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## From The Desk of Mr. Murray

What a great year, already! The Playathon is upon us, and Winter performances are fast approaching. The bands sound great, and everyone is smiling. Our program is exuding a renewed sense of passion, spirit and energy, and it is a joy to behold. Students, parents and teachers are working as one, and apathy is banished. At our revamped Playathon, all of our students will make music together, further strengthening our program-wide bond. Huge thanks go out to all those whose efforts are producing tremendous results. Let's keep it up!



## From the Director...

I'm sure you've all heard about the upcoming Playathon. There will be other articles and information in this newsletter along with the explanation in the Handbook and various handouts, and a contract that is no doubt signed and on file at school. It's going to be a great event as always. What I can tell you is that the process leading up the big night has been smoother than ever. All the students in key positions have done a

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## President's Corner

If the pledge groups are playing in your neighborhood, it must be Playathon time again. On November 14, beginning at 8 a.m., Rio musicians in various combinations will be playing all kinds of music until 1 a.m. the next morning. Please support our students who will be providing us with memorable entertainment while raising funds for RABB. Also, encourage middle and elementary

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## 2003-2004 Club Officers and Committee Chairs

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**PTSA Liaison:** *Carolyn Woodruff*  
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Phone numbers and addresses for the above board members are located in the RABB Student Directory.

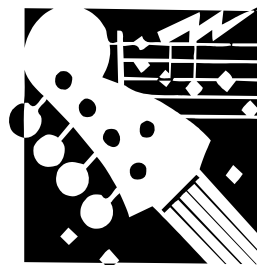
**Rio Americano Band Room**  
971-7512

**Rio Band Website**  
[www.rioband.org](http://www.rioband.org)

## President's Corner

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school musicians to join the Rio students Friday afternoon for the play-along so that they can get a feel for the Rio program and our wonderful students.



As a result of AM Jazz Ensemble's stellar performance in Monterey in April, they were invited back to play at the 2003 Monterey Jazz Festival in September, where the band and numerous soloists sounded great. The Small Ensemble Night in October was a lot of fun for the musicians and the many parents, family members and friends who attended. The performances ranged from Paul Leary on the accordion to Liz Dow's vocals and Josh Murray on saxophone. Arrangements for the AM Jazz Ensemble tour of Japan in June 2004 are moving ahead, under the direction of Yvonne Au.

There is much to look forward to in December. Jazz Bands will perform at the Winterfest at Cosumnes River College (December 13), Small Ensemble at Rio (December 16) and the Winter Concert involving the concert bands at CSUS Recital Hall (December 17). These are great opportunities to sit back and enjoy the selections our music directors have been working so hard to perfect.

If you have not been contacted about volunteering for the Rio-Arden Dinner-Dance, please call or e-mail Olivia Shower or Peggy Ginsberg (addresses in the handbook). They do need your help with this fun-filled evening of raffles, silent auctions, dinner, and dancing to the music of the Jazz Bands.

See you all at the Playathon.

*Fiona Arenson*

### Attention All Rio Band Families

We are counting on you to support the Rio/Arden Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004.

Please mark your calendars for the "LEAP YEAR BALL".

Look for more information in the next Rio Newsletter.

Volunteers are still needed. Please contact the following persons if you can help:

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## From the Director...

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superb job of organizing and communicating. There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and anticipation surrounding the event. We're excited to play for our student body as well as the nighttime concerts we have planned. This is my 22nd Playathon, and I'm sure this will be the best one ever! The format changes and new twists were needed and welcome. You will enjoy all the festivities and the music. See you there!

We're in the process of auditioning the FM and Jazz workshop bands. Placement will be finished before the fall break, hopefully. Our 2nd period jazz students have enjoyed several weeks of intense jazz curriculum including history, listening, theory, improv, sight reading, and jam sessions. Now they're ready to be auditioned. Good luck to all our players.

Tonight was Parent Information Night at Rio. In order to spice up the event, the AM Band was asked to entertain. What a show! The band really cooked. It was the highlight of the evening. Sarah Woodruff spoke about being in band and did an admirable job. Thanks to Sarah for representing us so genuinely.

I was treated to some secret pal/band parent gifts for my birthday on Monday. The fruit/custard/pie/tart/torte/almond/dessert/thing was incredible. The Pete's certificate, mug and caramels were very special, too. It was so fun to get the delivery and unwrap everything. Thank you so much!

