



# Oak Grove Bands

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Hi Booster Family!

As our Fall marching band season nears an end, I wanted to take a moment to make a few announcements on our current fundraisers. There were many who were not able to make the recent booster meeting so much of this is likely new news. Please take a moment to read this completely so you're fully aware of all details.

## **Fall Fruit Sale:**

As you likely know, we're in the middle of our annual fruit sale this week and next. Your student should have brought home a packet with information and order forms. For many this is the favorite fundraiser of the year because it reminds us that the holiday season is just around the corner! Please do all you can to participate to whatever level you're able. Even a single box is better than none.

Take note of the online order option if you have friends and family outside the immediate area. Online orders can be delivered directly to your out of town friends and family so they can support our group from a distance! Details for placing online orders are on the small blue slips included in your information packet; convenient for carrying around and handing out.

The fruit sale ends Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> so there is still time to get the word out and take in orders. Fruit delivery is in early December, and we'll announce a specific date once it's scheduled with Florida Indian River Groves. We'll also later announce the need for volunteers to unload and sort fruit on the delivery day.

## **Dewey's Holiday Store:**

This update may come as a surprise to you if you weren't at the last booster meeting. Oak Grove Band Boosters has committed to operating a Dewey's Holiday Store this season to round out our fall fundraising efforts. We feel we have an awesome location, and while it will require an all-hands-on effort from our booster family, this is a tremendous opportunity to help provide for the vast needs of our programs. Here are the details:

Opening Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will operate a Dewey's Holiday Store in a retail space located at 4460 Wallburg Landing Dr. in Wallburg. For those that work better with landmarks, this is immediately next door to Chopstix. We are planning to operate the store between the hours of 11AM and 8PM every day (except Thanksgiving) through Christmas Eve. Why is this such an awesome opportunity? Well:

- This location is in one of the busiest areas within Oak Grove's school boundary.
- We are being offered this retail space RENT FREE!
- We will receive 35% of everything sold in our store! Excellent profit margin!
- Our only overhead cost will be a power bill, water bill and a small insurance policy.
- Dewey's provides shelving, cash registers, freezers and all product to our door at no additional cost.
- This taps into "other people's pockets"! If you've attended a booster meeting, you've heard me say this. It means we're not selling more things to the same people you've been selling other things to already.

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So, what's required? How do we all do our part to make this a success??? Well, in short, we need your time! We've created a signup sheet online using the Signup Genius website. This will be our master list, and will provide everyone a real-time look at what our volunteer needs are. Time slots to volunteer in the store are setup in 3-hour shifts throughout each day (11AM-2PM, 2PM-5PM and 5PM-8PM), and you can volunteer for as many as you want. We need a minimum of two people in the store at all times for accountability and safety reasons. Make it a fun time by registering a trusted friend or family member to come along with you. Anything to help fill our time slots.

Our Fundraising Committee will make sure you have the training and support you need in the store. Teresa Duggins, our event coordinator, will also help coordinate scenarios where slight schedule changes might be required for coverage. If you have issues signing up or have questions about volunteering, please feel free to contact Teresa at 336-687-5421. The Signup Genius list is already active and can be reached using this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084da4ac2ba4fd0-deweys/52365124>

Invitations will also be sent to everyone who has submitted an email address to the boosters email list, and this link will be posted on our website ASAP.

It goes without saying that this is a massive commitment, but it's one that I know we can fulfill. Other schools in the area are taking on this same opportunity this season, and have seen huge success in past years. I know we can do the same! We have a great relationship with the building owner, with our Dewey's representative, and other community businesses, so the pieces are in place. Now we need you! We need some of your time, we need you to spread the word, and we need you to encourage each other to jump in, team up and fill our signup sheet.

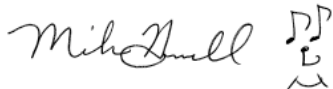
Lastly, please remember that we are a Grade 6-12 booster organization charged with supporting the musical arts programs at both Oak Grove schools. There is strength in numbers, and we need to use that to our advantage in everything we do! Please don't let your student's grade level be an obstacle to your participation. Did I say already that we need you???!!!

If you have any questions about these fundraisers or any other financial needs and/or demands on our organization, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, Mr. Howell or Mr. Larsen anytime.

Musically,



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