

## **FALCON BAND – END OF THE YEAR INFORMATION**

Dear Students and Parents,

This is the final letter of the year for the Falcon Band and it is a long one! We affectionately call this, the Mother of All Newsletters! It is the last mailing you will get from us until July so it is FULL OF INFO!! Mrs. Amato, Mrs. Denis, Mr. Arenas and I want you to know what a great year it was for the band and how much we appreciate the opportunity to work with such a great group of students! We are most excited that we have 360 students signed up for next year's Fowler Band! This will be the largest band in the hundred plus year history of Frisco ISD!

May is always a band program's busiest months! Details of band events for our last 5 weeks of the school year are listed below.

The band's website has seen thousands of first time visitors in the past year and we plan to continue to use the [www.fowlerband.com](http://www.fowlerband.com) website and email as our primary means of communication with parents and students. We are sending this information to you both via email and snail mail. If you don't receive this letter both ways, then we do not have correct information for you.

Ninety percent (90%) of the information contained in this letter has already been distributed to the students and has been posted on the band's website for several weeks.

Please check the website often as it is updated at least once per week...even in the summer!

### **Contest Results (Plenty of Reasons to Brag!):**

This was an AMAZING year for us in our competitions.

It started with the largest number of students making the All-Region Band not only Frisco ISD, but in the entire 32 middle school Region!!

Competing against students from 32 middle schools representing Lewisville, Flower Mound, Southlake, Carroll, Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Grapevine, Colleyville, Little Elm, Lake Dallas, and Frisco, the Fowler Band had **40 students make the band**. Again, this was the MOST in Frisco ISD and the highest number of Region Band members of ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT!

At UIL Contest both the Symphonic Band and Concert Band 1 were awarded unanimous First Division "Superior" ratings in both Concert and Sightreading earning the coveted UIL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD.

Concert Band 1 and Concert Band 2 competed at the Lake Dallas Band Festival and were awarded unanimous first Division Superior ratings. The Symphonic Band capped off a perfect contest year with an award winning performance at the Springfest Band Contest on the campus of the University of North Texas. The Symphonic took home a total of 3 trophies. Symphonic band was awarded a first division trophy with all ones from the judges, and also was awarded a trophy for the Best in Class for the most outstanding CC varsity middle school band of the day. Finally, the judges awarded ONE middle school as the Best Middle School regardless of size of school (Grand Champion). This included competing against ALL middle schools including CCC middle schools whose school enrollment was between 1,200-1,500 students. Competing against the middle schools, the Fowler Symphonic Band won first place for the second consecutive year. If you count the years Mr. Dunham and Mrs. Amato were at Clark MS, then it is 4 consecutive years winning this contest.

Jazz Band 1: At the 2009 TCU Jazz Festival our 7th & 8th grade Jazz Band 1 performed before a national panel of judges and were ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place middle school jazz band in north Dallas/Fort Worth.

Our Fowler Beginning Band competed at the Sandy Lake Band Festival. Even though they had never played together as a full band until 48 hours before the contest, they were awarded unanimous First Division "Superior" ratings from all three judges!

In all the Fowler Bands were judged by 24 different judges with every one rating them as "Superior"!!

Congratulations to all these amazing band students for their hard work and dedication!

## **Beginning Band Rehearsals for the Spring Concert**

**Tuesday, May 5th AND Wednesday, May 6th from 4:00pm-5:30pm**

There will be TWO MORE after school rehearsals in preparation for our Spring Concert on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. This is only the 2nd time for them to play in a FULL 135 piece band setting and we are adding more songs for the final concert. It is very important that they attend these rehearsals. If transportation is a problem, please arrange car-pooling now. Attendance is required and will count as a grade.

## **Beginning Band Spring Concert – Thursday, May 7th, @ 7pm @ FMS Gym**

FMS Beginning Band & Beginning Jazz Bands 7:00pm (students need to be seated in gym by 6:30)

Attire: Semi-formal attire (formerly known as “Sunday Best”). Gentlemen: no shorts, no jeans, or faded/torn pants. Wear shirts with collars (ties encouraged, but optional). Ladies: dresses or skirts (pants acceptable, but no capris). No tennis shoes! DO NOT wear band T-Shirts.

Music Concerts are intended to be professional Fine Arts events and should be regarded as such.

