



ANDOVER CENTRAL JAGUAR BAND BOOSTERS

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Only six weeks into the school year and already our bands have been busy! 5th graders have played their first notes, the middle school bands are preparing for their first concert in November and the high school band has performed at home football games, Kansas State Fair, Kansas State University Band Day and Greater Andover Days!

Thank you to all of our band families for the support you have already provided this year! We have many, many upcoming volunteer opportunities, and we welcome the help of any band family member. We hope that you will consider spending a few hours working in a concession stand, donating much needed items or even chairing an event!

Wishing each of you a fabulous Fall!

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The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. -- DeAnn Hollis

On Wednesday, September 14, the ACHS Marching Band performed at the Kansas State Fair earning ratings of 1, 1 and 1+. Congratulations to the entire band on a great performance! We are grateful to the chaperones that provided uniform support, drove the instrument truck, loaded and unloaded instruments, and helped make the day fun for all of our marching band students!



MR. GRAY AWARDED GOLDEN APPLE

On September 2, KAKE TV, Papa John's, Davis-Moore and Haddock Computers made a surprise visit to ACMS to award Mr. Gray with the Golden Apple Award. This award is given to teachers who go above and beyond for their students, and Mr. Gray certainly does this every day! In addition to the award, Mr. Hayden was presented with a \$250 check for ACMS and Mr. Gray received a \$250. Congratulations Mr. Gray on receiving this much-deserved award!



On Saturday, September 17, the ACHS Marching Band headed to Manhattan to participate in the Kansas State University Band Day. Our band paraded through the streets of Manhattan, and was thrilled to see many Central fans along the parade route! Being on the football field to watch the K-State band warm up was quite a treat for band students and parents as well! The highlight of the day came at half-time when we performed six songs with approximately 2,000 high school band members in front of a crowd of 50,000! Our color guard was featured during one song, and our drum majors conducted from the end zone. What an incredible day for our young musicians! Thank you to all of the parents who helped prepare sack lunches and treat bags, provided uniform support and traveled with the band.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. BRIGHTUP!

Mr. Brightup was recently named the South Central Kansas Music Educator Association Middle School Teacher of the Year, and is currently one of six teachers (elementary, middle and high school) in the running for the Kansas Music Educator of the Year. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented teacher and musician at the Central schools. Congratulations to Mr. Brightup!





In less than a month, the band boosters earned almost \$400 from the use of reloadable Dillons gift cards! This is FREE money for our band programs!

If you haven't yet purchased a gift card for only \$5 (there's a \$5 balance on the card), print an order form by accessing the band's webpage at: <http://www.usd385.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Andover%20Central%20High%7CBand>. The band earns 5% of your grocery, prescription, jewelry store and gas purchases! WOW!

If you've already purchased a reloadable gift card (THANK YOU!!), please remember to use it when shopping at Dillons, Kwik Shop, Fred Meyers Jewelry or any other Kroger affiliated store!

Show your pride for the Andover Central Bands by purchasing a Band Mom, Band Dad or Band t-shirt...quantities are limited (order form is located on the band's website).



SCKMEA HELP NEEDED!

On Saturday, November 5, more than 1,600 middle and high school students will be at ACHS to participate in the KMEA Middle School Honor Band and High School Band, Choir and Orchestra Honor Band auditions. Needed are concession stand, information desk and hospitality room workers; door monitors; and food donations. Watch your email for more information! We appreciate your help with this event!

The high school and 8th grade bands helped Mr. Brightup celebrate his birthday on September 23! The high school presented him with his very own Cookie Monster cake and sang happy birthday while the 8th grade band enjoyed celebratory cookies courtesy of the band boosters.



Jazz at Central Park The ACHS JV Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Emery, Jazz Combo, and the Varsity Jazz Band, with student teacher Ms. Anderson making her directing debut, kicked off Greater Andover Days with a concert at the Gazebo at Andover Central Park on September 29.



VICE PRESIDENT NEEDED!

What a great way to become involved with the band boosters! Volunteer to serve as vice president (or co-vice presidents) this year and transition to president (or co-presidents) next year!



- October 1** – Greater Andover Days Parade (ACHS only)
- October 5** – SCKMEA District Jazz Auditions (McPherson)
- October 14** – Football game v. Andover (meal provided)
- October 21** – Football game v. Ark City–senior night (meal provided)
- October 26** – Southern Plains Marching Festival, District Stadium
- November 5** – SCKMEA Honor Band Auditions; 7th & 8th grade Honor Band (hosted by Andover Central Jaguar Bands)
- November 12** - Pioneer League Honor Band (7th & 8th grade)
- November 21** - ACMS Band and Jazz Band Concert – 7pm (ACHS)