



Save Our Kids' Music

A group whose purpose is to facilitate instrumental music education for the youth of Camarillo

SAVE OUR KIDS' MUSIC (SOKM) NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY-MARCH 2009

Save Our Kids' Music Meeting, 3/26 @ 7 pm

The next Save Our Kids' Music Meeting will be Thursday, **March 26th at 7 pm** at the former Los Altos Band Room, C-3. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to find ways to help keep the music alive.

THANK YOU – Toppers Pizza Place

Thank you to ALL those who came out to support Save Our Kids' Music at Toppers on February 3rd. SOKM received **\$562.25** from **Toppers Pizza Place**. Thank you to Toppers for partnering with us to keep the music alive in the Pleasant Valley School District (PVSD).

THANK YOU – Monte Vista Middle School Bands Fundraiser

On Saturday February 21st, the Wallace family hosted a garage sale with the proceeds going to SOKM and the Monte Vista Middle School (MVMS) Bands. The **MVMS Band Council**, along with Band Director, **Miss Trish Copsey**, initially solicited donated items from band families. Once neighbors and friends learned of the sale, the donations became abundant. The MVS Band Council worked hard to sort, price and sell items which ultimately brought in **\$862** for the MVS Bands and SOKM. Now the council has the challenge of determining how they will use the rest of the money. They are considering using some of the funds to help pay for the Disneyland Magic Music Days Workshop they will be attending in April. A special thank you to the **Wallace Family** for hosting the garage sale at their home, and for feeding the hungry band students throughout the day. Also, thank you to the **Dugger, Wallace and Townley families** for their time spent before, during and after the sale providing support for the band.

Monte Vista Middle School Band Council

President: Ted Zwirn, **Vice President:** Camille King, **Secretary/Historian:** Ryan Smith, **Treasurer:** Sami Bennett, **Social Chairman:** Lexi Townley and Megan McClellan, and **Librarian:** Lexi Townley and Danika Elvine.

New West Symphony Music Van

During the month of February, all PVSD 3rd graders experienced the New West Symphony Music Van. **Mr. Chris Kneisel** demonstrated instruments from each of the four musical families: strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. The students learned what is required to produce sound—vibration and that the bigger the instrument, the lower the sound. Both of these are CA State Standards for Music. Then the students were able to actually play the instruments. Thank you to the **New West Symphony** for providing the van filled with instruments and **Mrs. Betty Weyek** for coordinating the event.

Ventura County Middle School Honor Band

Congratulations to **David Gatchel** who was selected to participate in the Ventura County Middle School Honor Band playing clarinet. The experience culminated in a wonderful concert on Feb. 27th.

Advanced students can audition for the California Band Directors Association All State Bands (www.cbda.org), Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association All Southern California Bands (www.scsboa.org/honorgroups/honorgroups.htm) and Ventura County Honor Bands (www.vchb.org). The music and scales that will be required for all the 2010 auditions are now posted on the CBDA website (www.cbda.org). If you are interested in auditioning, please check with your Band Director.

Instrument Donations

The Oxnard Community Concert Association holds a series of concerts during the year and raises funds to provide instruments to schools. The Pleasant Valley School District is very excited to be receiving a violin, two flutes and a clarinet and would like to thank the **Oxnard Community Concert Association** for their generous donation.

March-April Calendar (Check www.sokm.net for the full calendar and flyers)

3/19/09	7 pm	Solo/Ensemble Concert @ Las Colinas, D3	Las Colinas Int/Adv Bands
3/26/09	7 pm	SOKM Meeting @ Los Altos, Room C-3	All parents invited!
3/27/09	Noon	ASB Assembly @ Las Colinas	Las Colinas Bands
3/28/09	7 pm	Pops Concert @ Las Colinas Gym	Concert Band, The Off Beats
4/9/09	11-2	Thursday Somis Club	The Off Beats
4/9/09	3:40 PM	The Off Beats rehearsal canceled	
4/22/09	5:30 pm	Beatnik Café @ Camarillo Library	The Off Beats
4/28/09	All Day	Disney Magic Music Days	LC & MV Adv Bands, The Off Beats
5/2/09	TBA	Mesa Union Music Festival	Monte Vista Advanced Band

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Save Our Kids' Music Website, www.sokm.net

More information, full calendar and printable flyers and forms are available on our website, **www.sokm.net** Check it out!