



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

Many thanks to St. Barnabas for hosting our high school concert!

A Message from the President

Good evening:

I would like to take a moment to welcome you to the first concert of 2011-2012 and to tell you a little about the Berkner Area Orchestra Club. The BAOC 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 there are about 400 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, Ashley Johnson, Amanda Su, Lynne Thornton, and Jody Cies. This year, we welcome our returning board members and three new members: Francys Collins, Vicki Horton and Rebecca Wood.

While the orchestra tunes, please take a few minutes to read this newsletter so you don't miss an opportunity to support these talented students. Thank you for being a part of the music and excitement.




Sincerely,

Lynn Hoffman

BAOC President, 2011-2012

Connect with Web Tools

 Communications will be done through the website, Facebook, and email this year. We will not send much information home with the students, so make sure you are using our web tools for the most current information.

Website – www.berknerorchestra.org

- Find all the most current information about our program on the website.
- The site has a new design and is updated often. Please take a moment to visit the site and bookmark it for future reference.
- Access our other 2 web tools from the website.

Charms – [Charms tab on the website](#)

- This database system, used in all RISD Fine Arts programs, is used by directors to organize our entire program.
- Parents and students may use Charms to update student info, access forms, and manage Orchestra financial information, including paying fees online.

Facebook – [BerknerOrchestra](#) /  @ website

- Since it is a group, you will need to ask to join.
- Students AND parents are encouraged to join!

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BAOC 2011-2012 Board of Directors

President	Lynn Hoffman
Secretary	Teri Lawrence
Treasurer	Rebecca Wood
Asst. Treasurer	Ellen Parsonault
Fundraising	Vicki Horton
Historian	(available)
Hospitality	Lupita Villarreal & Gwen Austin
Newsletter	Francy Collins
Publicity	Janell DiCarlo

Orchestra Directors

Berkner HS Director	Craig Needham
BHS Assoc. Director	Mark Davenport
BHS Assoc. Director	Ashley Johnson
Apollo JHS Director	Lynne Thornton
AJHS Assoc. Director	Jody Cies
Liberty JHS Director	Amanda Su

BAOC Mission Statement

BAOC's aim is to support and promote the RISD orchestras in the Berkner area. Our commitment is to:

- Ensure that the financial support is in place to allow the orchestras freedom of choice with regard to concerts, competitions, and new instruments.
- Provide publicity to ensure enhance community interest in our orchestras.
- Encourage larger audience attendance at the concerts from both within and outside the area schools.
- Support the orchestra directors whenever possible to allow them more time to do what they do best: teach.

All parents of orchestra students in the Berkner feeder area are members of BAOB. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun of helping our kids be the best they can be!

BAOC Board Meetings

7:00 pm, Berkner Orchestra Room

November 14, 2011

January 9, 2012

February 13, 2012

April TBD

May TBD



Car Wash - Sat, Oct 8, 10am-2pm At Sonic on Jupiter near Campbell

Money raised through Board fundraisers, such as car washes, goes to the Dave Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund was established to underwrite the cost of private lessons for students who might not otherwise be able to take lessons. Private lessons help make our orchestra students the best in the area.

Donations are welcome and are tax deductible under IRS guidelines.

Watch our Facebook page and website for additional fundraising projects.

Region III Orchestra Tryouts

**North Mesquite High School
Saturday, October 15**

Good Luck, Students!





Berkner Ram Orchestra



Director: Craig Needham • 469-593-7028 • craig.needham@risd.org
Associate Director: Mark Davenport • 469-593-7244 • mark.davenport@risd.org
Associate Director: Ashley Johnson • 469-593-7028 • ashley.johnson@risd.org

Welcome!

The BHS Orchestras are off to a fantastic start! We are thrilled to welcome so many freshmen and other newcomers to our program. We have record numbers in our program this year thanks to our very large freshmen class.

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 grades competed in a round robin tournament. As always, we managed to eat pizza between rounds. Congratulations to the World Champion "B Sharps" team!

