



# NOTABLES

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September 2014

## Upcoming Events:

- September 19: Marching Band Half-Time Show, Homecoming
- September 20: Marching Band Competition, Johnston
- September 22: Fall Fundraiser begins ([see page 2](#))
- September 25: Creek 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Family Potluck
- September 27: Marching Band Competition, Linn-Mar
- October 4: [Bands Across the Prairie](#) ([see page 2](#))

*(See page 3 for a summary of our major events for 2014-2015)*

## **2014-2015 Volunteer Opportunities**

We have many opportunities for volunteering for 2014-2015. During the month of **September** we need several volunteers to help with the Marching Band Pit Crew. The event in Volunteer Spot is called "Prairie Marching Band Pit Crew". Join this great group of volunteers to get a "behind the scenes" look at a marching band show! Click on this link to sign up.

### **[Prairie Music Association Volunteer Spot](#)**

The **Fall Wreath & Candy Sale** and [Bands Across the Prairie](#) are two other events in that are looking for volunteers in **October**. [See page 2 for details.](#)

## **WHAT IS PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION ALL ABOUT?**

Are you interested in helping support the Prairie Music Association? To find out what we do, join us at our next meeting.

## **Upcoming Prairie Music Association Meetings**

- September 9, 2014 (Premiere Meeting at 5:30, BAP Meeting at 6:00)
  - October 7, 2014
- All meetings are at 7:00 PM and are held in the High School Band Room.

## Upcoming Concerts:

Watch for concert dates starting in October!

## **Support Prairie Music Association**

To find out about how you can help support Prairie Music Association as a **parent, grandparent, friend or neighbor** click on this link to find out about our [Patrons Program](#).

To find out about how you can help support Prairie Music Association as a [Business Sponsor](#) click on this link and then click on the **Become a PMA Sponsor** box.

Shopping at Amazon.com? Just switch to **AmazonSmile.com**, select Prairie Music Association as your charity of choice and a small percentage of your purchases will be donated to Prairie Music Association. Read about it here: [http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/about.html/ref=smi\\_se\\_uds\\_learn\\_saas](http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/about.html/ref=smi_se_uds_learn_saas)

Please consider signing up for this program and every purchase you make could qualify for a donation to the Prairie Music Association!

## **Did you know...**

You can donate instruments to Prairie students in need. Click [here](#).

**Update on the truck fundraiser!** For our fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 we received \$14,963 in individual and matching donations and one Gold Baton donation from Cassill Motors of \$5,000. We need a total of \$37,500 to reach our goal for the truck to pull the trailer. Please consider a donation to this important purchase for our music programs.

Donations can be sent to:  
Prairie Music Association  
c/o Theresa Blong, Treasurer  
2761 Royal Oaks Dr. NW  
Swisher, IA 52338

## **BANDS ACROSS THE PRAIRIE PLANNING MEETING**

All committee chair people and anyone interested in learning more about helping out with the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual "Bands Across the Prairie" Marching Band Invitational are invited to attend our next meeting, **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00** in the High School Band Room. The Prairie Music Association meeting is immediately afterwards at 7:00 PM. Please contact Julie Farmer at [jfarmer@southslope.net](mailto:jfarmer@southslope.net) with questions.



Please consider signing up to volunteer for Bands Across the Prairie on October 4, 2014. We are asking that all music parents sign up for one position at each of our major events this year. We are hoping that parents who do not have a student in marching band will sign up for times at the end of the day so the parents of marching band students will be able to watch their children perform. Please click [here](#) to sign up.



## **FALL FUNDRAISER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

The Fall Fundraiser (Wreath & Candy Sale) begins September 22 and ends October 8 for students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Students will receive their packet from their director. Check out our new vendor catalog from Red Wheel Fundraising with lots of NEW products for sale! Plus, we have the always popular and beautiful Christmas wreaths available.

Volunteers are needed on October 9 and 10, 2014 to help with processing orders. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

Please contact Theresa Johnson, 319-213-2742, with any questions.



## **INSTRUMENT DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

Now is the time that literally hundreds of fifth graders are starting band. Some of our students do not have the financial opportunity to rent or purchase their own instrument. If you have an instrument in playing condition that you are willing to donate, we will have a student that is ready to play it! The best time to donate is the first two weeks of September. Contact Wendy Morton at [wmorton@prairiepride.org](mailto:wmorton@prairiepride.org) to donate.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION  
2014-2015 EVENTS!**

**SEPTEMBER 22 TO OCTOBER 8, 2014: FALL FUNDRAISER**

Our annual Wreath & Candy sale. Please support our association by selling items to your friends and family members.

**OCTOBER 4, 2014: BANDS ACROSS THE PRAIRIE**

“Bands Across the Prairie” is Prairie’s annual marching band invitational. This unique festival offers the ultimate in innovation for marching band performance, education and entertainment. With 17 marching bands and the Prairie “Hawks” Marching Band performing, Prairie will be hosting over 3,000 students and spectators from across the state of Iowa. Additional information can be found using the link to “Bands Across the Prairie” at [www.prairiemusic.com](http://www.prairiemusic.com).



**JANUARY 10, 2015: PREMIERE**

“Premiere” is Prairie’s Show Choir event to kick off the show choir season. With 20 amazing show choir groups performing, thousands of students, parents, friends and family will be on our campus to enjoy the full day of entertainment. Checkout the website at [www.prairiepremiere.com](http://www.prairiepremiere.com). (A link to this web site can also be found on the Prairie Music Association website, [www.prairiemusic.com](http://www.prairiemusic.com).)



**JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2015: SPRING FUNDRAISER**

Our annual Fruit & Candy sale. Please support our association by selling items to your friends and family members.

**APRIL 10, 2015: CURTAIN CALL**

Join us for an elegant evening featuring members of the Prairie High School Show Choirs and Chamber Choir. Desserts and beverages will be served during intermission.

**MAY 21, 2015: JUST JAZZ**

Join us for an entertaining evening featuring Prairie High School’s Jazz I and Jazz II and recognition of the senior members of these groups. Dessert and beverages are served following the performance.

All of these events raise the money to supplement and support **ALL** band and music programs, kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, in the College Community School District. Please mark your calendars for all of these events. We ask that at least one family member of every student involved in music at Prairie (grade school through high school, band, jazz band, choir or show choir) volunteer for a shift for Bands Across the Prairie and Premiere. Volunteer sign-ups will be posted on the

Volunteer Spot web site: [Prairie Music Association Volunteer Spot](#)