It is our job as teachers to educate our students in proper behavior and etiquette in a formal setting such as a concert or a play.

All students and audience members should adhere to the following basic rules of proper concert etiquette:

- (1) No talking or leaving your seat while musicians are playing.
- (2) Please turn off or mute cell phones and/or pagers.
- (3) Please remove small children from the concert if they are an audible distraction to the performers.
- (4) Please do not bring food or drink into the gym.

Parents: This concert is a required performance and has been on the Band Calendar since August 2008.

It is important that ALL students participate in the concert for the full concert hour to receive full academic credit for the concert. Parents please do not just “drop off” your child for the concert. Your attendance and support is irreplaceable in building your child’s self-esteem and self worth. We know that you will want to attend this concert to salute their year long efforts and accomplishments!

## **Symphonic Band plays at the Beginner Concert – May 7th:**

Symphonic Band will play a short concert at the end of the Beginning Band Concert on Thursday, May 7th. Symphonic students must be seated in the Fowler MS Gym by 6:50. It is important that the beginners hear what 7th & 8th grade band will be like! You will be done by 8:15. Attire: Band Polo Shirt and JEANS

## **Symphonic Band Performance at the Murchison (Univ. of North Texas) – May 12th**

This will be our final time to record our UIL music for the state honor band competition. If you have not heard us play, it will be the last time we will ever play the UIL music because the May 27<sup>th</sup> concert will feature all new music. We canceled the May 9<sup>th</sup> Meyerson performance to be able to play May 12<sup>th</sup> with Liberty HS, Centennial HS and Wakeland HS. We are the ONLY middle school performing. We have paid close to \$1,000 for this chance to play. There is NO soccer game scheduled for this night.

Attire: Band Uniform: Polo, Black Pants, Black dress shoes, Black Socks, Black Belt.

### **Symphonic Band Schedule for May 12th:**

Do not go to 9<sup>th</sup> period, come to the band hall and change into your uniform.

3:30pm - Eat Ci-Ci’s Pizza at school in the band hall: Bring \$3 for pizza and drinks.

4:15pm – Depart for Denton

5:30pm - Arrive: Murchison

6:00-7:00pm - Warm-up and Concert

7:00-8:00pm - Listen to Liberty HS

8:05pm - Depart Denton

8:55pm - Arrive Fowler MS

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### **Beginning Band Solo Contest – Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ Fowler MS**

The beginning band will have their SOLO contest at Fowler on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This is an individual event where the students play their solos with a CD for judges similar for what they did for you earlier this spring with “New World Symphony”. Each student only plays for 5 minutes BETWEEN the hours of 4:30-7:00pm. The judges are band directors from Frisco ISD and they will write comments for them and award them a “rating”, not a ranking, based on their performance. A “one”(I) is considered a “superior performance;” and will received a special ribbon. A “two” (II) is considered good but not great, with a few too many “boo-boos” for the top rating; and a “three” III indicates that they either had a rough day or that their fundamentals still need work. This is a required event. Students must be academically eligible to participate. We will email you next week a list of times for the contest. We ask that you be at the band hall 30 minutes before your time slot and leave campus immediately after you perform and received your rating. There is no additional cost to you as all the fees were paid at the beginning of the school year.

### **7th & 8th Grade Solo and Ensemble Contest – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @ Roach MS**

This is the first year that this contest has not been in January. It will be held at Roach MS. Transportation is not provided to or from the contest. Per our band handbook, all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to participate. Students will be practicing with piano accompanists that we have hired to work with the students during school starting May 5-8 and May 11-15. The accompanists’ services have already been paid for: half from a portion of the fee you paid at the beginning of the school year and the other half graciously donated by our band boosters. The school district has paid the \$972.00 in entry fees for us to compete. Students must be academically eligible to participate We do not have control over the time slots for May 16<sup>th</sup> and students will received their individual contest times next week. We have been assigned the following blocks of time for the competition:

Flute Solos: between 2pm-4:30pm

Oboe and Bassoon Solos: between 10:30am-11:30am

Clarinet Solos: between 12:30-3pm

Saxophones: between 9:00am – 10:30am

Percussion Solos: between 2pm-4pm

Trumpets Solos: between 9:00am – 1:00pm

French Horns Solos: between 12:30-1:30

Trombones Solos: between 1:30pm-3:30pm

Baritone Solos: between 9:30am-11:30am

Tubas Solos: between 9:30am-11:30am

Again, you only have to be there for around 45 minutes.

