

GEB

Golden Eagle Band News

GEB at Chuck & Lucy's

On Thursday, October 1st, we will be having our first dinner night at Chuck and Lucy's (located at the northwest corner of Coit and Arapaho) from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. 15% of the gross profit will be donated to the Richardson Area Band Club. These funds will be used to provide money for private lesson scholarships, as well as offset the cost of masterclasses.

We are fortunate enough to have the RHS Jazz Band performing at this event as well! The Jazz Band will be playing from 7 pm to 7:30 pm at the restaurant. We hope to have a large audience for their first performance of the year!

If you are unable to join us next week, we hope that you are able to make it at another date during the school year.

- November 5th
- December 3rd
- January 7th
- February 4th
- March 4th
- April 1st
- May 6th



We look forward to seeing you there!

After-game Parties

We have three more after-game parties scheduled after home games this fall:

October 9

October 16

November 6

Admission: \$1

Please help support after-game parties by donating food (the kids are hungry after the game!) or volunteering to chaperone.

Mark your Calendar

October

- 1 GEB Night at Chuck & Lucy's
- 2 Football game - WT White - away
- 9 Football game - Skyline - home
- 10 Little Elm marching competition
- 16 Football game - Lake Highlands - home
- 21 UIL marching competition
- 23 Football game - Molina - away
- 26 RISD Band Showcase
- 30 Football game - Berkner - away
- 31 Centennial marching competition

November

- 5 GEB Night at Chuck & Lucy's
- 6 Football game - Creekview - home
- 19 High school All-region Jazz Clinic
- 21 High school All-region Jazz Clinic & concert

Support the Dodge Hometown Scholarship Program

You may have noticed the brand new Dodge Ram truck parked in front of the stadium at football games this year. That can only mean one thing: the GEB is again participating in the Dodge Hometown Scholarship Program. Students have already received their first batch of tickets to sell.

This has been our biggest fundraiser over the last couple of years. Last year, we raised over \$12,000--and **all** of the money we raise goes to the GEB and benefits our students!

All band families are encouraged to get involved because it is such a great way to raise money for their student's expenses. The tickets are easy to sell because each ticket holder is automatically entered to win a **new** 2010 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab Truck and receives a Hometown Scholarship t-shirt!

Here are a few more details about the program: The suggested donation for a ticket is \$5. For the first eight tickets, \$4 goes directly into your student's account and for all other tickets the whole \$5 goes directly into your student's account.



...and one more reason to support the scholarship program

Last year, Cheri Shapiro (Marketing) and Rhonda Cohen (Publicity) worked hard to market and publicize the value of the Dodge Hometown Scholarship program.

GEB parents and students really supported the program and, after everything was submitted in mid-November, we were notified that the GEB won the top prize for the organization that did the best promotion

and marketing! **The GEB won a \$5000 prize!**

Then, the realities of the downturned economy were felt first-hand by the GEB. Chrysler declared bankruptcy and the GEB's award was tied up in the financial turmoil. In the end, Chrysler did right and made sure that the GEB received its award. The money arrived in August!

Fundraising with Scrip



The Scrip fundraiser is in full swing, with over 40 GEB families registered online. Since June 1, GEB students have earned a total of more than \$1,200 for their respective band accounts. And scrip is EASY! No selling's involved, and you earn money by using scrip gift cards/certificates for the shopping you're already doing. You can get scrip for grocery stores, pharmacies, department stores, home improvement stores, gasoline, hotels, restaurants ranging from fast food to 5-star, catalog merchants like LandsEnd and LLBean, and for the online services provided by iTunes, amazon.com, and HSN.com. Order every week or two and build up your student's account balance.

Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com (notice, there is no 'T' in 'Scrip') and register. You'll need the band's Enrollment Code to register: 44381F2818146. Orders are due every Monday (if the kids are in school), and the orders and checks must be in the band hall safe by 11:00a.m. to be processed with that week's order. The scrip is distributed on Thursdays, between 4:15 and 4:45p.m. in the band hall.

Scrip Ordering Schedule for Fall Semester

Orders due by 11:00am on	Scrip will be distributed on
Monday, Sept 28	Thursday, Oct 1
Monday, Oct 12	Thursday, Oct 15
Monday, Oct 19	Thursday, Oct 22
Monday, Oct 26	Thursday, Oct 29
Monday, Nov 2	Thursday, Nov 5
Monday, Nov 16	Thursday, Nov 1
Monday, Nov 30	Thursday, Dec 3
Monday, Dec 7	Thursday, Dec 10
Monday, Dec 14	Thursday, Dec 17

First order of 2010, spring semester: Monday, Jan 4 – the first day the kids are back in school after the holiday break.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the GEB Scrip Coordinator, Mary Fulbright, at 972-754-3799 (cell) or 972-907-8869 (home), or email her at msfulbright@tx.rr.com.

