

DATE: FALL 2009

TO: All San Bernardino County (Desert Area) Elementary Band Teachers.

FROM: Jeanette Milanez, S.B.C.M.E.A. Desert Elementary Representative.

SUBJECT: San Bernardino County Desert Elementary Honor Band Recommendations.

You are invited to submit the names of your outstanding fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students to be considered for selection to the 2009-2010 San Bernardino County Desert Elementary Honor Band. (Remember that all participating students must be enrolled in their school music program and **all music teachers** must be a member of S.B.C.M.E.A. Teacher membership dues are \$10.) **PLEASE RECOMMEND ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL THREE REHEARSALS AND THE PERFORMANCE.**

Copy and send home the enclosed notification letter with your best students. When the letter is returned, you will know which students are committed to attending this year. You can then submit their names on the recommendation form.

The rehearsals this year will be on three consecutive Saturdays. Rehearsals February 27 and March 6 will be at **Cypress School of the Arts in Hesperia**. (The Jr. High Honor Band will rehearse at the same time at Hesperia Jr. High.) The last rehearsal and performance is on March 13 at **Granite Hills High School in Apple Valley**.

List your musicians in the order of their ability regardless of instrument. **Low winds and low brass are a high priority and nearly all will be selected.** In the selection process the submissions from all of the elementary teachers in the desert area will be randomly shuffled. The top student will then be chosen from each recommendation form, starting at the top and working down, until the desired instrumentation is complete. The submissions go through this process several times (but are only shuffled once) before the selection process is completed. (This is why, for example, your first and third names listed may be chosen – at the point when your form came up, the instrumentation was full for the student listed second.) In an effort to be fair in the selection process, I have enclosed two recommendation forms. If you wish to send in a single list of students from each school that you serve, use form B. (Just photocopy for B for each individual school site that you serve). It is likely that more students will be selected from your district if you use form B since each form submitted will go through the selection process.

Please keep sixth grade students in the Elementary Honor Band, as their presence really helps the other students, and do not nominate third grade students.

This year I am asking how many days a week your students have band so I can choose appropriate music. I didn't realize some have had band 1 day a week, 2 or 3 days a week and 5 days a week. Thank you for your input.

THE DEADLINE FOR SENDING IN NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2009.
I WILL NOT ACCEPT LATE NOMINATIONS!

Send your nominations to:
JEANETTE MILANEZ C/O BARSTOW UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
551 S. AVE H; BARSTOW, CA 92311

OR

JEANETTE MILANEZ; 1310 TARA ST.; BARSTOW, CA 92311

OR

e-mail them to me at lmilanez@verizon.net

Thank you for your cooperation and I hope to see you at the rehearsals.

Sincerely, _____
Jeanette Milanez
Desert Elementary Band Representative.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me:

Cell Phone 1-760-447-2373

At home, after 6:00 p.m., @ (760) 252-8489

Or

Via E-Mail, at lmilanez@verizon.net

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2009	DEADLINE FOR RETURNING NOMINATION FORMS.
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2008	REHEARSAL AT CYPRESS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS IN HESPERIA 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2010	REHEARSAL AT CYPRESS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS IN HESPERIA 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
SATURDAY MARCH 13, 2010	REHEARSAL IN APPLEVALLEY@ GRANITE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY MARCH 13, 2010	PERFORMANCE AT GRANITE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, APPLE VALLEY 7:00 P.M.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

To the parents of _____,

I have been invited to submit the names of outstanding band students to be **considered** for selection to the San Bernardino County Desert Elementary Honor Band. **Your child has not been selected yet**, but I must send in a list of students who, if they are selected, will be able to attend all of the rehearsals and the performance listed below:

Saturday February 27, 2010 Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.
at **Cypress School of the Arts in Hesperia**

Saturday March 6, 2010 Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
at **Cypress School of the Arts in Hesperia**

Saturday March 13, 2010 Rehearsal 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Performance 7:00 p.m.
Granite Hills High School
Apple Valley

I would like to submit your young musician's name for consideration. This is an opportunity for him or her to experience performing with outstanding elementary music students from throughout the desert area of San Bernardino County. There is no cost for participation or for the performance.

If your child can attend all of the rehearsals and the performance, and would like to be **considered**, please fill out and return the attached form.

Thank you, _____
Music Teacher

STUDENT'S NAME _____

Yes, **IF MY CHILD IS SELECTED**, I will arrange for him or her to attend all of the rehearsals and the performance of the San Bernardino County Desert Elementary Honor Band.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

**RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Remember, returning this page **DOES NOT** mean the child listed above has been selected for the Desert Elementary Honor Band!

FORM A

(Do not submit Form B if you are using this form)

San Bernardino County Music Educator's Association
DESERT ELEMENTARY HONOR BAND RECOMMENDATION FORM

Teacher's Name _____

School District _____

School (where **all** music should be sent) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Do not recommend students unless they can commit to all of the rehearsals and the performance. (Also, **indicate treble/bass clef** where appropriate AND **indicate with an * any clarinet player who cannot play above the break!**)

LIST ALL STUDENTS IN ORDER OF ABILITY REGARDLESS OF INSTRUMENT
(Please print neatly so that the information will be correct in the concert program!)

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>Number of days of band a week</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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FORM B

(Do not submit Form A if you are using this form)

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Teacher's Name _____

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