We have already arranged the accompanists and sent them the music, it really is not possible to change time slots. Ensembles will occur within the same block, but we will make sure they do not conflict with your solo.

### **7th & 8th Grade Band Spring Concert – Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>@ FOWLER MS**

Concert Band II, Concert Band I, Jazz Band II, Jazz Band I (Not for Symphonic Band, see next page)

Time: 7:00pm (students seated by 6:30)

Attire: Semi-formal attire (formerly known as “Sunday Best”). Gentlemen: no shorts, no jeans, or faded/torn pants. Wear shirts with collars (ties encouraged, but optional). Ladies: dresses or skirts (pants acceptable, but no capris). No tennis shoes! DO NOT wear band T-Shirts.

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Beg. Band Students and their Parents are invited to come hear the 7th & 8th grade concert (extra credit) !

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## **Symphonic Band Spring Concert & Fowler Symphony Orchestra Concert**

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @ LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

This is the spring concert of the Symphonic Band as they will not be performing on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the first ever performance of the Fowler Symphony Orchestra (winds, strings, and percussion)

Time: 7:00pm (students seated by 6:30)

Attire: Semi-formal attire (formerly known as "Sunday Best"). Gentlemen: no shorts, no jeans, or faded/torn pants. Wear shirts with collars (ties encouraged, but optional). Ladies: dresses or skirts (pants acceptable, but no Capri pants). No tennis shoes! DO NOT wear band shirts.

## **May Band Final Exam (Placement for Fall Bands)**

Final Exam/Audition material for fall membership in one of the advanced bands was distributed to all 6th & 7th grade band students April 24th. The Students will be auditioning EITHER BEFORE, DURING &/OR AFTER SCHOOL May 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. This audition is the final exam grade and is required of ALL STUDENTS regardless of whether or not they plan to take band next year, are moving, or will attend another middle school next year. This event has been on the calendar since August 2008.

Sixth and seventh grade students will be randomly assigned a 5 minute individual audition slot on the following days BETWEEN the times listed below:

TUESDAY, (May 26th): Oboes & Bassoons (7:30am-8:30am); Saxophones (During School)

Flutes (During School and from 4pm-5pm); Trombones (4:40pm-5:40); & Baritones (5:40-6:10pm)

WEDNESDAY, (May 27th): None; Symphonic Band Spring Concert at Liberty HS

THURSDAY, (May 28th): French Horns (7:30am-8:30); Clarinets (During school);

Trumpets (Between 4pm-6:30pm)

FRIDAY, (May 29th): Tubas (7:30am-8:30am); Percussion (Between 4:00pm-7:00)

Time slots will be issued 2 weeks prior to the auditions. If a student cannot attend the assigned time slot, then it is the student's responsibility to come to a director and arrange a substitute time slot prior to the audition day. Results will be given to the students in the form of personal letters at 4:00pm on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

## **Summer Private Lessons:**

With school being out for the summer, students do not get a daily dose of structured rehearsal time; therefore, it is important to maintain some structure and consistent playing throughout the summer months. We heartily encourage ALL band students to continue taking lessons in the summer in preparation for success next fall.

- FOWLER MS SUMMER LESSONS: Will be AT FOLWER MS on WEDNESDAYS through out the summer starting, Wednesday, June 17th (And will run weekly through Wed., August, 19th)

Cost of Lessons is \$16.00 for one half hour lesson per week. Private teachers are aware that families take vacations during the summer and understand that some lessons will be missed (at no charge) as long as you inform them ahead of time. All band students will be contacted by a private teacher in early May to see if you are interested in summer lessons. If your family has to make the financial choice between purchasing a new instrument, attending a summer band camp at a university, or taking summer private lessons, then we would encourage you to choose private lessons!

## **Summer Band Camps (Optional for All grades):**

The band directors (and private teachers) heavily recommend that ALL Band students consider participating in one of the summer music camps offered across the state at various universities. Speaking from personal experience, one of the most rewarding events in my musical life was the first summer that I attended a music camp. It gave me the opportunity to play in a band of my own ability level, learn many new songs, advance farther on my instrument, meet other musicians, and to have FUN. This first summer camp is ESPECIALLY important for those current sixth grade students going into the 7th grade next year!! It would give you TONS of experience in playing in a full band like you will do next year. Many Band Parents arrange car pooling with other students for transportation to these camps.

