

# PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR BAND PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Paul Laurence Dunbar Band Parents' Association, Inc. (BPA) is to lend support, both moral and financial, to the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School Band program and to cooperate with the Director of the Band. Members of the BPA include parents or legal guardians of current band members. The BPA is a Kentucky corporation that is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt, charitable organization. The BPA generally holds six meetings per year: four general meetings, one for elections (November) and one to discuss the budget (May).

The Band Parents' Association will help with any questions that arise during the year. Many members have completed at least one year of band, if not many years! They are glad to share their knowledge and experiences. The BPA consists of a Board of Directors, who works with the PLD Band Directors. The PLD BPA Board of Directors meets monthly and you may contact any of these members with questions or problems. In addition, there are several committee chairpersons which assist the BPA. See a complete list at the end of this booklet.

The BPA supports the band with both time and money and contributes to the band's success in many ways: doing room checks at the hotel as a chaperone, washing and hemming uniforms, hauling a drum cart onto the field, assembling a flag, preparing the newsletter. Everyone works at Legends to earn money for the band. Every job is meaningful in the band effort. Family members have many options to assist with the Association's committees. **Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Bus and Hotel Chaperones MUST be Current on their Band Fees.**

In addition, per Fayette County Public Schools Guidelines and state law, ANY Parent Volunteers must complete the Background Check. This background check is valid for FIVE YEARS. You can apply online at: [webapps.fcps.net/volunteer](http://webapps.fcps.net/volunteer)

## **Parent Volunteers of the PLD Band Parents Association**

There are many opportunities to be involved with the Band Parents Association. It takes SEVERAL parents to "get our show on the road" each season; please consider volunteering for one or more volunteer committees. YOU MAY REGISTER FOR COMMITTEES ON THE PLD BAND TRS SITE, or contact a committee chairperson.

### **Committee Chairpersons**

Most of the Committees listed below have a Committee Chairperson, if you are interested in a Chairperson position, please contact a board member, as the board appoints/approves all Chairperson positions.

### **Board Member Positions**

If you are interested on serving on the Board: President, President –Elect, Vice President – Fundraising, Treasurer, Vice President – Membership,

Secretary, IT/Systems Coordinator . These positions are filled by the nominating committee each fall and each term is January- December.

## **Parent Volunteers & Committees – Continued**

### **●Fundraising**

*Legends:* In addition to individual participation we also need volunteers for the following Supervision positions: House Supervisors and Stand Supervisors.

*Product Collection/Distribution:* Committee members organize, with product orders & product distribution (fruit/nut sale, cheese/sausage sale, etc). Volunteers work on the fundraiser of their choice and support others as needed in collecting money, unloading delivery trucks, distributing goods.

*Community Sponsorships:* Committee members help solicit area businesses for sponsorships.

### **●Performance Support**

*Summer Band Camp* –assist students as needed on and off the field during the two-week band camp. For example, committee members provide students with water and towels, have the first aid kit available, plan for treats for students.

*Uniforms* - fit, alter, maintain and clean uniforms, oversee transportation of uniforms on band trips, and assist students with uniforms before/after football games, contests and concerts.

*Color Guard* - assemble flags and equipment for show, maintain and clean uniforms, assist students with uniforms and equipment before and after football games and contests. Oversee transportation of flags, equipment, & uniforms for band trips.

*Pit Crew* - load, transport instruments and equipment for football games, band trips & concerts. Pit crew travels with the band and is responsible for getting all equipment on the field for performances. You are active during marching season and concert trips. You would not be required to go on all trips.

*Props Construction* - design and build show props, instrument carts and other projects as needed.

*Band Wear/Spiritwear Sales:* Assist with Sales of various band wear items throughout the season (t-shirts, hoodies, etc).

*Show Shirts:* Help to distribute the marching band show shirts to band members at the beginning of the season.

*Section Shirts:* Assist section leaders in collecting money and placing order for section t-shirts at the beginning of the season.

## **●Hospitality**

*Band Banquet:* Committee members plan the spring Band Banquet, which recognizes students' accomplishments and bids farewell to seniors.

*Picnic on the Dawgwood* - work with orchestra and chorus parents in planning and coordinating the spring pops concert. Responsibilities include table reservations, ticket sales, procuring door and raffle prizes, and silent auction items.

*Director's Lunch* – Committee helps coordinate meals for Band Directors & Staff during the two weeks of all day band camp.

*Preview Picnic:* Committee helps with set-up, clean-up and coordinates dinner served after the Preview Picnic performance (end of band camp).

## **●Publicity**

*Committee members-* Inform newspaper and radio/TV stations of band events and achievements, e.g. band camp, competition results, fundraisers, as needed. Photographic ability would be helpful.

## **●Travel**

*Travel Coordinator* - makes all travel arrangements for overnight trips and other travel as required for local contests. Reserves hotel rooms for students, staff, pit crew and chaperones. Arranges for food and other necessities during trips. Travel chairperson will need to travel with the band on overnight trips and work with the chaperone committee.