Special Offers

The following retailers are currently giving an additional percentage when your purchase their scrip giftcards: Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, Bed and Breakfast.com, CVS, Gap/Banana/OldNavy, LL Bean, Shell, Shutterfly, and TGI Fridays.

Fundraising Flash

Our passbook sale has a little over a week to go and we still have a lot of passbooks left. This is a popular and easy fundraiser; each book sells for \$20 and \$10 of that goes to your student's account. Passbooks are available after school or during band class. Sign for up to three passbooks at a time, sell them, bring the money back and get some more! Unsold passbooks and money from sold passbooks are due 10/7 when we get back from Fair Day.

Our next fundraising opportunity is our annual cookie dough and pies/cheesecake sale. This year, a new item is available: scones with different fillings! The sale starts on Monday, 10/12. Money will be collected as you take orders and money (and orders) are due on Tuesday, 10/27. Delivery will be on Thursday, 11/19, just in time for the holidays!

Look for our last fundraising event in November. More details later but I can tell you it's a line of premium handmade gourmet dry mixes for soups, dips, quick breads and muffins. It's locally owned and locally manufactured so buy local and support the Golden Eagle Band!

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Some Things Are Too Good to Change: Homecoming Parade at RHS

Nothing says autumn like a good old-fashioned homecoming parade. Richardson High School is keeper of the seasonal tradition for the Richardson Independent School District. This year's circus-themed parade, "Eagles Soar Under the Big Top," will take to the streets Friday, September 25 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The parade will progress West down Beltline Road from Heights Elementary School to the Eagle-Mustang Stadium parking lot.

This year marks the 50th year that Richardson High School has put on an annual homecoming parade. There are yearbook photographs from the early 1960's documenting a homecoming parade. "Some things never change," she notes, "floats with the homecoming court, fire trucks and decorated automobiles have always had a place in the parade."

The panel of 5 judges will determine winners in various categories. The 2009 parade will include dozens of floats designed by RHS feeder schools, scout troops, academic clubs, and athletic teams; alongside the fire trucks, costumed characters, police escorts and local dignitaries in fancy cars. It's a big commitment, organizing this parade – and a labor of love. "We do it because it is such a great thing for the community," says Annette Reynolds who has been co-organizer of the parade with Sheila Martin since 1990. "It's great to see everyone involved from the elementary students through high school and even the people in the community. People who wouldn't normally participate come out in support of the parade."

The parade, in turn, supports the community. Since 1995, the entry fee for each parade participant is a package of socks and/or underwear for the RISD Clothes Closet which provides school clothes for children who might not otherwise be able to afford them. Last year 4,915 socks/underwear were donated to the Clothes Closet.

"The parade had dwindled to 17 entries when we took it over in 1990," says Reynolds, "that first year we had 67 entries and this year it is closer to 100." Although neither Reynolds nor Martin currently have students at RHS, they continue to volunteer their time and leadership to a committee of parent volunteers. "We want to thank all of the cheerleader parents who have helped us since May when we had our first meeting," says Reynolds.



Richards-Cohen supposes there can't be a parade without a band. "The Richardson High School band was organized in 1947. According to an oral history from long-time Superintendent Dr. J.J. Pearce, their first uniforms were cowboy hats, white shirts and grey trousers donated by businesses in the area," she reports.

Today's Golden Eagle Band is sponsored by Huffines Dodge and recently won the Outstanding Band title and \$5,000 in the Dodge Hometown Scholarship Program – a local campaign/ competition to help high schools across the country raise money. Scott Millsap, Director of Sales at Huffines says, "We have been in business over 85 years serving the local community with Texas Values, we are pleased that the efforts have paid off for GEB."

"We're a big city. The parade is a small town activity that really brings us together."
Annette Reynolds

The homecoming parade will be followed by a Twilight Tailgate party sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium parking lot on Dogwood.

And you'll want to stay to see Richardson High School varsity football team play Sunset High School. The pre-game show begins at 7:00 p.m.

Photo credit: Starla Willis, Todd Cohen

Article written and submitted to the *Dallas Morning News* by Rhonda Richards-Cohen. Visit it here to see more photos:

<http://www.neighborsgo.com/stories/42170>