That's it for now. See you all at the Playathon. Look for Honor Band information coming soon.

## SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTESTS & AWARDS

### *Emerging Young Artist Awards 2004*

The Emerging Young Artist Awards (EYAA) enables talented young Californians to pursue their dreams of becoming professional artists through financial support. The EYAA opens doors by providing up to \$5,000 per year for four years (\$20,000) to talented young artists while enrolled in a college/university degree program or professional training program in their artistic discipline. Applications are now available on the CAAE web site at <http://www.artsed411.org>

### *Grammy Award Honors HS Music Programs*

Just as the Grammy Award recognizes excellence in recording, the Grammy Signature High Schools program honors public high school music programs that promote and preserve music education as a key part of their curriculum. All public high schools nationwide have the opportunity to apply for consideration as a Grammy Signature School.

Weighted surveys which detail the scope of the music programs are tabulated and top schools are selected to receive the honor of being designated as Grammy Signature High Schools. Of the 52 schools chosen, 43 will receive \$1,000 and a certificate of excellence; seven will be recognized as Grammy Signature Schools "Gold" recipients and receive a special award plus \$5,000 each; one "Gold" recipient will be named Grammy Signature Schools National School and receive an additional \$2,000.

Application deadline: November 15, 2003. Go to [http://www.grammy.com/foundation/signature\\_schools.html](http://www.grammy.com/foundation/signature_schools.html)



**Deadline for the next  
Hornblower  
Is January 13, 2004**

### *Custom Crafts by Lisa*

36x60  
\$20

54x60  
\$30



72x60  
\$40

90x60  
\$50

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[fleeceblankets@earthlink.net](mailto:fleeceblankets@earthlink.net)

<http://home.earthlink.net/~fleeceblankets>

Need a last minute holiday, birthday, or baby shower gift? Why not a KNOT BLANKET? These fleece blankets are the softest ones around! Give the gift that keeps giving. Your family and friends thank you every time they cuddle up in a cozy fleece blanket. (The one you see here has black music notes on white background. Many colors and patterns are available.)

Blankets are double sided – pattern on the front with a coordinating solid back, tied together around the edges. Machine wash and dry the easy care 100% polyester fleece.

Blankets hand made with new fabric in a smoke-free environment.

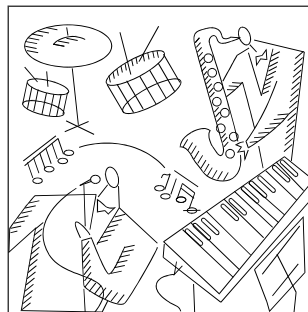
## Updates For The Handbook!

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## Concert Corner



We start off with congratulations to some of our band students for their outstanding academic achievements. Sean Arenson, Jordan Miller-Ziegler, and Jessica Stanley are each National Merit Scholarship semi-

finalists. Additionally, Kate Allen, Leslie Kolafa, and Rachel Stauber are National Merit Scholarship Commended Students. These students' accomplishments are a reflection of the benefits of a well-rounded education that includes the fine arts.

Trevor Johnson was recently promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant in his Civil Air Patrol squadron. Trevor hopes to attend the United States Air Force Academy and pursue a military career.

On a musical note (pun intended), Chris Fairman recently worked with two institutions of the local music scene. He opened for David Houston on September 27<sup>th</sup>, at Luna's Café, and for Anton Barbeau on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at True Love Coffee House.

As a reminder, interested band students should be aware of the upcoming deadlines for the various local, regional and statewide honors bands. Mr. Faniani is your most reliable source, but the self-starting student can visit any of three web sites for deadlines, instructions and applications. The California Band Director's Association is at [cbda.org](http://cbda.org). They sponsor the All-State Honor Band. The California Association for Music Education can be accessed at [calmusic.com](http://calmusic.com). The Capitol Section of the California Music Educators Association can be found at [cmea-cs.org](http://cmea-cs.org). They sponsor regional honor band programs. Deadlines are as soon as December 1st.

Please keep sending news and updates on our students' accomplishments, to Steve Ballanti, [juno@pacbell.net](mailto:juno@pacbell.net).