Although almost every university offers a summer band camp, we recommend the following camps for your consideration based on your family's needs and convenience.

### **Websites listed below are also linked at [www.fowlerband.com/links.htm](http://www.fowlerband.com/links.htm)**

#### **Clarinet Camp** - (Allen High School Band Hall) **FOR CLARINETS ONLY (DAY CAMP)**

June 15-19 (Monday-Friday) 9:00am-4:00pm. Information: [http://www.fowlerband.com/Clarinet\\_camp\\_2009.PDF](http://www.fowlerband.com/Clarinet_camp_2009.PDF)

Cost for the Week: \$150 (Tuition only) a good value! \$10 T-shirt fee

For clarinet players, we would recommend this camp OVER ANY of the other band camps listed in this letter due to the specific specialized instruction you will receive!!

Though not required, this camp will be especially important for those clarinetists making Symphonic Band for next year!

Incredible clarinet college faculty and professional clarinetists teach at this camp!!!!!! DEADLINE: June 1

#### **"Flood" Fire Flute Camp** (Custer United Methodist Church-Plano) - **FOR FLUTES ONLY (DAY CAMP)**

Camp dates: June 28-July 3 (Monday-Saturday) 12:30pm-7:00pm Cost for the Week: \$295 FULL DAY (Tuition only).

Application & TONS of INFO: <http://www.floodfire.com> then click on "Flood "Fire Plano. DEADLINE: June 2nd.

For flute players, we would recommend this camp OVER ANY of the other band camps listed in this letter due to the specific specialized instruction you will receive!! Though not required, this camp will be especially important for those flutists making

Symphonic Band for next year! Incredible flute college faculty & professional flutists teach at this camp!!!

#### **North Texas Middle School Percussion Camp** – Briarhill MS in Flower Mound (DAY CAMP)

Camp Dates: July 23-25 (Tuesday - Thursday). Clinic is from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Register online: <http://www.kwylie.com>

Cost: \$140 (or \$150 if you want lunch provided). DEADLINE: June 17th

Percussionists only. This is camp is taught by the most award winning Percussion Teacher in America, Kennan Wylie!!!!

#### **Baylor University Band Camp** (Waco) (OVER-NIGHT CAMP OR DAY CAMP)

(Applications information available online) <http://www.baylor.edu/busmc/index.php?id=45710>

Camp Dates: June 21-27 (Sunday-Saturday). GREAT Camp! Our students tend to make the top bands. It costs more than Arlington because it is 2 days longer.

On Campus Cost: \$495.00 (room & board, tuition and fees for the week)

Off Campus (Commuter) Cost: \$335.00 (Tuition and fees only).

#### **University of Texas at Austin Band Camp (Austin)** (OVER-NIGHT CAMP OR DAY CAMP)

(Applications information available online) <http://www.music.utexas.edu/campsConferences/Default.aspx#Band>

Camp Dates: June 7-13 (Sunday-Saturday). A VERY GOOD Camp!

On Campus Cost: \$495.00 (room & board, tuition and fees for the week)

Off Campus (Commuter) Cost: \$350.00 (Tuition and fees only)

DEADLINE: May 27th (But this camp fills up BEFORE the deadline)

#### **University of Texas at Arlington Band Camp** (OVER-NIGHT CAMP OR DAY CAMP)

(Applications information available online) <http://www.uta.edu/music/band/sumcamps.htm>

Camp Dates: June 14-18 (Sunday-Thursday). A VERY GOOD Camp with a famous composer for a conductor:

On Campus Cost: \$350.00 (room & board, tuition and fees for the week)

Off Campus (Commuter) Cost: \$200.00 (Tuition and fees only)

DEADLINE: Until Full (register immediately, this camp fills up well before the end of May)

**Plano ISD Middle School Band Camp** (Day Camp)

(Applications available online) <http://k-12.pisd.edu/currinst/music/secintra.htm#summercamp>

This middle school camp is a daytime only camp offered by Plano ISD - but open to FISS students - and held at Plano East Senior High School 3000 Los Rios Blvd, Plano, TX (East of Hwy 75).

