

Buffalo Plains East Music Parents' Association, Box 63, Balgonie, SK. S0G 0E0

## **Concert Bands, Jazz Bands and Senior Choir 2011/2012 REGISTRATION**

**Dear Parents,**

Buffalo Plains East Music Parents' Association (BPEMPA) is an organization of music parent volunteers that support the music programs of the band/choir directors. Every participant in the school band/choir programs at Balgonie Elementary, Edenwold, Greenall, McLean, Pilot Butte and White City schools is required to complete a BPEMPA Membership Registration form and to pay annual membership fees. Even if your child was in band or choir last year, we need to update our records annually. You can register all of your children on a single form.

Please complete the Registration form, attach a cheque and return it to your Music Director by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Cheques may be post-dated up to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and must be made payable to Buffalo Plains East Music Parents' Association or **BPEMPA**. Please do not include your school instrument fees (for example, percussion, French horn, baritone, etc.) as BPEMPA is a separate organization and the fees for using school-owned instruments need to be paid to your school. **BPEMPA Membership Registration Fees for all students must be paid in full by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011** otherwise late fees of \$25.00 per student or \$50.00 per family will apply.

Membership fees provide for the needs of the band/choir program not covered by the school division. The school division does provide teachers, school facilities, sheet music, and several of the more expensive instruments. BPEMPA registration fees and fundraising provide for uniforms, band clinics/workshops such as Headstart, festival fees for local band festivals, such as the Regina Downtowners Optimist Band Festival, food and transportation for Grade 6 Superband day, partial subsidization of out-of-town band trips (to other festivals, clinics, performances and workshops) and financial assistance for things like band camps, honour band, music awards, and scholarships. These items are not covered by the Prairie Valley School Division.

### **2011/2012 Band and Choir Fees**

- Grade 6 - \$50 includes Registration, Headstart and Method Book
- Grade 7 - \$80 includes Registration, Headstart and Method Book
- Grade 8 to 12 Bands and Senior Choir - \$80.00 includes Registration
- Family Rate - 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc. child each receives a \$25 discount.
- Fundraising Buyout (Note: Jazz Auction is not covered by the buyout) - \$60.00 for one student, \$100.00 for two students, or \$130.00 for three students or more.

All NSF cheques will be assessed an administrative fee of \$20.00.

**Headstart** will be held September 13, 14 and 15 and involves three nights of instrumental instruction for all band students in Grade 6 and 7. The program runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening and is held at Balgonie Elementary. Attendance is mandatory for the band students unless excused by their band director.

The **Sweet Sounds of Jazz Auction** is an annual fundraising event organized by the Association. This evening consists of a live auction of donated items, a silent auction, delectable desserts and performances by all Jazz Bands. All band/choir families are expected to participate, either through donation of auction items, cash or desserts. The auction items may be personally donated or obtained from various businesses.

### **2011/2012 BPEMPA Registration Form**

Please complete all information on the registration form. Notices about concerts and fundraisers will be sent via email – you can provide more than one email address on the registration form, if you wish.

Please consider joining the BPEMPA Executive board. Positions will be filled at the **Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. at Balgonie Elementary School**. If you have any questions, please contact your music director; Rhonda Lindskog, BPEMPA President (781-2641); or Kathy Wilde, BPEMPA Treasurer (771-2725).