

August 2008

Dear Parents & Friends,

The Fine Arts Booster Club is entering its fourth year, providing direct funding to our teachers in order to support the arts. Here is a sampling of items your past contributions have funded:

Art - \$1300 Environmentally friendly paints

Theater - \$900 Wardrobe closets, \$1500 Construction for student directed plays

Choir - \$1100 Sheet music, \$900 piano accompanist traveling to competition

Orchestra - \$500 Provided sectional music coaches

Band - \$500 cymbals

Dance - \$500 video recording, \$200 small receipts and film

HISD does not provide the fine arts with a budget, but instead operates on a request-only basis. Your contributions make it possible for the fine arts teachers to quickly access funding, and to provide items for their students that might not be funded.

In trying to assess the needs of each fine art dept, I asked the teachers what they would like to have in their departments. The following is a list of items that we will be trying to fund:

Art - \$500 A document camera, so students can see demos of drawings and paintings up close, \$1000 Wireless laptop for the classroom to view lessons, art history, art criticism, etc. online, \$2,600 A classroom set of Art Talk Textbook, Ms. Wingfield and Ms. McIntyre state that these items would be invaluable in viewing and providing lessons in art, both on CD and actual demonstrations for students. \$1100 (40 @ \$26.99 each) Auto Lock Table Easels.

Band - \$2,000 "Drill" Writer; \$2,000 for Private Lessons

Band – Color Guard - \$2,000 for uniforms; \$4,000 for a floor cover for gym

Choir - \$1000 piano accompanist.

Dance – There are 13 sections of dance. \$175 a session Kuumba House African Dance Classes, \$100 per project Hip Hop Choreography, \$400 Film for auditions.

Orchestra - \$1,000 Uniforms \$500 Wardrobe closets.

Theater - \$900 Digital camcorder, \$1,000 LCD video projector, \$600 Wireless microphone.

On behalf of the Fine Arts teachers, I want to thank everyone for their donations and support. Please be generous in supporting the arts and sign up to be a member of the Lamar Fine Arts Booster Club in 2008-2009.

Sincerely,

Helene Booser, Fine Arts Booster Coordinator

LAMAR FINE ARTS BOOSTER CLUB

MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Lamar Fine Arts Booster Club is a tax-deductible 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to supporting all of the fine arts groups at Lamar High School. Your tax-deductible membership contribution makes it possible for us to provide Lamar with financial support not provided by H.I.S.D.

Orchestra, Band, Art, Theater, Piano, Choir and Dance

Membership Information

Name _____

Mailing address _____

Home phone _____ E-mail _____

Student's name(s) _____

Artistic affiliations _____

I would like my contribution to go toward the artistic department of _____,

Or to be equally divided among the above stated arts: _____.

My contribution for 2008-2009 is \$ _____.

Make checks payable to:

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