



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

Welcome to Our Fall Showcase Concert

A Message from the President...

Dear Orchestra Members and Parents:

The Berkner Area Orchestra Club is the support organization for all the orchestras in the Berkner attendance area including Berkner High, Apollo Junior High and Liberty Junior High, and the following elementary schools: Audelia Creek, Big Springs, Dartmouth, Forestridge, Jess Harben, Mark Twain, O'Henry, Richland, Springridge, Terrace and Yale.

This year we have a combined total of 380 students from 6th through 12th grade enrolled in the Berkner area orchestras! If you have a child in orchestra you are automatically a member of the BAOC.

The board of directors consists of parent volunteers and our six outstanding orchestra directors – Craig Needham, Mark Davenport, Janet Lattanzi, Amanda Su, Lynne Thornton, and Jody Cies.

This year, we welcome the returning board members and three new members: Gwen Austin, Teri Lawrence, and Janell DiCarlo. We currently have the Historian position open. Our Historian compiles pictures and memorabilia throughout the year and creates a notebook that highlights the orchestra's activities and achievements. If you are interested in serving, please contact one of the directors.

Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter and learn more about the Berkner Area Orchestras and join me as we look forward to an exciting year of beautiful music, smiling faces, and another year to watch our students grow as musicians and young adults.

Sincerely,

Lynn Hoffman

President, BAOC



**All-Region
Orchestra
Tryouts
Rockwall
Heath High
School**

**Saturday Oct.
16th**

*Good Luck,
Students!*

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BAOC Information



Our thanks to the St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church for hosting our Fall Concert tonight.

BAOC 2009-2010 Board of Directors

President	Lynn Hoffman
Secretary	Teri Lawrence
Treasurer	Stacy Ashmore
Asst. Treasurer	Ellen Parsonault
Publicity	Janelle DiCarlo
Historian	Currently Vacant
Hospitality	Lupita Villarreal & Gwen Austin
Newsletter	Pat Fox
Fundraising	Frank Baek

Orchestra Directors

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	Amanda Su

Dave Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund

Our first car wash fundraiser was a big last month! We made over \$900 between the two Sonic locations on Jupiter and Plano Roads for our scholarship fund for private lessons. Thank you to the parents and students that came out and supported our efforts.

A huge "Thank You" to Frank Baek. Frank holds the Fundraising position on our BAOB Executive Board and he did all of the legwork and planning for the car washes. We will certainly make this an annual event.

Visit the **BAOC website** at

www.berknerorchestra.org

for information of orchestra calendars, activities, and archived newsletters.

Visit the **Charms website** at
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/>

for secure information about your student account. BHS (9-12) Orchestra Students and Parents - use School Code: BerknerHSOrch. Use BHS Student ID as your Charms Student ID number.

Berkner Ram Orchestra

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Associate Director: Mark Davenport / 469-593-7244 / e-mail: mark.davenport@risd.org
Associate Director: Janet Lattanzi / 469-593-8914 / e-mail: janet.paderewski@risd.org

Berkner Ramblings....

The BHS Orchestras are off to a fantastic start! We are thrilled to welcome so many freshmen and other newcomers to our program. We are also happy to have a student teacher this semester. His name is Jason Todd and he is a bass player from the University of North Texas.

Our 2010-11 **student officers** were elected last spring. They are: Claire Armour, John Chang, Hanna Choi, Jeremiah Dalmacio, Tiffany Horta, Garrett Jackson, James Lee, Tiffany Lin, Gina Nguyen, Benjamin Su, Daisy Su, Lisa Sun, Kyle Wong, Tiffany Wong, and President Thomas Baek.

To help everyone get acquainted, the officers and Mr. Needham planned a **broomball party**. Broomball, for those who don't know, is a game played on an ice rink (!!!) with a small ball and a modified broomstick. Four teams made up of students from all classes and grade competed in a round robin tournament. As always, we managed to eat pizza between rounds. Team "Rosin Eaters" came out on top and will be memorialized by a gold-plated broom to be placed in the Orchestra room.

We will repeat our **Annual Media Night** on Saturday, October 23rd, from 7-11 p.m. in the Orchestra room. Students are asked to bring video games to share. We will use the Band Hall, Orchestra Room, and Choir Room to set up three different areas. Also in the Orchestra room will be an indoor volleyball game. There will be food – of course! – and plenty of chances to have great fun and make new friends.

