

## **August 2005 Newsletter**

Welcome to the first issue of the Methacton Music Department and Music Boosters newsletter for the 2005-2006 school year. This newsletter is usually published every other month with the intent of informing you of scheduled events, fund-raisers, etc. If you have a child participating in any of the music programs, then, you are a "music booster". The purpose of the music boosters is to provide moral support, volunteer assistance and help generate the funds needed to support the music programs, its professional leadership and students. Our school district can support us only partially; therefore, we must do the rest. With the responsibility to raise funds to support a budget exceeding \$28,000.00, we need the help and cooperation of all to meet this goal. We do this by holding fund-raisers, special events and running concession stands throughout the year. This is a major undertaking and we need your help!

Each Director submits an annual budget for the various expenses the school district cannot afford. These budgets are not extravagant. If we are unable to generate enough profit from our fund-raisers, then, we cannot fund all the items the music department Directors would like to have available for your child. Our dedicated teachers spend many hours of their personal time and resources for the direct benefit of our students. Your participation in any of the music department events will give your child a sense of well being, an outlet for self expression, a lifelong interest, better grades and the opportunity to build strong relationships with peers, teachers and parents.

**How can you help?...by supporting the fundraisers with your time and your dollars.** As the saying goes, "many hands make light work"; your hands are needed to accomplish our efforts. Is there a special talent or idea you would like to share? As our By-Laws indicate, a meeting of the Executive Board Members of the Music Boosters is held the second Tuesday of each month. **We welcome and encourage your attendance** at these meetings, which are held in the new band room, at 7:00 PM. There will also be several **general membership meetings** throughout the school year and will usually coincide with concerts and the like. The **first general membership kick-off**, which includes the Music Department Picnic, and a preview of a performance of the Warrior Marching Band, will be held Thursday, September 1, in the high school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to meet the music department staff. Please arrive early, as "dinner" will begin at 6:00. We also expect to have final plans from the Music Directors regarding the Music Department Trip to Virginia Beach in April 2006.

Please be patient while we upgrade our web site where you can stay informed of our up coming activities and events: [www.methactonmusicboosters.org](http://www.methactonmusicboosters.org)