It is an ideal camp for those parents who want the kids to have a band camp experience that is close to home and not "over-night" like the other camps. No meals are included. Daily Camp Times: 8am-Noon(weekdays)

Camp Dates= June 15-19 (for current 6th graders going into 7th grade)

Camp Dates= June 22-26 (for current 7th graders going to 8th grade)

Cost PER WEEK is \$65 (for an additional \$20: Bus transportation TO the camp FROM Jasper HS (Ohio & Legacy).

DEADLINE: May 16<sup>th</sup>

**Texas All Star Jazz Camp** - Collin County Comm. College in Plano (2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy @ Jupiter Rd.)

(Spring Creek Pkwy & Jupiter in Plano) (DAY CAMP) [http://www.fowlerband.com/Jazz\\_Camp\\_2009.PDF](http://www.fowlerband.com/Jazz_Camp_2009.PDF)

Camp Dates: July 19-24 (Sunday-Friday). Clinic is from 9-4 with a jazz concert every night!

A VERY GOOD Camp for Jazz! Incredible Jazz musicians from around the NATION ! This is ONLY for Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Baritones, Drum Set players, Guitar and Bass Guitar players, & Piano players. You will have a BLAST!! Off Campus (Commuter) Cost: \$265.00 (Tuition and fees only)

Off Campus (Commuter) PLUS Lunches Cost: \$310.00 (Tuition, fees, & daily lunch).

**Bocal Majority & Operation Oboe**

[www.bocalmajority.com](http://www.bocalmajority.com)

Camp dates: July 13-17 from 9am-5pm in Coppell

For bassoon and oboe players, we would recommend this camp OVER ANY of the other band camps listed in this letter due to the specific specialized instruction you will receive!!

Cost: Bassoons \$225 Oboes: \$230

Sign-up before June 5<sup>th</sup> for the discounted price.

**Fowler MS Band Boosters 2008-2009 (and beyond!)**

We are indebted to Band Booster President Lisalynne Quinn, and current Board members, Deb Owens, Tiffany Powell, Julie Brock, Dawn Zagurski, Scott and Rhonda McVeigh, Kadija Kharmoudi, and many other parents for such a tremendous job this year in supporting the Falcon Band.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you ALL for your leadership and for providing such invaluable support to the band students at Fowler Middle School!!

We will need parents to "step up" and help with next year's Falcon Band Boosters.

**Orthodontics (Braces) and Band**

If braces or any type of oral appliance is in your future, please try to have the work done either in the summer or in late December. You will need a few weeks or even months to get used to the changes in your embouchure (facial muscles) before you can play at the same level as before the braces. For next year's 7th & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, please try not to schedule this type of procedure within a month of any major performance as it would effectively guarantee your child NOT being able to adequately adjust to the change in time to perform.

It is especially important to avoid starting any orthodontics in the months of August, November, March, April or May.

## **Fowler MS Band- August Summer Band Practice (\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED\*\*\*\*\*)**

AUGUST 17th (Monday) = 6pm-8:30pm

AUGUST 18th (Tuesday) = 6pm-8:30pm

AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) = 6pm-8pm & SWIM PARTY (optional) 8:30-10:30 (FISD Natatorium)

Students selected for the 7th & 8th grade bands at Fowler MS will need to attend a REQUIRED three days of summer band. This is where the students will read through the music planned for the year, get our “chops” back in shape, and be given other music and materials. We also have fun!

We hope that this is early enough in advance so that you can adequately plan family vacations away from this important event. If transportation is a problem, please arrange carpooling.

We are planning a swim party following our Thursday rehearsal at the FISD Natatorium (indoor pool)

Details will come later this summer. Again, summer band is required but the swim party is optional.

**Percussion Summer Clinics:** Percussionists going into the 7th & 8th grades, please ADD the following Percussion Clinic dates in August before Summer Band. We will help you arrange transportation if needed. Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> AND Thursday, August, 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-5:00pm @ Fowler MS. Lunches Provided! These three days are mandatory! These percussion camps are where we will be learning the marching drums for the fall! If you don't come, you can't play the cool marching drums!