*Bus Chaperones-* Parents serve as bus chaperones and travel with the students on band trips e.g. contests, concerts, other performances. Signing up as a chaperone does not mean you will go on every trip but you will be available to help throughout the season. Bus Chaperones stay with the band at all times. They help students get into uniforms, provide water, notify directors of any injuries, provide moral support, etc. It is a lot of fun and you are on the "front line."

*Hotel Chaperones* - Parents also serve as hotel chaperones that monitor students at the hotel during overnight trips. Parents work assigned shifts when the students are at the hotel. Also, serve as a contact person to a group of students rooms – making sure they obey "lights out", and schedule a morning wake-up call.

*Tickets* – inform band supporters the ticket prices and order information for contests, collect ticket money, buy tickets, distribute tickets to supporters.

## ●Membership

*New Member* – Current PLD Band Parents provide information and answers to new parents.

*Newsletter* - produce and distribute newsletter.

*Web Site Development* - creates and maintains the band web page

*Parent Nametags* – Generate and Distribute nametags to marching band parents.

*Ride Share* – provide transportation to students who have difficulty with getting to and from practices.



## BAND VOCABULARY

**Band Banquet and Awards.** Held in the Spring each year to honor all band members for their accomplishments during the school year. This is the final farewell for graduating senior band members. The video of the marching band season is a highlight of this night.

**Band Classes at PLD.** There are three levels of band classes offered: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble. After individual auditions in the spring, students are placed according to their experience and ability level. Percussion class is for those playing percussion instruments. Jazz Band and Advanced Jazz Band are additional classes for those students who enjoy playing and learning more about jazz music.

**Band Parents Association (BPA).** All parents/guardians of the band members are considered to be members of the BPA. BPA Meetings keep the parents/ guardians aware of upcoming events, fundraisers, competition schedules, volunteer opportunities, etc. and build the "family feeling" within the band. Get to know the families of your student's new friends! Meetings are usually the Third Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m., band room.

**Band Board** - These are the elected officers of the BPA. They work with the director, Mr. Hood, to develop the budget each year and to coordinate the BPA's support of the band.

**Band Wear.** You may purchase a variety of Items with PLD Band on them – **show shirts**, other T-shirts, polo shirts, sweats, jackets, duffle bags, license plates, bandannas and flags.

**Band DVD (Gerlach Productions).** Each year a DVD is made showing the journey to competitions from band camp to the final performance with interviews of the student; often referred to as “Gerlach DVD”. It is a great remembrance of the hard work and fun that it took to make the great PLD Band! DVD’s are ordered in the winter for delivery in the spring.

**Bands of America (BOA).** BOA is a private organization that provides opportunities for performance, learning, and excellence through music education. It holds several regional and super-regional competitions for marching bands and the Grand Nationals each year in November. The PLD Band will participate in regional and national competition opportunities in 2010. See the BOA website at [www.bands.org](http://www.bands.org).

**“The Beach”** - Really the PLD parking lot (next to the football stadium), where the band practices. “The Beach” is the area under the shade trees where many parents bring chairs and watch practice.

**Color Guard.** This ensemble of students utilizing flags, rifles, sabers and other equipment provides the visual enhancement of the music played by the musicians. Students audition annually to become a part of this group. During the spring semester some guard members participate in concert band while other members take different classes. *See also Winter Guard.*

*Color Guard parents* are part of the PLD Marching Band Family, are members of the PLD Band Parents Association, and are encouraged to attend and participate in the activities of the Association. There are numerous ongoing volunteer opportunities to support the band and color guard. Your help is needed and welcomed!

**Concert Band:** One of the band classes which students are placed into by the band directors. **Wind Ensemble** is another band class which students are placed in by the band directors.

**Field Commanders** are students chosen by audition to conduct the band and serve in many leadership roles for the marching band.

**Graduation.** The Band serves the PLD community by playing at graduation ceremonies at Rupp Arena each year. Participation is required of all band members in the freshman, sophomore and junior classes. It is the last performance of the school year.

**Honors Bands** include the **All-State and All-District Bands**. Auditions are held to qualify for these opportunities to participate with the district’s and state’s best musicians. Information is available near audition times in late fall.

**Jazz Band:** Two jazz band classes are offered to students; the jazz bands have a few performances throughout the year.

**Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA).** KMEA is an organization consisting of over 2000 professional music educators at all levels from kindergarten to the university level who are dedicated to the cause of music education for Kentucky children. KMEA sanctions over 50 marching band festivals throughout the Commonwealth. Distinguished rating at any of the events permits bands to apply to attend the State Marching Band Competition. This event features the top 80 bands. KMEA also sponsors music festivals. This provides an opportunity for students to receive ratings for performing as solo, small ensemble and large groups. (Source KMEA website). [www.kmea.org](http://www.kmea.org)

**Marching Band.** Students in the PLD band program do not have to participate in marching band. Nonetheless, the marching band attracts the vast majority of band students. The marching band is composed of the **musicians** and the **color guard**. It brings excitement to the football field in a treat for the senses combining music with other performing arts. This group performs at football games and competitions. The **Pit** consists of those musicians that play the stationary instruments in front of the field and do not march during the performances.