Please take advantage of our many web tools in use this year. Be sure to check out our Website, Facebook page, and of course, Charms.

Introducing Ms. Johnson



Please welcome our new BHS Orchestra Director, Ms. Ashley Johnson!

Ms. Ashley Johnson, born in Arlington, Texas, recently graduated from Baylor University with a degree in Music Education. She began studying the violin privately at age seven with Emily Goodyear Klophaus and continued her music studies throughout junior high and high school, participating in orchestra, choir, show choir, and musicals. Ms. Johnson was inspired to pursue a career in music education by her Arlington High School orchestra director, Ms. Linda Keefer, and choir director, Mrs. Dinah Menger.

While at Baylor University, Ms. Johnson played violin in the Baylor Symphony Orchestra and was a member of Dr. Eka Gogichashvili's violin studio. She was a

Student Officers

Our 2011-12 **student officers** were elected last spring.

They are:

Claire Armour	Emily Lin
Hannah Davenport	Tiffany Lin
Jacqueline Fernandez	Hunter Porter
Kenny Hoang	Tiffany Wong
Will Hughes	Garrett Jackson, president
Karolina Koziol	
James Lee	



Winter Concert

Thursday, Dec. 1, 7:00 pm, Berkner Auditorium

Please plan to attend this evening of great music played by great students.

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Days

All day, every other Friday: Oct 7, 21, Nov 4, 18, 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. *Proceeds benefit BHS Orchestras.*

private violin and viola teacher in Midway ISD and Waco ISD and taught in the Baylor University String Project for four years. Ms. Johnson recently did her student teaching at Berkner High School with Craig Needham and is looking so forward to officially making Berkner Orchestra her home!

Ms. Johnson performs with her quartet at weddings and is a member of the Park Cities Baptist Church Sanctuary Orchestra. She is also a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Orchestra Directors Association, The National Association for Music Education, and Chi Omega National Fraternity.

When she is not teaching, Ms. Johnson enjoys spending time with her four siblings, precious niece and nephew, friends, working out, babysitting, and being a professional bridesmaid for all of her Baylor Chi Omega sorority sisters getting married.





Apollo Orchestra Notes



Director: Lynne Thornton • 469-593-8015 • lynne.thornton@risd.org
Associate Director: Jody Cies • 469-593-8016 • jody.cies@risd.org



Fall Concert

Monday, October 24, 7:00
Apollo Gym
Reception to follow

Thank you students for supplying the cookies for the reception. Students will be wearing their

orchestra T-shirt and jeans. Call is at 6:00 pm for all the students so that we may practice the grand finale song. All orchestra families and their friends are invited to attend the season debut of the Apollo Orchestras. In preparation, the Concert Orchestra will have a rehearsal on Wednesday, October 19.

Fine Arts Scary Party

Wednesday evening, October 26

This "just for fun" party is sponsored by the Apollo Orchestra, Band, and Choir. Only members of those organizations may attend, and students must be wearing a costume in order to get in the door. Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to help! Let's get ready to party!



Practice-A-Thon



On Wednesday, September 28, the Apollo orchestra students met after school from 3:45 – 5:00 pm for a Practice-A-Thon and Root Beer Float Social. Thank you to the awesome parent volunteers.

Officers

Apollo Orchestra Symphony Officers have been elected. They are:

President	Emma Petty
Vice President	Landon Adcock
Secretary	Brandy Leising
Treasurer	Scott Wright

6th Grade News

Fall Concert

Tuesday, October 18, 7:00
Apollo Cafeteria

The 6th grade Fall Concert is on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 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 pants. 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! Thank you for supplying the cookies for the reception!

Apollo Cluster Directors

Lynne Thornton—Mark Twain, Yale
 Jody Cies—Big Springs, Terrace, Dartmouth

Private Lessons

One of the reasons the Apollo orchestra program is so strong is because of the number of students involved in the private lesson program. 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 lessons 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.



