

From the Director...



Greetings! The SCIS Bands are off to a fantastic start!

Mark your calendars for the myriad band activities throughout the year. Our first concert is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th as the 7th/8th grade bands travel to University Baptist Church to entertain family and friends at the 2006 Fall Concert. Just the weekend before a mini-camp coupled with a fun-filled event will take place for these bands on October 6th & 7th as they prepare for Region Band Auditions on October 14th at Victory Lakes Intermediate. Our Beginners are also working hard in order to prepare for their debut concert on the 7th of December.

Our tremendous successes are built upon the initial foundation of excellence established when Space Center Intermediate first opened and the band program began. It is a tremendous privilege to share with you our most recent accomplishments. The 2005-2006 Space Center Intermediate Symphonic Band submitted a recording of their contest music for the Texas Music Educators Association Honor Band Competition. The level of competition in our classification was very high at every stage of the audition process. Space Center Intermediate is classified as a "CCC" middle school, which is the largest classification of middle schools based on the number of students enrolled. There were many outstanding bands who submitted their recordings. The region competition was held in early June in Deer Park. The Space Center Intermediate Symphonic Band earned 2nd place in Region 19, advancing to area competition. League City Intermediate School also advanced from our region as two bands from each region advance to area. The area competition took place in Lumberton later in June. We earned 2nd place in Area F, advancing to state. Fort Settlement Middle School also advanced from our area as two bands from each area advance to state.

The state competition was held at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention in San Antonio on July 21. We placed 9th in the State of Texas! Congratulations on receiving such a high honor! We have a reputation of being one of the best bands in Texas, and the accomplishments of the 2005-2006 Symphonic Band continued that tradition of excellence.

In addition, the Space Center Intermediate Symphonic Band was awarded the 2006 Mark of Excellence Overall Outstanding Middle School Band. Similarly, recordings of the band were submitted for consideration; however this was a national competition. As the outstanding ensemble, the Symphonic Band will be recognized in national music publications and at national and regional music educator conventions. Recordings of submitted pieces will be featured in the 2007 Mark of Excellence recording series along with recordings of other national finalists.

I am very proud of all of our students and look forward to another tremendous year with all four of our bands. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to spend a part of the day with them and shape their musical education.

Donald McGandless

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President's Wonderings

Welcome to the Space Center Intermediate School Band! If you are a new band parent, you are in for an exciting year as you hear your student progress from his or her initial squeaks, squawks and false starts to instantly recognizable melodies and rhythms. And if you're a returning band parent, you'll again hear your student progress further in his or her musical ability so that when combined with the other students, the band performs in a manner that it has earned the reputation for being one of the top bands in the state. In fact, last year, all three 7th and 8th grade bands earned Sweepstakes Awards in their UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest, making the SCIS Band only one of ten in Texas to earn this honor. Further, the Symphonic Band placed 9th in the Honor Band competition and placed 1st in the 2006 Mark of Excellence competition. These honors were earned by the combined efforts of dedicated students, supportive parents, and the talented and hard-working directors. The directors, **Mr. McCandless, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Zavala**, spend many hours helping students to improve their musical skills as well as enhance their social skills. They accomplish this through daily classes, weekly sectionals, special practices, clinics with outside clinicians, and periodic fun activities.

In addition to the work of the directors, the Band Booster Club works to support their efforts to further your student's band experiences. Recently, your student received a Band Information Packet with various forms and schedules. First, you can provide support to the band by becoming a member of the Band Booster Club. Your membership donation is tax deductible and helps limit the amount of fundraising that we do. **Elizabeth Clemente-Nelson**, our **Membership Chair**, will be collecting your membership information as well as utilizing the student information that you returned to create a band directory for the students.

As well as joining the booster club, you can support the bands by participating in the magazine fundraiser that begins on October 27. **Karen Alderson**, our

Magazine Fundraising Chair, will spearhead this effort that contributes a significant portion of the booster club budget. You can support the band by choosing new magazine subscriptions, renewing current subscriptions, or giving gift subscriptions to friends and family. A jewelry catalogue will also be provided to make selections that will be delivered in time for the holiday gift-giving season.

