



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

BAND TRIP WRAPUP

Hopefully by now, your child (and you if you were on the trip) is catching up on sleep and homework, and has relayed lots of good stories and news about their recent travels. I am happy to report that the Penncrest Band represented itself in the manner in which it is known: with pride and class, and at a high degree of achievement. From the workshop producers, to the parade staff, to our own chaperones, we have upheld our tradition of excellence. The reputation of the program, the school, the district, and the community are all enhanced by the work that our members undertake. Here is an example from an American Airlines flight attendant:

" While getting off the plane on Tuesday, the Chief Flight Attendant stopped me and asked if I was with the group of kids. I told her where we were from and she told they were the best behaved, most polite group of students she had ever encountered! I told her how important it was to us and you would be very happy to hear it." These are the trophies that matter.

In my conversations with students, a number of them asked how my trip was going. I was consistently able to say I was having fun because I didn't have to play cop. I truly enjoyed my trip and appreciated the exercise: we walked between 20,000 and 28,000 steps per day according to people's devices! As we conclude our experience, please make sure all uniforms, shakos, marching instruments and luggage has been taken home.

Please join me in offering thanks to our wonderful chaperones who did such a good job taking care of our band members: Maureen Callahan, Paula Reneissen, Tara Holahan, Marty Holahan, Chris Westcott, Michael Corner, and Sue Snyder. Special thanks to our road warriors who drove the trailer Steve Howells and Jim Rigby. And finally to our marching staff Leighann Fields, Tim Keegan, Alec Scully and David Hearn.

On Sunday April 28th, Alvirne High School Band (from Hudson, New Hampshire) will come to Penncrest as part of their band trip to Philadelphia. They will use our auditorium to perform and receive critique from music adjudicators. As a convenience to this band, we will be providing food for purchase during their lunch break. This will also serve as a small fundraiser for us!

We are in need of volunteers to serve on the committee that will plan and serve lunch to the Alvirne band members. We would like friendly, organized individuals who will be welcoming to our guests! Contact Vides Westcott if you are interested: cdwestcott@juno.com or text 610-405-5967 Thank you!