**Pep Band** participation is required by all band members, both marching and concert seasons. It is a fun time with your fellow members to play at 3 or 4 basketball games, cheering the PLD teams to win!

**Picnic on the "Dawgwood"** is a pop concert and picnic held in the gym in May in cooperation with the PLD chorus and orchestra. It is fundraiser for the entire music department at PLD. You may buy a table or sit in the bleachers, bring your own food, purchase desserts and drinks from the Academic Team, bid on auction items and enjoy performances from the music department. It is an enjoyable night for the whole family.

**Pit Crew** is a group of dedicated parents who transport the Pit instruments and props to and from each performance as well as on and off the field. The Pit Crew also transports the larger instruments to concerts.

**The Pit – Front Ensemble:** Not to be confused with Pit Crew, this is marching band students who do not march, and play on the front of the field during marching band performances. Composed of percussion instruments.

[pldband@gehlbach.com](mailto:pldband@gehlbach.com) – **List Serve.** This is the PLD Band email. All Band communications from BPA and Band Directors is generated to this list. Email Memo will start, “PLD BAND”. Only to be used for important band information. To be placed on the list, contact: [charhenn@aol.com](mailto:charhenn@aol.com)

[www.pldband.org](http://www.pldband.org) – **Website.** Everything you need to know about the PLD Band.

**Red Box** is located on the wall between Mr. Hood's office and the uniform room. It is for payments and correspondence to the treasurer.

**Show Shirt or Band Tee Shirt.** The BPA provides each band member with a show shirt designed based on the theme of the competition show. Show shirts are worn to show pride in the band and as a casual uniform as necessary. Family members and students can purchase additional shirts at reasonable prices. These are great for competitions!

**TRS. The Registration System.** You may find this online at [pldband.org](http://pldband.org) – This is your source to register each family member, including band students. This system also allows you to register for Legends slots, and other fundraising activities.

**Uniforms.** Each band member will be assigned a uniform that will be altered to fit them. Uniforms remain at school and are maintained by the Uniform Committee. Each student is responsible for returning each part of their uniform to the garment bag and placing the bag on the garment racks. The uniform includes accessories, gloves, gauntlets, shoes, socks. Band hats and plumes and color guard hair pieces are kept in separate boxes.

**Winter Guard.** This is a post-marching-season activity for color guard members held during the winter/spring semesters, December - April. The winter guard competes against other color guards on a state, regional and international level. The guard learns a new show routine that is performed to an artist's recorded music instead of the band. They perform on a tarp in gymnasiums. Color guard members are not required to participate in Winter Guard, but in order to participate they must have marched with the color guard in the Fall PLD Marching Band season. This is an excellent opportunity for guard members to strengthen their dance movement and equipment skills. There are additional fees assessed and required fundraising for participation in the Winter Guard season. *See also Color Guard.*

# Paul Laurence Dunbar Band Parents Association, Inc. 2010 Board and Committee Chairpersons

## 2010 Board of Directors

**President:** Judy & Mike Cooper, [pld.band.president@gmail.com](mailto:pld.band.president@gmail.com)  
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## 2010 Committees

If you would like to help with any of these committees, please register on TRS, or contact the committee chairperson listed below.

### Fund Raising

Cookie sale (Jan): Lora Graves, [mlecg@insightbb.com](mailto:mlecg@insightbb.com)  
Flower Sale (April):  
TBA – Band Camp Sale (July):  
Cheese & Sausage (Sept.):  
Fruit & Nut (December):  
Kroger Gift Cards: Karin Dawson, [karindawson@insightbb.com](mailto:karindawson@insightbb.com)  
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Calendar:  
Restaurant Coordinator:  
Sponsorship Coordinator:

### Performance Support

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Co-Chair:  
Band Camp Liz Wright, [shespins@gmail.com](mailto:shespins@gmail.com)  
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Preview Picnic (Meal): Jim Stark, [starkjames@sbcglobal.net](mailto:starkjames@sbcglobal.net)  
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### **Travel**

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Co-Chair: Tracy Bunch,  
Food: Deena Bourne, [deenab@ibc-lex.org](mailto:deenab@ibc-lex.org) 333-9911  
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Hotel Chaperones: Mary Berry, [maryberryky@windstream.net](mailto:maryberryky@windstream.net)

### **Membership and Information Committee**

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Band Room Bulletin Board: Tara Combs, [combstj@windstream.net](mailto:combstj@windstream.net)  
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Translator (Spanish): Olga Hoskins, [ohoskins@yahoo.com](mailto:ohoskins@yahoo.com)

### **Hospitality**

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Dawgwood: Deena Bourne, [pld.band.president.elect@gmail.com](mailto:pld.band.president.elect@gmail.com)

### **Legends**

Legends Coordinators: Harold Putnam,  
Charlene Henning, [charhenn@aol.com](mailto:charhenn@aol.com)  
Legends Scheduler: Laura Brubaker,

### **Color Guard**

Equipment (Flags):  
Equipment (Rifles, Sabres):  
Hair/Make-up:  
Inspiration Committee:  
Uniform Alterations:  
Uniform/Performance Support: