



# 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 – April/May/June 2009**

### **Middle School Registration**

Intermediate and Advanced Band will be offered during the school day at Monte Vista and Las Colinas Middle Schools. Accelerated Beginning Band is planned for zero period. Contact your middle school counselor to enroll.

### **New SOKM Website**

A huge thank you to Dick DeVillers who is redesigning our SOKM website. Please check frequently over the summer for the latest information about the PVSD Instrumental Music Program at **[www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net)**.

### **Busy Spring Concert Season! (more information at [www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net))**

- The Off Beats provided entertainment at the **Somis Thursday Club** luncheon on April 9<sup>th</sup>. SOKM would like to thank the Somis Thursday Club for their \$300 donation.
- The Off Beats were a big hit at the **Beatnik Café** on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Their photo was published in the Ventura County Star.
- Sixty students earned a trip to the **Disney Magic Music Days** on April 28<sup>th</sup>. A clinician taught them songs from Disney movies, the songs were recorded and then the songs were synced with actual Disney animation.
- Monte Vista Advanced Band rocked at the **Mesa Union Music Festival** on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Congratulations to all the groups for magnificent **Spring Concerts** on May 14th, May 15th and May 16th. All in attendance were very complimentary.
- Monte Vista & Las Colinas Bands performed at their **Open Houses** on 5/20 to rave reviews.
- Beginning Band, Concert Band, The Off Beats, Las Colinas Intermediate and Advanced Bands, Monte Vista Intermediate and Advanced Bands will share their music with the Camarillo Community at **Coffee Bean** and Tea Leaf on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Concert Band and The Off Beats will perform at **PVSD elementary schools** on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Off Beats will perform at **Camarillo Farmer's Market** on May 30<sup>th</sup> and the **Camarillo Health Care** (Convalescent Hospital) on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Las Colinas Bands will perform for the **PVSD Employee Recognition** meeting on 6/4.
- And, last but not least, Monte Vista and Las Colinas Bands will perform at their respective **graduation ceremonies** on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Last week of rehearsal for After School groups is June 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **PTA Honorary Service Award**

The Camarillo Council of PTAs presented Save Our Kids' Music with an Honorary Service Award on May 14th. An Honorary Service Award is "given to an individual or organization in special recognition of outstanding service to children and youth." Congratulations to all those who have been instrumental in establishing and sustaining SOKM over the last 18 years!

**Camarillo Community Band Concerts:** July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM in **NEW LOCATION**—Community Center Park at the Corner of Burnley and Carmen.

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**Thank You City of Camarillo!**

Thank you to the City of Camarillo who awarded a generous grant of \$8,100 to SOKM to purchase instruments: a baritone saxophone, a tenor saxophone, a used tuba, a string bass and a marching bass drum.

**Camarillo Art and Jazz Festival, Saturday, August 29th**

The Camarillo Art and Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday, August 29th in Old Town Camarillo. The evening event will feature Peabo Bryson and Jesse J. For every ticket ordered through SOKM, we will receive \$5 to help support the PVSD Instrumental Music Program. **Order form available at [www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net).**

**A Taste of Camarillo, July 25th and 26th**

The Meadowlark Service Organization has supported SOKM for many years. One of their big events is A Taste of Camarillo Wine Gala, Wine and Food Festival on July 25th and July 26th. **More information at [www.meadowlarkserviceleague.com](http://www.meadowlarkserviceleague.com).**

**Middle School Honor Band Opportunities**

Advanced students can audition for the California Band Directors Association All State Bands ([www.cbda.org](http://www.cbda.org)), Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association All Southern California Bands ([www.scsboa.org/honorgroups/honorgroups.htm](http://www.scsboa.org/honorgroups/honorgroups.htm)) and Ventura County Honor Bands ([www.vchb.org](http://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](http://www.cbda.org)). If you are interested in auditioning, please check with your Band Director. Summer is a perfect time to practice!

**Subscribe to email Alerts**

If you would like to be added to the email list for SOKM Information and PVSD Instrumental Music information, please send your name, phone number, email, student's name, band they are in and home school to [saveourkidsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:saveourkidsmusic@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us save printing costs!

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**Donations Always Welcome!**

We invite you or your company to partner with SOKM to give the gift of music! All donations will be used to teach, purchase or maintain musical instruments for the Pleasant Valley School District. SOKM is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, all donations are tax deductible, and our Federal Tax ID is #77-0409136.

SOKM donation categories are: **Symphony** (\$1,000 and above), **Concerto** (\$500 to \$999), **Rhapsody** (\$250 to \$499), **Fantasia** (\$100 to \$249) and **Overture** (Up to \$99).

**I would like to donate:**

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