Sweepstake trophy for earning First division ratings in both Concert and Sight Reading. Regardless of the judges' ratings, Mr. Cook wants the students to know how proud he is of their efforts in preparation of this music.

Fundraiser

The Liberty Orchestra students are beginning a fundraiser on March 31 to raise money for our program as well as to help the students earn money for their Six Flags trip in May.

The students will be selling candy for \$1.00 each. The orchestra will earn a 50% profit on each sale. Please support our program by feeding your sweet tooth.

May Events:



**Berkner Area Cluster Concert
At Berkner HS Auditorium
Monday, May 1st, 7 pm**

Featuring:

- 6th Grade Orchestra
- Intermediate Orchestra
- Advanced Orchestra
- High School Orchestra

Sandy Lake Funfest

May 9th



The Liberty Cluster 6th grade orchestra will be competing in the annual Sandy Lake Funfest on Tuesday, May 9th. The students from **Jess Harben, Springridge, O'Henry, Forestridge and Richland Elementary Schools** will perform two pieces for the competition: *Clog Dance* and *Bow-Regard's Parade*.

Spring Concert

May 17th

All the Liberty Orchestras will perform a Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 17th in the Small Gym at Liberty. The concert will begin at 7:00pm



Six Flags

May 20th



The Liberty Orchestra students have the opportunity to go to Six Flags on Saturday, May 20th. The park ticket will cost \$25. The students may earn all or part of the ticket price through the candy sale fundraiser. **Money for the candy sale and Six Flags is due by Wednesday, April 26th.**

All checks should be written to: BAOC