



# Berkner Area Orchestra Club

## A Message from The President

A big congratulations to all the Berkner Area orchestras who competed in UIL. What fantastic ratings for all of our orchestras!

I'd also like to say thank you to all of you who continue to support the orchestra program by helping your BAOC in its fundraising activities that support the private lesson program. Car washes and CiCi's Pizza nights are two events that fund the scholarship program. In addition, our wonderful board members in charge of fundraising, Paul and Barb Granados, will be hosting an afterschool Smoothie Sale in April. We'll send out more information as the date gets closer. Every little bit helps fund our scholarship program, so please don't hesitate to come out and have some pizza on one of our CiCi's nights or drop by and have a smoothie in a few weeks.

Lastly, I'd like to start putting a bug in your ear about joining the Berkner Area Orchestra Club Board. We will have a few positions open next year since some of our board members are graduating. The orchestra board is an easy organization to be a part of because:

- We have about six meetings throughout the school year.
- Our meetings are usually about an hour long.
- The work outside the meetings does not take that much time out of your busy day.
- You'll get the opportunity to travel with the students on their yearly trip.
- You'll get to hang with other people who support music.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in learning more about, please don't hesitate to contact me at: [janelltx@juno.com](mailto:janelltx@juno.com). I'd love to answer any questions you might have.



Musically Yours,

*Janell DiCarlo*

BAOC President, 2013-2014

## Upcoming Events

Sat, Apr 5, BHS  
**Richardson Chamber Music Festival**

Fri-Mon, Apr 25-28  
**BHS Orchestra Spring Trip**

Mon, May 5  
**Apollo 6th Grade Rehearsal**  
**Liberty 6th Grade Rehearsal**

Tue, May 6  
**Apollo 6th Grade at Sandy Lake**  
**Liberty 6th Grade at Sandy Lake**

Fri, May 9  
**Liberty JH at Sandy Lake**

Mon, May 19, 7-8 pm, AJH Gym  
**Apollo Spring Concert**

Tue, May 20, 7-8 pm, LJH Gym  
**Liberty Spring Concert**

Wed, May 21, 6-10 pm, Richardson Civic Center  
**BHS Orchestra Banquet**

Mon, May 26  
**Memorial Day Holiday**

Tue, May 27, 7 pm  
**Berkner Grand Finale Concert**

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# Berkner Ram Orchestra



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## Berkner Sweeps UIL!

On February 27 and 28, the Berkner Orchestra competed at UIL Contest at Rockwall Heath HS. All three Berkner Orchestras received straight ones and were awarded Sweepstakes Awards!

Concert Orchestra, Mrs. Moore  
Philharmonic Orchestra, Mrs. Thornton and Mr. Bronson  
Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Needham and Mr. Schayot

We are the only school in our Region to take two full orchestras and to have three separate groups earn sweepstakes awards!

## We are the Hosts with the Most!

On March 5 and 6, Berkner hosted the Region 3 MS/JH Orchestra contest. Over the two days, we had 38 orchestras from Richardson, Garland, Mesquite and Rockwall perform at our school.

It took an army of student help, but the contest ran very smoothly and was a success! Thank you everyone who helped!

## Richardson Chamber Music Festival

We are also hosting RCMF at Berkner on April 5. This is the Richardson ISD version of Solo and Ensemble and we will have many students participating.

## South Padre!

Final trip payments are due.

We will soon be organizing our rooming lists, going over the itinerary, and before you know it, we will hit the beach!

## Banquet

Our Orchestra Banquet is on May 21 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center. Tickets will go on sale in May and will be \$20.

## Grand Finale Concert

Our end of year concert is on Tuesday, May 27 in the Berkner auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

## Graduation

The Berkner Symphony Orchestra will perform at graduation this year on June 8. All senior orchestra members are invited to join this special performance.



**Concert Orchestra**





# Liberty Orchestra Notes



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## Congratulations . . .



. . . to the **Liberty JH Non-Varisty Orchestra** who received **excellent ratings and commentary by the judges at the Eisemann Festival.**

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

Selections included Dragonhunter by Meyer, Fancy Fiddles by Williams and Canyon Sunset by Caponegro.

Selections on the concert portion included A Modal Festival by Marsh, Las Mariposas Exoticas by Spata, and Gamelan by Jutras, arranged by Story. Students demonstrated superior tone, technique and musicianship. They were awarded a 1st Division rating by all six judges!

## What's Coming Up Next???

### Solo and Ensemble Contest—April 5, Berkner HS

Liberty has entered 11 violin solos, 6 viola solos, 5 cello solos, 2 bass solos, and 3 ensembles. Students have been diligently practicing with their piano accompanist, Faye Corkin, to prepare for this contest. All Varsity and Non-Varsity students who are not entered into the contest will perform a solo for a grade in front of the class.



### Sandy Lake—May 9 (7th & 8th Graders) and May 6 (6th Graders)



**All three Liberty Orchestras** (Varsity, Non-Varsity, and Intermediate Orchestras) will enjoy the day outdoors while performing at Sandy Lake Amusement Park on May 9. Students will wear orchestra shirts, school approved shorts or jeans and tennis shoes. Parents will receive a letter indicating payment requirements and other details.

**The 6th graders** of Jess Harben, O. Henry, Springridge, Audelia Creek, Forestridge, and Richland Elementaries will combine into one orchestra to compete at Sandy Lake. They will rehearse together and present a **parent preview on May 5** to help prepare for the **contest on May 6**. Students will play Fancy Fiddles by Mark Williams and Happy Blues by Frost. Cost is \$10 each, in advance, for bus and contest entry, plus some spending money for rides, games, and food on the day of the contest. Students should wear orchestra shirts and school approved shorts or jeans. **Some parent chaperones will be needed**, so parents, if you are interested, please sign up on the RISD website as a volunteer.





# Apollo Orchestra Notes



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## UIL Concert & Sightreading



Both the Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra performed at UIL Concert and Sightreading on March 5 and 6 at Berkner HS.

The students played beautifully and each orchestra earned straight ones from all judges earning them a SWEEPSTAKES trophy!

Way to go Apollo Orchestras!!

## Richardson Chamber Music Festival

Many Apollo Orchestra students will participate in the Richardson Chamber Music Festival on April 5 at Berkner HS.

Students will play prepared solos and ensembles that they have been practicing in class for three weeks.

Good luck, Apollo Orchestra members!!

## PEAK Festival & Main Event Trip



On **Thursday, May 1**, Apollo's Combined Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra will perform in the PEAK Music Festival at the Eisemann Performing Arts Center.

Combined Concert Orchestra will perform at 12:30pm, and Symphony will perform at 1:30pm.

We will all go to Main Event in Plano for an afternoon of fun! Buses will return to Apollo at 6:30pm.



## Other Upcoming Dates

**Symphony performs Recruiting Concert** for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, May 9, Apollo gym.

**Spring Concert**, Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

**Instrument Drive Nights** for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, May 20 and May 28.

## Fundraising



Apollo Orchestra members are still selling Ozark Delight lollipops! They are \$1, and the students love them!



**Apollo Symphony Orchestra**

