



The Pride of Graves County Eagle Bands

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GC Elementary Director: Ellis Shelby

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Dear Band Parent:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Graves County Band Boosters program -- what we are, what we do, and why it is so important that everyone be an Active Member.

The Graves County Band Boosters are parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in the Graves County Band programs from grades 5th through 12th. All band parents from all levels (elementary, middle, and high school) are Boosters.

The Band Boosters goals are to promote interest, goodwill, and financial support for all the band programs and to be the cheering section for all the bands and guard. Being an Active Member of the Boosters allows you to work with and get to know the staff and many of the other band parents and band members. It also means being a part of something that allows you to share in your child's pride and accomplishments. The personal rewards are many!!

Funds raised by the Band Boosters help to support all the band programs and color guard throughout the entire Graves County School System. Funds raised by the Boosters are shared by each level (elementary, middle, and high school) and are used for needs that can not be met by band fees the students pay the first of each school year. Each band program uses the money raised by band fees to purchase supplies that they may need, but when the needs are more than that then the Boosters program funds the rest.

Just a very few of the important needs met by the Boosters last year are: Tuxedo and Marching Band Uniform Cleaning - \$1700; Show Shirts - \$2000; Gloves and Shoes - \$700; KMEA Competition Fees - \$400; Tailgating for the Students - \$1000; Band Video - \$800; Letters and Honor Band Pins - \$650

In an effort to make band fees more affordable, we would like to offer a discount this year. If a student's band fees are paid in full by the first day of school, August 5, 2009, the student will receive a \$25 discount and will only have to pay \$100. If a student is unable to pay his band fees in full by August 5 then they may still make payments but the entire \$125 will be due and payable as soon as possible. Band fees may be paid to Michele Clifton at 1562 Spence Chapel Road, Mayfield, KY 42066 or they may be paid at band camp July 13 – 17 and 20 – 24 or they may be paid to Mr. Williams on the first day of school.

As Band Boosters we help with many of the administrative and logistic functions of the band programs leaving the Directors free to do what they do best – Teach. We have designated committees to fulfill these

responsibilities which allow them to be able to focus on the task at hand, teaching the bands. If you are not sure which area will best fit your interests and talents, please feel free to contact any of the following committee members.

2009-2010 Graves County Band Boosters Officers and Committee Chairs

Jeanna Rogers Elliott – President	705-0438	Unfilled – Props & Pit	
Debbie Beyer – President Elect	804-1065	Kelsey Forbis – Color Guard	
Michele Clifton – Treasurer	978-6806	Danny & Debbie Beyer – Concessions	556-1920
Unfilled – Treasurer Elect		Jeanna Rogers Elliott – Publicity	705-0438
Bobbie Schroder – Secretary	376-5496	Darlen Benefiel – Uniforms	
Unfilled – Secretary Elect		Marie Stewart – Chaperone	705-0796
Janice Tynes – Middle School	705-1004	Unfilled – Tailgating	
Carol Hatley – Fundraising	804-0828		

Janice Tynes is the Middle School Chairman and can be contacted at jretynes@newsbb.net or 270-705-1004. She will be working directly with Mr. Jonathan Light concerning any issues specifically relating to the GC Middle School band members and will serve as liaison with the middle school band parents.

Everyone can help make a difference in the Graves County Schools band programs. Some parents are fortunate enough to be able to give many hours where others are limited to assisting occasionally. Regardless of the time you are able or willing to share, your involvement will be positive, productive, fun, and will benefit an outstanding group of young men and women.

It is often said that the parents of band members are the hardest working parents in the school system, from getting the kids to practice to late night trips to the school to pick them up, working concessions, and all the many other tasks that are just too numerous to list. The Band Boosters program is devoted to all the students in all the band programs and it simply could not be done without the support of our Parents/Boosters!

Please consider contributing your time whenever and wherever you can. You will become a part of what makes being in “The Pride of Graves County” band programs the best possible experience for our students.

Keep up to date by visiting our website <http://prideofgravescounty.org>

Sincerely,

Jeanna Rogers Elliott
President Graves County Band Boosters

Debbie Beyer
President-Elect Graves County Band Boosters