

# NOTABLES

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June 2015

## Upcoming Events:

- June 9: Marching Band Parent Meeting, High School Band Room
- July 4: Ely Fireman's Breakfast
- July 8: Show Choir Choreography Workshops, Prairie High School
- July 15: Marching Band Leadership Workshop, Ankeny

(See page 3 for [2015/2016 Event Information](#))

## THANK YOU!

*THANK YOU* to everyone who helped with the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Reception and Just Jazz in May and with *ALL* of our 2014/2015 school year events!

## 2015-2016 Volunteer Opportunities

### Board Members and Committee Chairs needed!

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fall Fundraiser Chair (Can have co-chairs)

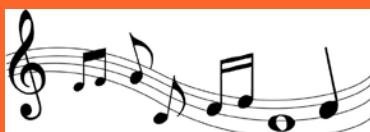
If you are interested in filling one of these roles for the 2015-2016 school year, please contact Michelle Krapfl at [michelle.krapfl@mcgladrey.com](mailto:michelle.krapfl@mcgladrey.com) or Brenda Swanson at [shueyfamily4@yahoo.com](mailto:shueyfamily4@yahoo.com).

### Upcoming Prairie Music Association Meetings

June 9, 2015

August 2015 – watch for date to be determined

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the High School Band Room



## Upcoming Concerts:

- June 21: Cedar Rapids Metro Youth Ensemble
- July 3: North Corridor Jazz All Stars  
*(see page 2 for additional information)*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

...to the students who were selected for 2015/2016 Focal Point and Ambassadors Show Choirs

[http://www.prairiechoirs.blogspot.com/p/new\\_s.html](http://www.prairiechoirs.blogspot.com/p/new_s.html)

## Focal Point/Ambassadors Choreography Workshops

The choreography session on July 8th is for all students in a 2015-2016 Prairie Show Choir. The session will be held on the Concert Hall stage.

All girls (both groups): 9 AM-Noon

All boys (both groups): 1-4 PM

## CONGRATULATIONS!

...to the students who were selected for 2015/2016 Jazz I and Jazz II

<https://sites.google.com/site/phsjazzauditions/home/audition-results>

## 2015 Marching Band Show Announced:

<https://sites.google.com/site/prairiehawkband/ensembles/marching-band>

## 2015 Marching Band Camp

Mark your calendars for this year's marching band camp, August 6-7, 10-14. Brochures were mailed to all band students. The \$50 registration and fee were due June 5, 2015.

## WAY TO GO!

On May 9, 2015 the Iowa High School Music Association (IHSMA) Large Group Contest was held at Linn-Mar High School. Groups from Prairie High School that received the highest rating, Division I, were:

- High School Wind Symphony
- High School Concert Chorale Choir

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CEDAR RAPIDS METRO YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS

In only its second year of existence, the CEDAR RAPIDS METRO YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE is a highly select group made up of the top wind and percussion players from the area high schools of Jefferson, Kennedy, Washington, Linn-Mar, Prairie, Xavier, and Marion. Nearly 75% of the ensemble are All-State musicians, or were recalled and/or alternates to the All-State Band and Orchestra. The CRMYWE has three summer rehearsals with a guest Director, and then performs a concert prior to the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band Concert at Ellis Park on Sunday, June 21 at 6:30 pm.

Representing the Prairie High School Band program in this year's CRMYWE are the following students:

Amanda Happel (flute)  
Alex Tjelmeland (oboe)  
Paul Danker (bassoon)  
Emily Northup (clarinet)

Nicholas Mohling (alto sax)  
Blake Krapfl (alto sax)  
Abby Murdock (trumpet)  
Vijay Kamalumpundi (trumpet)

Adam Tiedeman (trombone)  
Josh Piering (bass trombone)  
Taylor Zeller (tuba)  
Seth Strahan (percussion)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NORTH CORRIDOR JAZZ ALL STARS PARTICIPANTS

A select group of jazz students from the "North Corridor" area (from Cedar Rapids to Cedar Falls) will once again be participating in the annual Iowa City Jazz Festival. Under the direction of Steve Shanley, the North Corridor Jazz All Stars present a musically diverse program featuring the many facets of Big Band repertoire. Almost all of these students have been selected to the prestigious Iowa All-State Band, Orchestra, and/or Jazz Ensembles over the past few years. After meeting for only two rehearsals this summer, the North Corridor Jazz All Stars will perform on Friday, July 3, at 1:00pm on the Main Stage.

Prairie is fortunate to be represented by three outstanding students this year: recent graduates **Blake Keating** (tenor sax) and **Josh Piering** (bass trombone), as well as incoming junior **Abby Murdock** (trumpet).

Please consider attending this fabulous event and witnessing the amazing work of these high school jazz musicians.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE  
2015/2016 PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION EVENTS!**

SEPTEMBER 21 – OCTOBER 5, 2015: FALL WREATH & CANDY SALE  
OCTOBER 3, 2015: BANDS ACROSS THE PRAIRIE MARCHING BAND INVITATIONAL  
JANUARY 9, 2016: PRAIRIE PREMIERE SHOW CHOIR INVITATIONAL  
JANUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 1, 2016: SPRING FRUIT & CANDY SALE  
APRIL 8, 2016: CURTAIN CALL  
MAY 20, 2016: JUST JAZZ

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](#)

**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](#).

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**FOLLOW OUR TRUCK**

Sponsor a mile, sponsor a trip – the balance on our truck is **\$17,405**. Help us payoff the balance of the truck by contributing dollars for miles. Follow the truck as it travels through a school year of trips.

In 2014/2015 the truck took the Prairie Hawks Marching Band to competitions at Johnston, Linn-Mar, State Marching Band Contest and the Metro Marching Band Classic. It also made it possible for the Ambassadors and Focal Point to travel to Linn Mar, Marion, Benton Community, Jefferson High School, Orlando and Chicago. Having the new truck and trailer made these trips easier and safer for everyone. Please consider sponsoring some miles.