Best of Luck to the Students

... Trying out for All-Region Orchestra

<u>Violins</u>	<u>Viola</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Emma Petty	Alex Buchanan	Shelby Wood
Vinson Kok	<u>Cello</u>	
Victor Granados	Jack Jarman	
Theresa Wright		





Liberty Orchestra Notes



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

Fall Concert

Monday, October 24, 7:00, Liberty Large Gym



Students will be wearing their new orchestra t-shirts and blue jeans. Call time is 6:15 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. Students will bring a dessert to share at the reception following the concert.

Get Your Pajamas!

The Liberty Jr. High Orchestra is selling pajamas this year to raise money for Sandy Lake and other fun trips we will take this year.



The pajamas are made from left over fabric from companies such as Macy's, JC Penney, Ralph Lauren, and much more. To purchase your pajamas, find a Liberty JH Orchestra student or e-mail Ms. Su at amanda.su@risd.org.

To view the different pajama patterns, go to www.pajamafundraiser.com.

6th Grade News

Fall Concert

**Monday, October 24, 7:00
Liberty Large Gym**

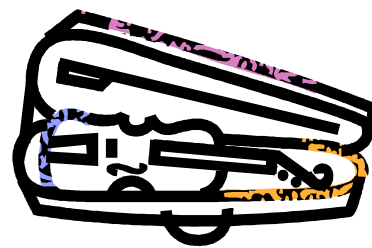
The 6th graders in the Liberty cluster will perform in a joint concert with the Liberty Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras. Call time is 6:15.

Liberty Cluster Directors

Amanda Su
Forestridge, Springridge

Mark Davenport
Audelia, O. Henry

Ashley Johnson
Jess Harben, Richland



Spotlight on Liberty

**Thursday, October 27
Liberty Small Gym**

This is a Liberty Jr. High tradition, and the Advanced Orchestra will be performing at this exciting event. Students will wear orchestra t-shirts and blue jeans for this event. Call time will be announced later.

All-Region Orchestra Auditions

All-Region Orchestra Auditions are on Saturday, October 15. The audition will take place at North Mesquite High School.

Good luck to the following students!

Violin
HeeChul Shin
Elsi Robles
Velisa Allen



Viola
Grace Yoon
Cello
Brandon Nguyen



Fall Calendar

School			Date	Event	Time	Location
B			Oct. 4	Berkner Fall Concert	7:00 pm	St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church
B	A	L	Oct. 15	Region III Orchestra Auditions		North Mesquite HS
	A		Oct. 18	Apollo 6th Grade Concert	7:00 p.m.	AJH Cafeteria
	A		Oct. 24	Apollo Fall Concert (7th-8th)	7:00 p.m.	AJH Gym
		L	Oct. 24	Liberty Fall Concert (6th-8th)	7:00 p.m.	LJH Large Gym
	A		Oct. 26	Music Students Scary Party		AJH
B			Oct. 29	All State Taping		Lake Highlands JH
	L		Oct. 27	Spotlight on Liberty	7:00 p.m.	
B			Nov. 8	Symphony PTA Performance	7:00 pm	
B			Dec. 1	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	BHS Auditorium
	A		Dec. 5	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	AJH Cafeteria
		L	Dec. 5	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	LJH Large Gym
B	A	L	Dec. 9-10	Region III Weekend		North Mesquite HS

Private Lesson Teachers

Violin	Viola	Cello	Bass		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Beth Conway	972-414-3818
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Janet Dugger	972-231-2744
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Jim Higgins	972-699-9219
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Ronald Houston (Near Richardson Med. Center)	972-423-0566
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Inga Kroll (BHS Area)	972-437-6559
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		*Janet Lattanzi (BHS Area)	214-868-6925
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			*Larry Lattanzi (BHS Area)	214-868-6925
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		*Brian Magnus	214-995-8993
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			*Sarah Myers	972-490-5305
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	*Scott Sheffler	214-477-5659

* denotes teachers who come to the schools