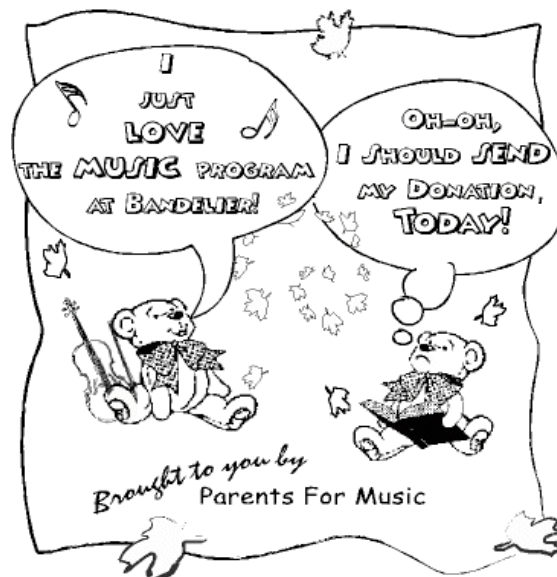


# **Bandelier PTA Music Program**

July 25, 2011

Dear Banda Bear Family:

It's hard to believe that the beginning of the school year is upon us! As you are thinking about registration, school supplies and your summer winding down, the Parents for Music committee invites you to be a part of keeping music alive at Bandelier Elementary.



APS funds our students' music instruction every other year. Banda families provide the funding in the alternating years. We need to raise **\$15,000 each year** to keep music in our school. We need your help to make it happen!

**Why do it?** We believe in supporting every Banda Bear to reach his or her full potential. Our program aims not only to deepen our Banda Bears' understanding of music and music theory, but also to expand their literacy, comprehension and communication skills. Studies show that children involved in music education perform better in their core academics and exhibit fewer behavioral issues. Music also expands their cultural horizons and helps develop creativity.

**It costs about \$100 per child to make our incredible music program possible.** Your donation of any amount helps us get closer to our goal. Gifts greater than \$100 will help offset the cost of a child whose family might not be able to contribute.

**Bonus!** This year, all families who pledge during registration will be entered into a drawing for a free family membership to *Explora* - courtesy of *Explora* board member and Banda parent, Julie Heinrich. Thanks, Julie!

Please do your part to keep music alive at Bandelier.

You may bring your **tax-deductible** donation to the main office at school, drop it off on registration day or you may mail it to the school.

Thank you for all you do to continue Bandelier's tradition of excellence!

Sincerely,

Jenny Black  
Jennifer Ford  
Sarah Masek

Parents for Music Committee

*PS. We are also looking for volunteers to help with our activities. If you are musical, or love music, or simply love the idea of keeping music at Bandelier, **please sign up as a volunteer on the attached form.** We can really use your help!*

# ***Bandelier PTA Music Program Pledge Form***

Though it costs about \$100 per child to make this program possible, **we appreciate donations at any level.**

Please consider:

- Asking grandparents or other family members to invest in your child's music education.
- Asking employers whether they can match donations.
- Signing up for a **Target Credit Card** and designating our program as your charity of choice.
- Donating to our program through the United Way.
- Or sponsoring other students' success by donating above \$100 if you can.

**Checks payable to Bandelier PTA Music Program. Thanks for your support!**

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Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## **Recognition**

- Yes, we would like to be recognized in the *Banda Bear News*: Family Name \_\_\_\_\_
- No, we would like to give anonymously

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

The Parents for Music Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with our fundraising efforts. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please sign-up for our email listing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Our mailing address:

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