

HIGHLAND PARK PLAY-A-THON

Our sixth annual Play-A-Thon will be held on **Thursday, March 15th!** This will be during the first day of conferences; I will still be available to meet with parents the day after. Much like a "jog-a-thon," this fundraiser requires participants to collect pledges either based on completed hourly-work or flat donations. Instead of jogging, we will be *practicing* our instruments! Students will be able to complete as many hours as possible between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on the 15th. If each student in the band program collected a total of \$60, we would make over \$10,000 on this one event, not to mention all of the great musical work we could accomplish! Students are not encouraged to go door-to-door to collect pledges. Family and friends are the best place to start; also, remember to check and see if your employer matches donations or would like to be featured as a sponsor on the back of our T-shirts!*

Students will have the opportunity to play music from not only their own class' repertoire, but all of the other ensembles as well! We will also go through method books, sight-reading binders, and preview marching band music. In addition to the large ensemble that will be playing all day in the main gym, **section coaches** will be available at varying intervals during the day. Students will receive a schedule for our guests so that they can plan their time accordingly.

Students do not necessarily need to complete their hours during the time that their section coaches are available; this is a flexible and fun event, where participants will be coming and going as their schedules allow. Donated **food** items (hot dogs, fruit, chips, cookies, drinks) will be available for purchase throughout the day, as part of the fundraiser. Students are also welcome/encouraged to bring their own food, as long as it remains in the eating area.

There will be a pizza party at **8:00 pm** for all students who completed two or more *hours*, at any point in the day! Even if your student finishes their hours in the morning, come back for the party in the evening!

Students will check in with parent volunteers when they arrive, and then check out when they leave. Their "in" and "out" times will be written on their pledge envelope, and then on the number of collection and thank you letters they will need to send out. Students are responsible for sending out these letters to their sponsors, as well as collecting all of their donations.

Our program goal is **\$10,000!** The individual student with the highest total *donations* will win a pair of **BEATS BY DRE EP HEADPHONES!** The class with the highest total *hours practiced* will win a **Dairy Queen Blizzard®** party! Members of the "**12-Hour Club**" will earn competency opt-outs for ¼ of their 2nd semester assignments! 6th grade can also count this on their practice records!

Students must keep track of all of their pledges on their pledge envelopes, and bring these with them to the Play-A-Thon. Donors can pledge an hourly rate for practice or give a one-time flat donation, regardless of how many hours the student practices. Once students have totaled their hours and calculated pledge promises, **all money must be collected and turned in by Friday, March 23rd.** Donors can pay online through our Paypal link on the website; cash or check also accepted. Please make any checks payable to "HPBB" for the Highland Park Band Booster Association.

We need parent volunteers to make this event successful! The assignments will be as follows:

Check In/Out (2 at all times)

- Mark student in/out times on their pledge packets
- Make sure all students have name tags
- Supervise students in halls between gym, band room and eating area
- Fill out pledge collection forms (total student hours X pledge amounts)
- Address "Thank You" letters and fill in completed hours

Food Handler (4-6 at meal times)

- Supervise food distribution
- Handle any money received
- Make sure all food stays in eating area
- Supervise students in eating area

Food Donations

- Cookies
- Hot Dogs/Buns
- Chips (individual bags)
- Soda
- Bottled Water
- Juice (individual boxes)
- Fruit
- Candy (individually wrapped)

Volunteers, as well as parents able to make food donations, are able to sign up on **Better Impact!** Parents must have a volunteer account through the district myvolunteer page, and then select the Play-A-thon event/shifts you are interested in. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about this event.

Thank you for your support,

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