Tammy Barrier, our **Band Sponsor and Spirit Chair**, has been soliciting sponsors for both the band t-shirts and band directory. If you have a business and would like to support the band by having your company logo placed on the band t-shirts or an advertisement placed in the band directory, please contact Tammy. She is also the one responsible for handling the decals that students can order and place on their parents' cars.

Other fundraising efforts include Pizza Nights where you can order pizza from Double Dave's and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the booster club, and using the band's Kroger Share Card that will be distributed when they arrive.

The funds derived from the above mentioned fundraising efforts go directly to the booster club and are used to fund outside clinicians' fees, pay concert hall rental fees, pay bus rental fees to contests, create the band directory, purchase the more expensive, school-owned band instruments, supplement mini-camp activities, and many more events to enhance the students' band experiences.

Cheri Weismuller, our **Fine Arts Fundraising Chair**, has been handling the Fine Arts Fundraiser in which the order-taking and processing has already been completed. However, she will need volunteers to assist her in distributing the ordered items when they arrive in early October. Please contact Cheri if you can volunteer to help with the distribution. This is one of the few opportunities to volunteer that only requires a one-day commitment. Proceeds from this fundraiser go into the school band fund which is separate from the booster club.

Volunteers are needed for many activities

throughout the year. First, every concert requires the moving of both musical instruments and equipment. At the Beginner Band concerts, the directors need assistance in moving instruments, band stands and other equipment from the Band Hall to the Commons or Gym and back. For 7th and 8th grade band concerts, the directors need help loading and unloading the equipment truck. Volunteers are much appreciated and will greatly diminish the possibility of our directors ending up with sore, aching backs!

Second, our **Vice-President, Nina Johnston**, is responsible for sending the "Bandminder" e-mails that you should have been receiving if you provided your e-mail address to us. These e-mails provide information about upcoming events and student band requirements. By providing your e-mail, you will be insured of receiving important band information that might otherwise not be communicated to you from your student. If your e-mail address changes, please notify us either by e-mail or via the website. Nina also coordinates the band office volunteers who check the practice cards that your student needs to turn in each week. This requires only one hour a week. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this or other office duties, please contact Nina.

Tricia Totten, our **Chaperones Chair**, will be soliciting volunteers to assist at many band activities including mini-camps, parties and contests. If you did not sign up on one of the forms that came home in the Band Information Packet, contact Tricia to volunteer as a chaperone.

Justine Powell, Monica Pacey, and Lily Wren are our **7th and 8th Grade Activity Co-chairs**. They will be coordinating the activities that include going to Putt-Putt and Laser Tag in conjunction with our mini-camps. **Heather Burke and Kathy Akins** are our **6th Grade Activity Co-chairs** and will coordinate the fun activity to Putt Putt for the 6th grade band students. **Randa McCartney (7th grade) and Christine Hoffman (8th grade)** are our **Party Coordinators** and will be arranging their

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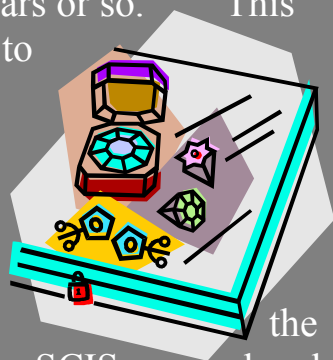
Fabulous Fundraising!

SCIS Band Booster Club Magazine/Jewelry Fundraiser Coming Soon!!!



The Band Booster Club has conducted a magazine sale fundraiser for the past 10 years or so. This

year we are excited to include a jewelry insert as well. This fundraiser is very important to the Booster Club budget, and thus, to the overall success of the SCIS bands. The best thing about this fundraiser is that you can add new subscriptions, or you can RENEW existing subscriptions! And this year, you can also order jewelry! So, please be thinking about what you'd like to order for yourself, and also keep these things in mind for great holiday gifts. This fundraiser kicks-off October 27th, with orders being turned in by November 6th.