## **Instrument Cleaning and Maintenance**

All students should have their personal instruments serviced this summer before the start of school. During normal use, woodwind pads become worn, pad heights become uneven, keys get greasy and sluggish. For brass: the interior needs to be chemically flushed, valves polished, slides cleaned and greased, & dents removed. Only a certified instrument repair technician should perform this repair. Music & Arts in Frisco or Allen is whom we recommend for summer cleaning. Their contact info is on the band website

When going to a music company:

Woodwinds should just ask for a “Cleaning” and a “PC” (playing condition) and **not** a “full re-pad” or “mini-overhaul” as these procedures are very pricey and are usually not needed. If the music company recommends the “full re-pad” have a band director examine the instrument first.

Brass players should ask for “PC” (playing condition) and a “Chemical Flush.” The removal of “accessible dents” in the bell area is covered under the “PC” repair.

**SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS:** Inaccessible dents and damages to SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS which are deemed by Mr. Dunham as NOT being from the normal wear of the instruments must be repaired at an additional cost.

**ATTENTION:** Students using FISD owned instruments have already paid for their summer cleaning by their payment of the \$50.00 per semester school instrument usage fee.

**SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS:** Will be cleaned and delivered to Fowler MS on June 17<sup>th</sup> (the day summer private lessons start). Eighth graders going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade band: Before the end of the school year, Liberty High School will bring you an LHS instrument to use for the summer and the fall.

## **THIS IS A GREAT TIME FOR STEP-UP INSTRUMENTS!!**

A beginning instrument (non step-up) is for the first year of playing. A Step-up instrument will last a student through their high school, college & beyond. It is better quality and more expensive, but retains much of its value over time! These horns have significantly less repair costs due to the quality of workmanship.

Flute (open hole!) Emerson 8B, Jupiter “DiMedici” 911, Sonare , Altus 907, or Lyric I or II

Clarinet (wood!) Buffet R13 (The original R13 and NOT the R13 “Limite”)

Alto Saxophone Selmer S80 – Series II or Series III (USED)

Trumpet Bach S180-37 “Stradivarius” in Nickel-Silver (USED)

Trombone Bach 42 BO or Conn 88HO (new or used)

**CONTACT A BAND DIRECTOR** for help in finding one of these instruments USED and for advice!!

They are WAYYYY TOO EXPENSIVE BRAND NEW. Don’t BUY NEW! We have had a lot of success finding good used step-up instruments for hundreds less. Let us help you find a used instrument!! Email us! If your family would have to make a choice between buying a new instrument OR taking private lessons...choose private lessons!

## **Hurricane Harbor Water Park (in Arlington) Spring Trip – ALL BANDS**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> (The day after school is out)**

This is the NINETH year that Mr. Dunham has taken a band to Hurricane Harbor. For those who do not know about this park, it is filled with water rides, splash pools and wave pools.

None of these rides could be considered dangerous, and they have a huge number of lifeguards on duty. We will also be taking one chaperone for every 12-15 kids. We feel that this park is better supervised than Six-Flags. Price of admission includes an all-you-can-eat hamburger & hot dog lunch (with chips and sodas).

**COST: The cost of the trip is \$32.00 per person.**

Please pay by CHECK or Money Order (NO CASH ACCEPTED) by Friday, May 1st.

**(DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Make the check out to “FOWLER MS BAND”

At the bottom of your check, please write the FULL NAME of the student AND write: “Band Trip” or “HH”.

TRANSPORTATION: Via FISD School bus.

9:00am -- Roll Call at Fowler MS (eat breakfast before you come)

7:00pm -- Arrive back at Fowler MS

Even though lunch is provided by the park you will likely need a few extra dollars for drinks and afternoon snacks. Bring a tasteful swim suit, towel, sunscreen, a change of clothes for the return trip, and snack money (optional: sandals and sunglasses).

DO NOT bring CD players or anything of value! Chaperones and band directors WILL NOT be responsible for “watching” these items!!

We have a discounted rate of \$28.00 for Adult Chaperones and younger siblings of band kids (First 20 parents only). If your parents can chaperone contact Tiffany Powell [tiffanypowell1968@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tiffanypowell1968@sbcglobal.net)

Summer Jazz Band is every Wednesday at Fowler MS (Noon-1pm) starting June 17th

**WHAT A GREAT YEAR!!!!**  
**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!!**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!**