## Student Directors

We are very pleased to report that the school year is off to a wonderful start. This year's crop of musicians, from the new freshmen to the veteran seniors, is without a doubt the most enthusiastic group this program has experienced in our four years at Rio. As a result, our tenure as assistant directors thus far has been an absolute pleasure. Students have been turning out in droves at the various pledge parties, and the fundraising has been tremendously successful. The student chairs of the Playathon committees have been hard at work for over a month now preparing for the event, and everyone has a great attitude toward helping out.



Our job has been made easy so far by the exemplary service of this year's Band Senate. The concert bands chose their representatives very wisely and the weekly lunch-time meetings of the Senate have been met with great enthusiasm. The high level of participation in the Playathon preparations indicates that the "Imperial Band Senators" are doing a great job of relaying information to their respective bands. For more information on the Band Senate, see [RioBand.org](http://RioBand.org). Speaking of [RioBand.org](http://RioBand.org) (shameless plug? Yes!), the site has been updated for this school year and currently features a survey seeking your input about what information you would find most helpful for the site to provide. If you haven't been to the site since last school year (or ever!), we suggest that you pay it a visit.

We are very excited about the enthusiasm that is prevalent within the program this year. One of Mr. Faniani's favorite mottos is "attitude precedes action," and we feel that this year's group of band students has the right attitude to make this the best year of Rio Band ever!

*Sean Arenson  
Joe Van Brussel*

## Band Senators

### **Instrumental Ensemble:**

*Sarah Woodruff*

### **Concert Band:**

*Kelly Doherty  
John Farrace*

### **Honors Concert Band:**

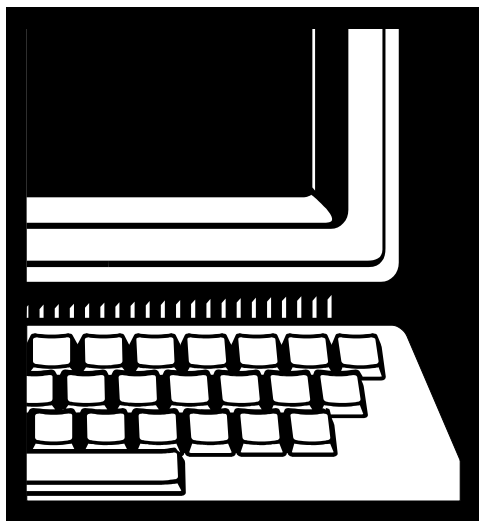
*Kalen Eshoff  
Mike Richardson*

### **Intermediate Band:**

*Kalen Drake  
Alexis Eckstrom-Nelson*

### **Advanced Concert Band:**

*Tom Ishii  
Tom Oliver*



### Hornblower Online!

In an effort to cut down on postage costs, conserve paper, save time, and decrease the amount of paper mail you receive, band families now have the option of reading the *Hornblower* online at [www.rioband.org](http://www.rioband.org). If you would prefer to receive the band newsletter this way instead of the "old fashioned" paper copy, please go to [www.rioband.org](http://www.rioband.org) and click on the Mailing List. Just enter your name and email address, and you will receive an e-mail alert each month when the *Hornblower* is posted. You will also receive periodic e-mailings to notify you of other Rio band news.

You may sign up for the [rioband.org](http://rioband.org) Mailing List and still receive the paper copy of the *Hornblower*, but if/when you are ready to give up the paper version, please email Lyn Masbou at [masbou@attglobal.net](mailto:masbou@attglobal.net). For the subject line, please put "Hornblower On-line". This way we can pull your mailing label and save on postage and paper costs.

Sign up today!

Thank you!

## Rio Jazz

### 2003 Fall Update

The jazz bands are tuning up! After an exciting performance at the Monterey Jazz Festival in September, they are gearing up for a schedule that gets busier as the year moves on. The AM band will play for Rio's Parent Information Night on Wednesday, November 5. It's a great way to showcase our talent and inspire the next class of musicians about what's to come.

FM and Workshop students have learned theory, performance and jazz history, and now begin auditions and placement assessment.

Our Playathon format has changed a bit this year and promises to offer ample musical opportunities, without the fatigue factor. AM and PM will play a 6<sup>th</sup> period concert in the Theater to round out the academic day portion of the event. Be sure to encourage your relatives, friends and neighbors to participate in the after-school play-alongs for elementary and middle school musicians. Ask any Rio musician today, and it's likely they will tell you about their fond memories of their exciting day coming to Rio to play with the "big kids." Now they've become very fine "big kids" themselves!