Karen Alderson,
Fundraising - Magazines

Space Center Intermediate Band Presents Double Dave's Pizza Night



Support the band by eating at Double Dave's on these nights and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the band!
(Valid for Dine-In, Carry-Out or Delivery)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
September 19th through September 21st
2431 Bay Area Boulevard - 281-286-3283

CARDINAL BAND SPIRIT FUNDRAISING



Thank you to all the parents who participated in the spirit fundraising drive which included our DVD's, CD's, Car decals and of course our fabulous T-shirts.

The T-shirt order should be placed midweek and if you haven't had an opportunity to order one for your child please pick up the phone and call me right away! Remember the kids wear them throughout the year to all types of band functions. It is a great way to identify them as part of our group when we are at an event. This will be our one and only order placed this year.

At this time we are beginning work on **sponsorships for our band directory**. This booklet is a terrific source of information. It contains important dates and contact information on each and every band student. I promise you will use it repeatedly! Sponsorships are **\$50.00 for a 1/2 page ad and \$150.00 for a full page ad**. If you or your company would be interested in placing an ad, we would love your support! This year we are offering families the opportunity to purchase ad space to wish their child, group of friends, section or band best wishes for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in placing an ad is welcomed to contact me.

Thank you again parents, your support is amazing!

Tammy Barrier
Fundraising Chair 2006-2007
281-286-8995/CMBARRIER@aol.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

7th & 8th Grade Fall Mini Camp for
Concert, Honors & Symphonic Band Members

Clinic - with Sectionals and Full Band rehearsals
Friday, October 6

Putt-Putt Fun House
Saturday, October 7
(cost - \$14/student)
Laser Tag - Putt-Putt
Bumper Boats - Rock Climbing Wall
3-D Motion Movie



Look for the upcoming flyer & permission slip!

IF YOU'RE NEVER TOO BUSY FOR FUN, CHAPERONE!

SCIS Band events are a great way to meet other band parents and a fabulous way to spend time with talented young musicians. Parents interested in chaperoning can pick and choose which events and times they are able to participate in. Just e-mail or phone TRICIA TOTTEN at ttotten@houston.rr.com or 281-461-1676.

Upcoming Events:

October 6 – 7th & 8th grade Mini Camp/part 1 (6 p.m-10 p.m. at school)

October 7 – 7th & 8th grade Mini Camp/part 2 (9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at
Putt Putt Fun House)

November 11 – Beginner Band Fun Day (Putt Putt)

President's Ponderings

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respective grades' band parties. In the spring, **Mary Foley**, our **Band Banquet Chair**, will coordinate the 7th and 8th grade Band Banquet. Please contact these ladies to volunteer for any of these activities.

I would like to thank **Lisa Holbrook**, our **Newsletter Chair**, for publishing this and future newsletters for the band. Lisa is also the booster club **Treasurer** and keeps our financial records in excellent shape. She is also the person responsible for creating and processing the "One-stop shopping" form in order to simplify the payment process for all the activities in which the students participate.

I would also like to thank **Sonya Donahoe**, our **Programs Chair**, for arranging the concert performances location, **Wendy Strack**, our **Uniforms Chair**, for measuring the students for uniforms, and **Sheryl Dalpe**, our **Website Administrator**, and her creative son, Brendan, who are updating the band website. You can access the website at www.scisband.com. While not all the information is completely up-to-date because we have not yet received all the information needed, it will be a great source for upcoming events and other important band information.

Finally, I would like to thank **Christine**

Hoffmann, the **past Booster Club President** and **current Secretary** for her work to record our meeting minutes and her patience in answering my endless questions.

