



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

Spring Social - CiCi's Pizza - April 15, 5-8 pm

A portion of proceeds will go to the Dave Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund that assists with private lesson costs.

A Message from The President

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to be a chaperone on the Orchestra ski trip to Breckenridge. It was a pleasure getting to know the students better by spending 16 hours (one-way!) on a bus with 40+ of my "closest high school friends." What an amazing group of young adults! You should be very proud. They represented Berkner, the orchestra program and their families very well.

At the end of the school year, I will vacate the Berkner Area Orchestra Club President position that I have held for the past 5 years. I am pleased to say that we have already found a replacement in Janell DiCarlo, who currently serves as our Publicity coordinator. In addition, Vicki Horton has decided to leave the Fund Raising position.

According to our mission statement:

The 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 enhanced 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.

We could not make this happen without the support of our board of directors. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU! **Please contact any director if you are interested in serving in the areas of Publicity or Fund Raising.**



Sincerely,

Lynn Hoffman

BAOC President, 2012-2013

Upcoming Events

Tue, Apr 30, 6-7 pm, AJH Cafeteria
Apollo Peak Preview Concert

Wed, May 1, Eisemann Center
Apollo JH at Peak Festival
Liberty Advanced at Peak Festival

Sun, May 5
Liberty 6th Grade at Sandy Lake

Mon, May 6, time to be announced, AJH
Apollo 6th Grade Rehearsal

Tue, May 7
Apollo 6th Grade at Sandy Lake

Thur, May 9, 9:30-11 am
Apollo JH Recruiting Show

Fri, May 10
Liberty Intermediate at Sandy Lake

Thur, May 16, 7-8 pm
Liberty Spring Concert

Mon, May 20, 7-8 pm
Apollo Spring Concert

Tue, May 28, 7 pm
Berkner Grand Finale Concert

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Visit often for updates!

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Berkner Ram Orchestra



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TMEA

James Lee represented Berkner HS at the Texas Music Educator's Association Convention in San Antonio February 13-16. He made 2nd chair in the first violin section of the All-State String Orchestra!!! GREAT JOB, JAMES!!! We are so proud!



Mr. Needham was elected to the position of TMEA Orchestra Division Vice-President and will serve on the board leading our division for the next two years!

UIL Results

Concert Orchestra, Ms. Johnson— **Sweepstakes!**

Philharmonic Orchestra, Mr. Davenport— **Sweepstakes!**

Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Needham & Mr. Schayot
Sweepstakes!

Ram Fest

Chamber Orchestra participated in Ram Fest at BHS and received a 1st Division rating at Ram Fest Friday, March 22. Way to go Chamber Orchestra!!

Spring Trip

After UIL and Ram Fest, everyone prepared for the **Breckenridge Classic Alpine Music Festival in Colorado.**

The Symphony and combined Philharmonic (including Concert and Chamber students) each received First Division Superior scores from all three judges! Symphony was awarded Best in Festival and both groups were awarded an Outstanding Performance.

Berkner HS took home **FIVE** trophies!!!!

Many thanks to our amazing **Assistant Principal, Karen Black**, and her daughter, **Taylor**, for making the trek to Breckenridge, CO, with the Berkner Orchestras! We are also very grateful to our parent and teacher chaperones: **Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Needham, Mrs. Parsonault, Mrs. Thornton, and Ms. Su!!**

What an AMAZING trip it was!!!!!!!!!!!!

Coming Up

RISD Chamber Music Festival,
Richardson HS, April 13

BHS Orchestra Ci-Ci's Night, April 15,
5-8 p.m. (4750 N. Jupiter Road)

BHS Orchestra Banquet, May 22, 6-10
p.m. Richardson Civic Center Grand Hall

Grand Finale Concert (NEW DATE!),
Berkner HS, May 28, 7 p.m.





Liberty Orchestra Notes



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Congratulations . . .



. . . to the **Liberty JH Advanced Orchestra** on their **SWEEPSTAKES at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest.**

. . . to the **Liberty JH Intermediate Orchestra** on their **1st Division rating at Ram Fest** on Friday, March 23rd.

Tunes on the concert included "Joust" by Meyer, "Appalachian Sunrise" by Gazda, and "Avatar" by Spata. They were awarded a 1st Division rating by all six judges!

They performed "Star Dancer" by Williams, "El Toro" by Brubaker, and "General's Order" arranged by Wang.



Way to go Intermediate Orchestra!



Liberty Advanced Orchestra

Fundraising



We worked hard on our **Express Spring**

Fundraiser! We sold food and goodies from the Express catalogs. Orders were due on Thursday, March 28th and products will be delivered at the end of April.

Thank you for your support of the Liberty JH Orchestra!

Spring Festival Season

Our **Advanced Orchestra** will compete in the Peak Music Festival at the Eisemann Center on Wednesday, May 1st and afterwards will have some fun at Jump Street.

Our Intermediate Orchestra will compete at Sandy Lake Music Festival on Friday, May 10th.



Our **Combined 6th Grade Orchestra** will also be competing at Sandy Lake Music Festival for the very first time on Monday, May 6th.

Good luck to the orchestras!





Apollo Orchestra Notes



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UIL Concert and Sightreading

Both the Symphony and Concert 1 Orchestras performed at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest held at Poteet High School on March 7 and 8.



The students in both orchestras played beautifully on stage and in the sight reading room, resulting in a first division rating from all 6 judges.

The orchestras were proud to take two sweepstakes trophies back to Apollo.

Ram Fest

On Friday, March 22, the Concert 2 Orchestra enjoyed a meal at CiCi's and then joined with the Liberty Concert Orchestra and the Berkner Chamber Orchestra in performances in the auditorium at Berkner. Mr. Larry Lattanzi was the clinician and gave all the orchestras some pointers for taking their performances to a higher level.

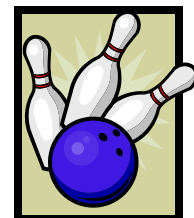


PEAK Festival and Main Event Trip



On Wednesday, May 1, Apollo will enter both the combined Concert Orchestras and the Full Symphony Orchestra (strings along with Symphonic Band members) in the PEAK Music Festival to be held at the Eisemann Performing Arts Center here in Richardson.

Performances are in the morning, and then the students and their chaperones will ride the buses to Main Event for an afternoon of crazy fun.



\$32 is due to the directors by April 22.

Other Upcoming Dates

Symphony performs Recruiting Concert for 5th graders, May 9, 9:30 a.m., Apollo gym.

Spring Concert, Monday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.

Hawaiian Falls Fun Day, May 18 (\$20 per student).

Instrument Drive Nights for 5th graders, May 21 and May 28.

Fundraising



Apollo orchestra students have been selling Ozark Delight lollipops this spring. The lollipops are produced in Arkansas and are hot items with lots of students at Apollo. So far, the orchestra has made over \$600 profit.





Berkner Ski Trip



See more pictures from Ski Trip plus pictures from Berkner, Apollo and Liberty winter concerts and Chamber Music Festival on Berkner Orchestra's facebook page.





Berkner Ski Trip