On December 13, AM and PM bands will perform in the Winterfest at Cosumnes River College. This December tradition provides an opportunity to hear some great music. Times and details will be announced prior to the event

See you at the Playathon!

### Business Card Ads Support RABB

Band parents, alumni, and friends are invited to advertise in the RABB newsletter by submitting a camera-ready black and white business card and a check (\$35 per issue) to: RABB, Rio Americano High School, 4540 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. RABB reserves the right to include business card ads as space permits in the next available issue.



# Japan Tour

The seven-time winner of the Monterey Jazz Festival's High School Competition

## Rio Americano AM Jazz Band

will tour Japan, June 16-29, 2004

The Rio Americano Jazz Band will travel to Japan this summer for a musical and cultural exchange program and performance tour.

To raise money for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the Rio Americano Band Boosters (RABB) will be sponsoring fundraising events to help defray some of the travel costs. Student combos and the Big Band are available for hire. We greatly appreciated your support!

All contributions are tax deductible when made out to RABB.

We are a 501 C(3) non-profit organization.

Our Tax ID number is: FEIN 68-0018985

For more information about the tour, how to hire a band, how to participate in the fundraisers, or how to make a donation, please contact:

Craig Faniani, Music Director, (916) 971-7512, [cfaniani@sanjuan.edu](mailto:cfaniani@sanjuan.edu)

Fiona Arenson, RABB President, (916) 489-5670, [fiona@winfirst.com](mailto:fiona@winfirst.com)

Yvonne Au, Volunteer Trip Coordinator, (916) 481-5403, [YvonneA1@aol.com](mailto:YvonneA1@aol.com)

### Japan Tour Support Form

I will help support Rio's AM Jazz Band for their summer 2004 tour:

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to help on a fundraising committee

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to hire a combo or big band

\_\_\_\_\_ Other – contact me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

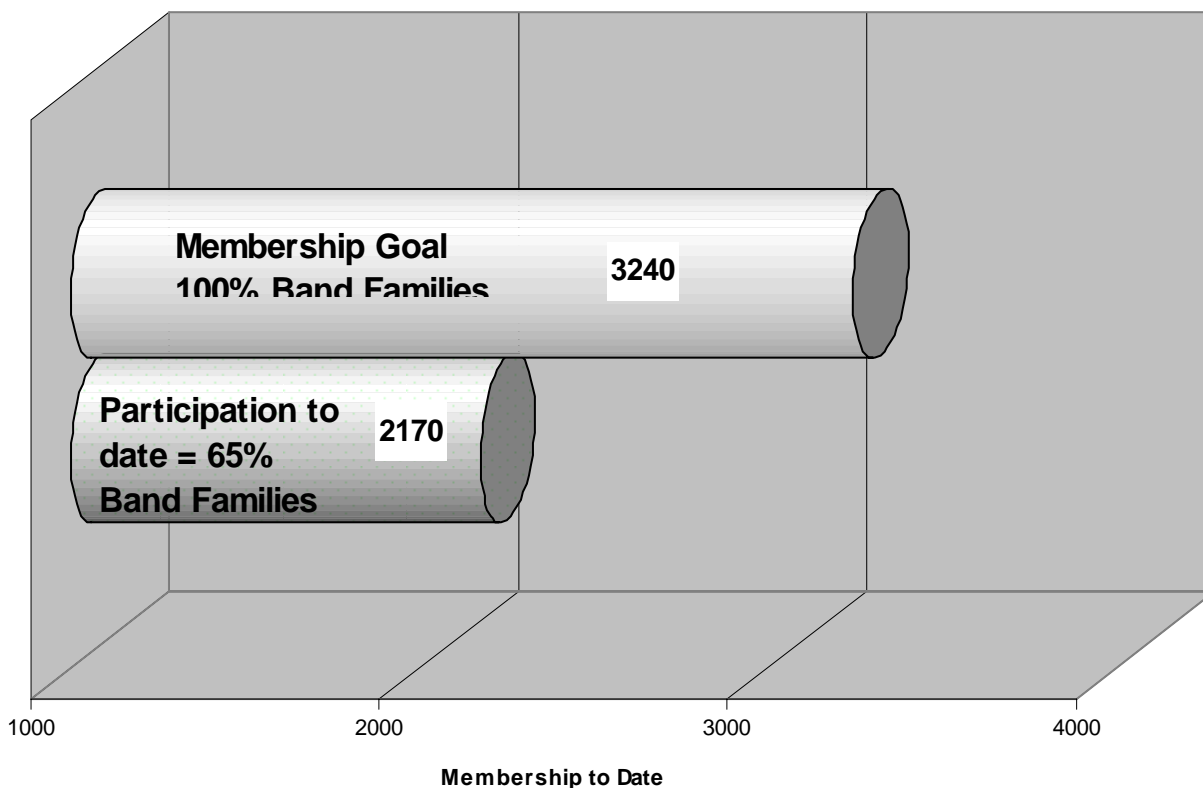
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Rio Americano Band Boosters, Rio Americano High School, 4540 American River Dr, Sacramento, 95864