I am looking forward to working with you this year. Parental support, dedicated students and our talented directors combine to make the SCIS band the best! If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Gwen Gates 281/488-5729
SCIS Band Booster Club President

"Competition ... Not to defeat an opponent or to win a prize, but to pace one another on the road to excellence." Sir Walter Davies

Many of the quotes shared with you last year were from coaches of basketball teams. Certainly there are similarities between band and sports when it comes to teamwork. There are important differences in competition though. While the basic goal of a sports team is to win a victory, the basic goal of a band is not focused on defeating an opponent. The goal of a band rather is an artistic one of achieving the highest possible level of performance and communicating that with the audience. Along the way, it is valuable and beneficial to pace each other in that excellence: to listen to other groups, to learn from other teachers and performers, and to appreciate and enjoy the hard work of each other's high quality performances.

Keep this in mind and be humble in success. It is far more important to strive to become the best performing ensemble possible than it is to set a goal to win a competition.

"When we perform our best and reach our playing potential, we have accomplished what I want us to and everything else will take care of itself." Donald McCandless

Don't Miss the
6th Grade Fun Activity on
November 11th!
Make Plans Now!

Why *Do* We Fundraise?

By Lisa Holbrook, SCIS Band Booster Club Treasurer



Non-profit organizations raise their income through two vehicles – membership dues and fundraising activities. Many times people believe that these fundraising activities are established to provide surplus funds to the organization. However, this is a very widely misunderstood concept. What the combination of our membership dues and fundraising activities do is provide the income necessary to allow several different expenses to be covered.

If you take the current SCIS Band Booster club budget and eliminate all the line items that are merely an even exchange of income & expense (like 6th Grade Fun Activity for example), it would look something like this:

EXPENSES:

6th Grade Mini Camp	\$ 400.00	Fees for one 6 th grade mini-camps
7th & 8th Grade Mini Camp	\$ 4,100.00	Fees for two 7 th & 8 th grade mini-camps, booster club underwrites by \$600.00
7th & 8th Grade Parties	\$ 250.00	Cost of 7 th & 8 th grade holiday parties
Band Banquet	\$ 3,200.00	Expenses associated with the 7 th /8 th Grade Band Banquet, Booster Club underwrites by at \$600.00
Band Hall	\$ 800.00	Administrative Costs
Busses	\$ 4,100.00	Transportation to band events (San Antonio charters); number has risen significantly due to increased costs of fuel
Clinician & Contest Fees	\$ 10,000.00	Instructional fees (several times per year); increased \$4,000 from 2005-2006 to help offset contest entries. This is needed because our fine arts fundraising efforts have not been as successful and the booster club subsidized the band activity fund.
Directory	\$ 500.00	Communication to parents
Facility Rental	\$ 200.00	Facility rental for concerts
Liability Insurance	\$ 75.00	Insurance for booster club
Newsletter	\$ 50.00	Line item that balances the budget
Recognition	\$ 1,500.00	Reproduction costs
Refreshments	\$ 300.00	Awards at 7th/8th grade banquet
Solo, Ensemble & UIL	\$ 2,600.00	Refreshments at concerts - hospitality
Truck Rental	\$ 800.00	Fees for competitions, underwritten by \$200.00
T-Shirts	\$ 2,500.00	Band shirts for students
Tuxedo Shirts	\$ 1,100.00	Tuxedo shirts for students @ concerts
Unallocated Funds	\$ 878.37	Transportation to band events for large instruments
Uniform Replacement	\$ 100.00	Purchase/make new uniforms
Website	\$ 200.00	Maintains website
Total Disbursements	\$ 33,653.37	

We started off the year with \$5,553.37 in our checking account. WOW! That seems like a lot of money. If we combine it with our expected income (**minus any fundraising activities**), this is what our receipts for the year would look like:

When you subtract the projected expenses from the expected income, the club is left with a deficit of \$14,500.00. That's why we need to provide opportunities for supporters of our band program to help us financially.