Many BHS Orchestra students will participate in the **All-Region Orchestra Audition** on Saturday, October 16th, at far-away Rockwall Heath High School. Our representatives are:

Violin: Thomas Baek, John Chang, David Cheung, Garrett Jackson, Mandy Kok, James Lee, Emily Lin, Tiffany Lin, David Ni, Benjamin Su, Daisy Su, Camille Tooley, Tiffany Wong

Viola: Thomas Baker, Gina Nguyen, Lisa Sun, Kyle Wong, Ellen Zippi

Cello: Hanna Choi, Katie Hames, Colin Horton, Will Hughes, Texas Keeton, Jennifer Lam, Daniel Machuca, Natalie Sobotka, Halley Terleski

Bass: Christian Anniboli, Paul Gomez, Kathryn Siverling

On December 7th, we will present our **Winter Concert** at 7:00 p.m. in the BHS Cafeteria. Please plan to attend and listen to an evening of great music played by great students.



Apollo Junior High Panthers

Director: Lynne Thornton/469-593-8015/e-mail: lynne.thornton@risd.org

Associate Director: Jody Cies/469-593-8016/e-mail: jody.cies@risd.org

Apollo Orchestra Notes



The **Apollo Orchestra Fall Concert** will be on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2010 in the Apollo Boys Gym with a reception following in the cafeteria. All orchestra families and their friends are invited to attend the season debut of the Apollo Orchestras. In preparation, the Concert Orchestra will have an after school rehearsal on Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the orchestra room from 3:45 – 4:30 pm.



Oct. 19 is the **Kick-off Date for our Annual Fall Fund Raiser**. Denise Guilbert from Express Industries is our sales representative who inspires and motivates the Apollo students. Thanks to the parents who are able to take the gift brochures to work to help their student sell as many items as possible. Donations are always welcome from friends, parents and family members at any time of the year in place of, or along with sales orders. Our profits help pay for spring festival entry fees, transportation fees for some of our events, Bravo Cokes, copier lease and maintenance and scholarships for some of our students. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the Apollo orchestras.



Get ready to rock the house with Mark Wood and Bridgid Bibbins in the **Electrify Your Strings Concert** on October 8 at 7:30. This cool concert will take place at the Garland Special Events Center and is sponsored by Austin Academy in Garland ISD. Richardson ISD students are invited to participate in the day long workshop and concert. 24 Apollo orchestra students plan to attend the event. Parents and guests may purchase tickets in advance at www.specialeventscenter.com.



One of the reasons the Apollo orchestra program is so strong is because of the number of students involved in the **Private Lesson Program**. Once again this year, there are a lot of students who have signed up for lessons. Students either go to lessons at a private studio off campus, or, students have signed up for the private lesson program offered on campus at a rate of \$17 per lesson, per week. Thank you, parents, for the sacrifices you make to provide this for your child.



Annual Apollo Fine Arts Scary Party is on Wednesday Oct. 27, 2010 from 6:00 – 7:30. This just for fun party is sponsored by the Apollo Band, Choir, and Orchestra. Only members of those organizations may attend and students must be wearing a costume in order to get in the door. We will need parents who can help chaperone and run the musical chairs game in the orchestra room. Get ready to have a monster good time!

Apollo 6th Grade Orchestra News

The 6th grade **Fall Concert** is on Monday, Nov 1, 2010 in the Apollo cafeteria, followed by a reception. This includes students from Big Springs, Dartmouth, Mark Twain, Terrace, and Yale schools. Concert dress is the Apollo Orchestra T-shirt and jeans. Students should arrive at 6:30 and the concert will begin at 7:00 pm. Students need to bring all of their equipment and music. See you there!

Liberty Junior High Patriots

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Patriot Orchestra Notes.....



Mark Wood of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra will be giving his Electrify Your Strings! workshop in Garland on October 8th. Liberty Orchestra students have been invited to attend and participate in this workshop if they are interested. Students will rehearse all day and put on a concert at the Garland Special Events Center that night. Popular pieces they will be performing include Eleanor Rigby, Viva La Vida, Stairway to Heaven, and much more! Come join us for this special event!