## Rio Americano Membership Goal



### RABB Members as of November 2, 2003

Adair	Allen	Anderson	Arenson	Asher	Atkinson	Au
August	Bailey	Baird	Balkow	Ballanti	Bandy	Barnett
Barry	Batchelder	Berrin	Berry	Black	Bluth	Bretting
Butler	Caretto	Carrino, P	Carrino, R	Castaneda	Chan	Cristy
Croom	Davis	Davy	DeLoney	Doherty	Dourgarian	Dow
Eckstrom	Edber	Elliott	Faniani	Faraji	Farrace, Ma	Farrace, Mi
Fass	Feinstat	Fingado	Ghiselli	Ginsberg	Grandy	Grissom
Haven	Holl	Inenaga	Ingram	Ishii	Jennings	Johnson
Koire	Kolafa	Kosler	Kruse	Kwett	Lane	Leary
Lennie	Levy	Liberati	Ma	Mantell	Masbou	McGlamery
McHenry	McPherson	Morehead	Morgan	Morrison	Murillo	Naftulin
Namba	Oliver	Pace	Paige	Palmer	Patterson	Pedlar
Pentz	Ragahavan	Reed	Reynolds	Rouge	Roworth	Russo
Ryen	Saied	Sandberg	Schaefer	Schwarz	Shaeffer	Shower
Smith, B	Smith, D&M	Smyth	Stanley	Stauber	Stewart	Taron
Tippin	Totter	Triphon	Tubbs	VanBrussel	Ventuino	Wallace
Werner	Woodruff	Wreden	Yamanaka	Young	Ziegler	

### Rio Americano Band Boosters - 2003-04 Membership

Yes ! We will join RABB for 2003-04 as: \_\_\_ active band family (\$20) or \_\_\_ alumni & friend (\$10)

Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) (please print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$: \_\_\_\_\_ + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ optional donation = check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Make check payable to RABB and mail to:***

***Lisa Pedlar, Membership Chair, 11858 Point Rock Way, Gold River, CA 95670***

I would also like to participate in the Band Booster Activities. Please contact me for:

Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Assembly \_\_\_\_\_ Playathon (Nov) \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Dance (Feb) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dinner Dance Auction \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Year-end Party (May) \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(detach here)

### Join the Rio Americano Band Boosters

The Rio Americano Band Boosters (RABB) is an organization of parents, alumni and friends who support music education at Rio Americano High School. This premier program includes four levels of concert bands, four levels of jazz bands and combos. Rio is fortunate to have an outstanding team of instructors to lead these bands. We look forward to another exceptional year with the Rio band program for 2003-04. By becoming a Rio Americano Band Booster you are voting to maintain and nurture this excellent program.

Band activities include: concerts, fall Playathon, spring Dinner Dance, Jazz Festivals, music conferences, musical support and spirit to the home football and basketball games and rallies, musical support for a variety of school events including graduation, and provides a support-group and home for those who love music.

Donations to RABB help fund essential music department expenses such as:

Purchase and repair of instruments	Music clinics
Hornblower (RABB newsletter)	Guest artists
Parent/student handbook for each family	Master teachers
Purchase of music	Teacher stipends
Transportation to musical events	Support all band activities
Concert programs	Publicity and special events

Your donations this year will help us support the faculty's efforts, meet the challenge of growth, and replace out-dated equipment and music. All Rio music students will benefit by your donation.

The RABB membership fee is \$20 for an active band family regardless of the number of family members involved in the program. Alumni donations are \$10, but all donations are greatly appreciated. We hope every music family will be able to contribute to enhance the music program at Rio!

For information about RABB and the Rio Americano music program, visit the website at: [www.rioband.org](http://www.rioband.org)