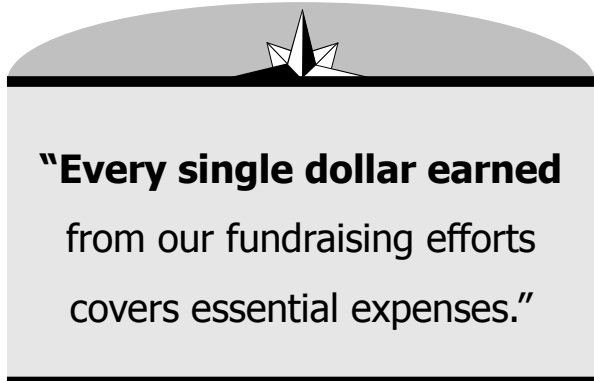
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 5,553.37
Receipts:	
6 th Grade Mini Camp	\$ 500.00
7 th & 8 th Grade Mini-Camp	\$ 3,500.00
7 th & 8 th Grade Parties	\$ 400.00
Banquet	\$ 2,600.00
Solo, Ensemble & UIL	\$ 2,400.00
T-Shirts	\$ 3,250.00
Tuxedo Shirts	\$ 1,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 13,650.00
6 Total Available Funds	\$ 18,203.37

Why *Do* We Fundraise?

By Lisa Holbrook, SCIS Band Booster Club Treasurer

Currently these are the ways we gain that type of financial support:

CDs (delta)	\$	(100.00)
Decals (delta)	\$	200.00
Donations	\$	500.00
DVDs (delta)	\$	500.00
Magazines (delta)	\$	4,500.00
Membership	\$	5,000.00
Pizza Night	\$	350.00
Sponsors - Directory	\$	1,000.00
Sponsors - T-Shirts	\$	4,000.00
	\$	15,950.00



**"Every single dollar earned
from our fundraising efforts
covers essential expenses."**

As you can see, after reserving \$1,500.00 as carryover for the next year, **every single dollar earned** from our fundraising efforts covers those essential expenses that either (a) educate & equip the students to excel at concerts & competitions, (b) allow them to participate in region band, and solo & ensemble and other contests (c) provide transportation to the various venues for both students and instruments, (d) recognize them for their achievements with a celebration at the end of the year and (e) provide a fun outlet for them on occasion for all of their hard work.

What these numbers **don't** address (**but our official budget does**) is the underwriting of various activities like the trips to 6th grade fun trip to Putt-Putt in November and the spring excursion to Fiesta Texas in April.

Why take chartered busses to San Antonio? Isn't that a bit much? Chartered busses are really essential as the day begins for the students during the early hours of the morning (translated at 4 AM) and doesn't conclude until almost 24 hours later. So although it may sound somewhat luxurious to those of us unfamiliar with these road trips, it really does ensure the safety and security of our passengers in a climate-controlled, restful atmosphere.

In addition as our kids begin to get ready for contests, the band directors hire clinicians to work with the bands to help them prepare as effectively as possible for top results. Again, the booster club pays for these clinicians, who are talented musicians and quite deservedly charge a substantial fee. Space Center Intermediate Bands are recognized throughout the state of Texas and in other regional areas as a band of excellence in part because of this training. Once again we took top honors at the Region competition at Bondy Intermediate in the fall of 2005. This happens consistently, year after year, because we have dedicated band directors, talent students **and** the opportunity to bring in these fine instructors from institutions like the University of Houston's Moores School of Music.

For the last few years we as a booster club were able to eliminate one fundraiser due to the overwhelming generosity of the band parents as they donated an amount of money when they joined the club. This is a highly effective way to help the booster club as those donations go straight to the bottom line, meaning 100% profitability! It is never too late to join the club! And for you – it is a tax deduction as we are non-profit organization!

We realize that are many other fundraising campaigns are simultaneously ongoing throughout the year and since most organizations like to receive their income as early in the year as possible, most activity is taking place once school commences and into the early fall. We are competing with Cub Scout Popcorn, Girl Scout Nut Sales, PTA fundraisers at various schools, etc. and all the expenses from sports organizations. In addition, parents are rapidly writing checks to Walgreen's, Sam's and Walmart for school supplies not covered in the basic packages. We realize that your pocketbook can only stretch so far. We are so appreciative of all that you have done. Thank you for patience in reading through this lengthy explanation of booster club funding. If you have any questions about what was discussed, please feel free to contact me at 281-486-0657 or lisaholbrook@houston.rr.com.

