



The Performance Boost

Everything You Need to Know About the Fine Arts Boosters

July 2013 Edition

Welcome – we're glad you are here! This is our first edition of *The Performance Boost* so as the Gators start off a new year we can bring you up-to-date on the happenings of the LNS Fine Arts Boosters.

Introducing LNS Performing Arts Boosters

In recognition of the growth of North Star's Instrumental, Choral and Theater programs, the LNS Fine Arts Boosters are in the process of becoming a 501c organization so that we are a certified charitable organization. Part of the process is evolving the organizational name to the *LNS Performing Arts Boosters*.

So in this transition phase, until we all get used to the word 'performing' rolling off of our tongues, any time you see 'fine arts' it will be updated to 'performing arts' as the school year progresses.

LNS Performing Arts Boosters Goals

- Create and maintain enthusiastic interest and pride in the Performing Arts programs
- Work with the Program Directors to lend all possible support through various volunteer activities and financial aide
- Take the Boosters to a new organizational level to promote the activities of the Performing Arts Programs at Lincoln North Star High School

Husker Football Parking Continues as Biggest Boosters Fundraiser

Contributing approximately \$8,000 a year to the Performing Arts Programs, this is the Boosters foundation fundraiser. Local company, NEBCO, has generously allowed us to manage their parking lot at 19th and Y streets on Husker Game days.

Parent volunteers are needed each game day to collect the parking fee and direct cars. Students enthusiastically help draw attention to the lot, as there is a lot of competition.

Please consider helping with this project as you plan your volunteer service this year.

Monthly Booster Meetings

Meetings are the first Monday of the month in the Band room (use door 10) at 7 p.m. The open forum format means that meetings are casual and run discussion group style. There are regular agenda items including:

- A brief review of the prior month's financials and minutes.
- Program Director reports on upcoming events and results of the last month's events in the "E-Wing" (which is the title the students use to refer to the area of the school where performing arts classes are held, and the auditorium is located).
- Old Business reviews the activities the Boosters already have in progress.
- New Business is when upcoming volunteer opportunities are announced and items needed for purchase are presented. This also the time for any new ideas or discussion topics are brought up.

Everyone in attendance is encouraged to participate with lots of questions, great ideas and time to hear from both parents and Directors. Votes are taken on throughout the meeting, although this is usually just a formality as items are normally unanimous.

Please feel free to join us for the meetings or contact one of the board members or directors to find out what volunteer opportunities are currently open!

Star Your Yard Fundraiser

For a small donation of \$25, eye-catching Star signs are arranged in your front yard to surprise the honoree with a personalized message. Star displays are available to anyone for any occasion—graduation, academic and athletic achievements such as Honor Roll or lettering, milestone birthday or anniversary, promotion, etc.

A volunteer is needed to help with program.

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A Boost for the Boosters!

Here's just a few of the ways Boosters parent volunteers are needed:

- Approve use of funds. The fundraising the Boosters do on behalf of the Performing Arts is used for things like the purchase and sale of items not provided by LPS. Items like marching band shoes, tee shirts, gloves, and color guard uniforms; musical accessories and supplies for both choir and instrumental music; instruments; equipment ranging from concert chairs to a special backdrop used on the performance stage for all three performing arts programs; and theatrical costumes, supplies and equipment. Often times, the Boosters purchases directly so the items can be immediately utilized.

- Act as chaperones and volunteers as needed for student trips and events.

- Run the "band road crew" to load and unload equipment and help set up the "PIT" for marching band. This minimizes student involvement to reduce the possibility of injury and/or equipment damage.

- Assist the Performing Arts Directors and staff in the administration of any performances including shows, concerts or exhibitions.

- Help build sets and decorate the auditorium and Upper Bayou as requested by the Program Directors. Take tickets and run concessions for all performing arts productions.

- Act as LNS hosts at district and/or regional performing arts events held at LNS.

- Organize parent led fundraisers and assist the Program Directors in program led fundraisers. The parent led fundraisers include the Husker Football parking, the LNS activities calendar and Star Your Yard.

- Feeding the performing arts kids through pot-lucks as requested by the Program Directors.

- Working with other LNS volunteer programs including the Athletic Boosters and the Post Prom committee for activities including tailgates, Gator Fest and sponsoring door prizes at post prom.

- Bringing new ideas and new ways to support LNS performing arts students, assist the Program Directors and show pride in LNS Performing Arts!

2013-2014 Current Board Members

- **President – John Rood.** John's son, Harrison (Class of 2015) plays trumpet in the Marching Band and Wind Symphony. John owns an internet services company here in Lincoln, which sponsors the LNS Performing Arts web site, LNSFineArts.com

John can be reached at 402-770-2624 and jrood@nebraskadigital.com

- **Vice President** – This position is vacant. We'd welcome a volunteer!

- **Secretary and Treasurer – Lisa Rood.** Otherwise known as Harrison's mom (and married to John!) Lisa, a former CPA, is currently adding web site design and development to her resume, and helps run the family business.

Lisa can be reached at 402-730-1870 and lisacurto@hotmail.com

- **Co-Treasurer** – Ginny Stratton. Ginny's son, Payton (Class of 2016) participates in theater and her daughter, Megan (Class of 2017) plays the clarinet and will join the Marching Band and Concert Band this year. Ginny graciously stepped-up to accept the Co-Treasure position. We welcome her to the board.

Ginny can be reached at 402-440-3387 and gis_linc@yahoo.com.

- **Public Relations – Wendy Martin.** Wendy's daughter, Haley (Class of 2016), is a total E-wing kid, participating in marching band with the meliphone and wind symphony with the French horn, as well as concert choir, theater and speech. Sometimes she even stops by home! Wendy has a freelance marketing communications business.

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Meet the Program Directors

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