All-Region Orchestra Auditions are on Saturday, October 16th. The audition will take place at Rockwall Heath High School. Good luck to the following students!
Violins: HeeChul Shin, Briquette Thompson
Viola: Lucy Collins
Cello: Ally DiCarlo, Heejin Shin



The David Cook Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship that the Berkner Area Orchestra Cluster started last year in memory of Mr. Cook. The scholarship will sponsor students who would like to take private lessons during school. A car wash was held on Saturday, September 18th to help with the scholarships. Students who came and helped worked really hard and did a fabulous job helping us raise money!



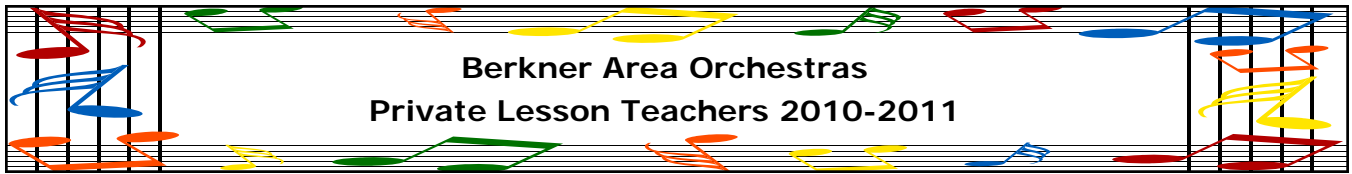
The Liberty Fall Concert will be on Tuesday, October 26th in the Liberty Large Gym. Students will be wearing their new orchestra t-shirts and blue jeans. Call time is 6:30 pm for all students so we can tune and get ready for the performance. All orchestra parents, families, and friends are invited to the opening concert of Liberty Jr. High Orchestras.



Spotlight on Liberty will be on Thursday, October 28th in the Liberty Small Gym. This is tradition at Liberty Jr. High and a chance for everybody to see the Liberty Orchestras shine! Students will wear orchestra t-shirts and blue jeans for this event. Call time will be announced later.

Liberty 6th Grade Orchestra News

6th Grade **Fall Orchestra Concert** will be on Tuesday, October 19th in the Liberty Large Gym. The Springridge, Richland, O Henry, Forestridge, Jess Harben, and Audelia Creek Orchestras have been working really hard. The students are very anxious to play and show everybody what they have learned so far in orchestra!



**Berkner Area Orchestras
Private Lesson Teachers 2010-2011**

VIOLIN/VIOLA

Ronald Houston (near Rich. Med. Ctr.).....972-423-0566
 Inga Kroll (BHS Area).....972-437-6559
 *Larry Lattanzi (BHS Area).....214-868-6925

VIOLIN/VIOLA

Janell DiCarlo (Liberty).....972-669-1048

VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO/BASS (Through book 4 of Suzuki)

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

VIOLA

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

CELLO

Beth Conway.....972-414-3818
 Janet Dugger.....972-231-2744
 Adam Eason.....281-467-3661
 Jim Higgins.....972-699-9219
 Brian Magnus.....214-995-8993

BASS

*Scott Sheffler.....214-477-5659

* denotes teachers who come to the schools.



**Berkner Area Orchestras
Fall Calendar**

Date	School	Event	Time	Location
October 16, 2010	All	Region Orchestra Auditions	Morning	Rockwall Heath High School
October 18, 2010	Apollo	Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Boys Gym
October 19, 2010	Liberty	6th Grade Fall Concert/Liberty Cluster	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Large Gym
October 23, 2010	BHS	Media Night	7:00—11:00 p.m.	BHS Fine Arts Wing
October 26, 2010	Liberty	Liberty Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Gym
October 27, 2010	Apollo	Music Students Scary Party	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Apollo
October 28, 2010	Liberty	Spotlight on Liberty	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Small Gym
October 30, 2010	BHS	All State Auditions	All Day	Lake Highlands JH
November 1, 2010	Apollo	6th Grade Fall Concert/Apollo Cluster	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
December 6, 2010	Liberty	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	Large Gym
December 6, 2010	Apollo	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
December 7, 2010	BHS	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	BHS Cafeteria