Thank you for your overwhelming support of the band program and the booster club. Without the collaboration of our parents, we would not have achieved all that we

Thank You!!!!

SPACE CENTER INTERMEDIATE BAND BOOSTER CLUB
 TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
 SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

	Current Period	Year To Date	Adopted Budget*	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Budget
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 5,553.37	\$ 5,553.37	\$ 5,553.37		\$ 5,553.37
RECEIPTS:					
6th Grade Fun Activity (Putt-Putt)		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
6th Grade Mini Camp		\$ -	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
7th & 8th Grade Mini-Camp		\$ -	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
7th & 8th Grade Parties		\$ -	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
8th Grade/Symphonic Band Trip (Fiesta)		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
Band Banquet		\$ -	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,600.00
CDs		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Decals		\$ -	\$ 650.00		\$ 650.00
Donations	\$ 140.91	\$ 140.91	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
DVDs		\$ -	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
Magazines		\$ -	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00
Membership		\$ -	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Pizza Night		\$ -	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00
Solo, Ensemble & UIL		\$ -	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00
Sponsors - Directory		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Sponsors - T-Shirts		\$ -	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
T-Shirts		\$ -	\$ 3,250.00		\$ 3,250.00
Tuxedo Shirts		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Uniform Replacement		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 140.91	\$ 140.91	\$ 45,650.00	\$ -	\$ 45,650.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 5,694.28	\$ 5,694.28	\$ 51,203.37	\$ -	\$ 51,203.37
DISBURSEMENTS:					
6th Grade Fun Activity (Putt-Putt)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
6th Grade Mini Camp		\$ -	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
7th & 8th Grade Mini-Camp	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,100.00		\$ 4,100.00
7th & 8th Grade Parties		\$ -	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
8th Grade/Symphonic Band Trip (Fiesta)		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
Band Banquet		\$ -	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00
Band Hall	\$ 422.85	\$ 422.85	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
Busses		\$ -	\$ 4,100.00		\$ 4,100.00
CDs		\$ -	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00
Clinician & Contest Fees		\$ -	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Decals		\$ -	\$ 450.00		\$ 450.00
Directory		\$ -	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
DVDs		\$ -	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
Facility Rental		\$ -	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Instrument Purchase		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Instrument Repair		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Liability Insurance		\$ -	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
Magazines		\$ -	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00
Newsletter		\$ -	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Recognition		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Refreshments		\$ -	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Solo, Ensemble & UIL		\$ -	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,600.00
Truck Rental		\$ -	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
T-Shirts		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
Tuxedo Shirts		\$ -	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00
Unallocated Funds		\$ -	\$ 878.37		\$ 878.37
Uniform Replacement		\$ -	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Website	\$ 160.90	\$ 160.90	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 813.75	\$ 813.75	\$ 49,703.37	\$ -	\$ 49,703.37
BALANCE TO BE CARRIED FORWARD	\$ 4,880.53	\$ 4,880.53	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL			\$ 51,203.37	\$ -	\$ 51,203.37
SALES TAX ESCROW:					
Beginning Balance	\$ 114.31	\$ 114.31			
Deposits	\$ -	\$ -			
Payments	\$ -	\$ -			
Ending Balance	\$ 114.31	\$ 114.31			

* Adopted August 31, 2006

What the Numbers Mean: Deposits this month reflect a donation from Kroger for the Share Card program. Our major expenditures were securing the locations for our mini-camps and 6th grade fun activity by placing a deposit for each event. In addition the band hall was renovated with some new furniture and we paid our annual website fee. Lisa Holbrook, SCIS Band Booster Club Treasurer