



## *Millard West Band Boosters*

Millard West Band & Color Guard Families:

As with any sport or activity in which our children choose to participate, parental support through financial contributions and volunteer hours are needed to have a top-notch team. The Wildcat Band has certainly proven that it is the “Best of the Best,” winning awards at national and regional competitions. We want to keep that tradition and recognition going for our talented students and staff.

The Millard West Band Boosters have chosen to hold a few fundraisers that bring in higher revenue, such as Band-Aid, and TD Ameritrade/College World Series concession stands (**THANK YOU TO ALL THAT VOLUNTEERED FOR THE CWS, HOME RUN DERBY AND CREIGHTON GAMES!**). Pizza Hut and Hy-Vee receipts are part of our low-maintenance revenue. To make it all work, we need **100% PARTICIPATION in volunteer hours and monies**. 100% participation could eliminate the need for other fundraisers.

Some of the budgeted expenses for this year’s band show are: Marching Band Staff and Development (\$13,500), Color Guard Uniforms (\$4,500), Color Guard Book (\$2,000), Marching Show Drill (\$5,000), Chartered Bus Expense (\$10,000), Drum Major Camp (\$2,500), Band Refreshments/Celebrations (\$600), Show Props and Flags (\$7,500), Instruments & Equipment (\$5,000), and Winter Guard.

Band-Aid was developed as a way to avoid multiple fundraising efforts. Rather than selling items like candy, wrapping paper, candles, cookie dough, etc., each family is asked to make a **\$100 tax deductible contribution**. And, as you probably know, door-to-door sales no longer are allowed by the Millard Public Schools. Band-Aid money goes directly back to the students through additional instruction by adjunct staff, field show expenses, supplies, equipment, coach bus upgrades so our children travel comfortably and SAFELY, and refreshments for special celebrations. Without this contribution from each family, the MW Band Boosters cannot provide these items that are instrumental to our program of excellence here at Millard West. This investment in your student’s band and color guard instruction will come back tenfold!

Attached is a flyer explaining the Band-Aid payment options or you can find Band-Aid information on the band’s website: <http://www.mwwildcatband.org/booster-documents.html>. Feel free to print it off. Choose an option that works best for your family and return the form along with a check at one of the following: Family Band Picnic on July 29 or in an envelope marked “Band Aid” to Mr. Keith or Mrs. Welu anytime by the first week of school. If you choose the extended payment option, you’ll receive an e-mail reminder, so please add your email address.

**Please make checks out to the MW Band Boosters.**

**Your commitment to the program and your student will not go unnoticed.**

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,  
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