



Supporting band, chorus, and orchestra students  
of the Manitowoc Public School District

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Hello Music Parents,

After almost a full calendar year of band, chorus, and orchestra lessons without concerts, trips, or parades, it will be nice to return to a normal school year next fall for both students and parents.

But one thing that may be different next school year is funding for trips, equipment, refreshments, and camps. The Music Parents Association has helped provide funding for those items for over 20 years. But due to lack of parental interest, the current school year may be its last.

For those unfamiliar, MPA has always hosted a fruit fundraiser where music students sold a variety of fruit, cheese, sausage, and nut boxes. Students kept all of the profits from the sale – between \$5-\$8 per item sold. Last school year, MPA ran a candy bar fundraiser where students kept all of the profits – \$30 from each case they sold. As you can imagine, these dollar amounts can add up quickly.

With your music student in middle school, now is the time to start fundraising for the two music trips they will have the opportunity to take in their high school years – one is a more regional trip (recent trips were Chicago in 2015, Minneapolis in 2019), and the other is a big trip (for example England in 2017, Hawaii in 2021 but rescheduled for 2022). Many students have been able to go on trips that they would not normally be able to afford without the additional fundraising opportunities offered by MPA.

In addition, MPA provides scholarships for any music student to attend a summer music camp of their choice. In recent years, these scholarships have paid for half of the cost of the camps.

For the school year 2021-2022, the MPA will need at least three new board members (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) to remain alive. Plus, additional volunteers to help brainstorm, plan, and carry out any fundraising ideas they may wish to spearhead.

Please help us continue to impact the lives of our music students by stepping up to help us continue this tradition! We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Our contact info is listed below.

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