Dear Director:

We are happy to have you attending the 41st Annual Pleasant Hill Invitational Jazz Festival. Attached are some of the organizational details. You will be here with approximately 1,800 other festival participants. This year promises to be a great musical and educational event.

A **Day Pass** is $8.00 for Adults 18 and older & $5.00 for students (ages 5 – 17) and seniors. This will give admittance to all preliminary competition, concerts, clinics, showcase concert and finals. **Please tell your students and anybody you know that is attending the festival about these charges.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** It is very important that you register in the Elementary School office upon arrival at Pleasant Hill. There you will pick up your packet. You will be given instructions on getting your festival passes for each participating student, one director and **two chaperones only**. We will not be able to furnish a home room for your group. Please make arrangements to use your bus as a storage area for your equipment and clothes.

**EQUIPMENT:** The festival will provide risers, P.A. system with 2 instrumental mics, area mics and solo mics, piano, bass amp, **drum set [cymbals will be provided this year but it is recommended you bring your own]**, music stands and chairs for each performance site. The individual micing division will have 18 mics available. Each ensemble is responsible for their own guitar amp, and personal instruments including electric bass and guitar or electric piano and stand and amp and patch cords.

**SELECTIONS:** Each ensemble will perform three selections. If you choose to play more, you will have no clinic time left. Vocal ensembles will have a total of 25 minutes to set-up, perform, and work directly with adjudicators while instrumental ensembles will have 30 minutes. Since this is a **jazz** festival, be sure your program includes appropriate **jazz material. Vocal soloists** will have 20 minutes to perform two charts (contrasting styles) and work with adjudicators. Vocal ensembles will have an additional adjudicator work session this year immediately after their performance time on stage.

**WARM-UP:** Each ensemble will have 25 or 30 minutes for warm-up in an assigned rehearsal room immediately before their preliminary performance. This includes passing time. Your guide will give you a 2 minute notice before guiding you to the performance area. We will provide a piano (vocal only) and music stands, but no amplifiers, risers, drums or chairs for warm-up.

**FINALS:** Two finalists in each division will be announced in the high school gym at approximately 6:00 p.m., following the **4:45 p.m. concert.** The festival accountant will determine the order for evening finals to reduce conflicts for schools with both instrumental and vocal groups appearing. Finals will be held simultaneously in the high school gym and elementary gym beginning at 7:00 p.m. **Finalists will be limited to 15 minutes and must perform one new chart, which will be verified as a chart not performed during preliminaries.** Junior high ensembles are not required to play a new chart for finals. Total set-up, performance, and take-down time for finals will be 15 minutes. We need to adhere to the 15 minute total time for everyone's sake. **Disqualification may result for any group exceeding the time limit.** You will be warned when you have two minutes remaining.

Presentation of 3rd place trophies in each division, based on the preliminary competition, will take place immediately after the 4:45 p.m. concert at the time the finalists are announced. Presentation of 1st and 2nd place trophies in each finals division and one trophy each for outstanding vocal soloist and outstanding instrumental soloist based on finals competition will be awarded at the conclusion of each final site competition. Junior High 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded immediately after their division is finished performing in the finals. **Combo and vocal soloist division winners will not perform in the evening finals but 1st, 2nd**
and 3rd place awards will be presented at the end of the evening finals. There will be plaques for outstanding soloists based on preliminary competition.

**RULES OF ELIGIBILITY:** Each vocal ensemble will be allowed a minimum of 10 singers and a maximum of 30 singers and 6 instrumentalists on any one chart. Additional percussion instruments used in an incidental manner will not be counted in the 6-instrument allotment. To be eligible for finals, each instrumental ensemble must have at least 10 performers and no more than 25 on stage during any one chart. **All performers in each group must be currently enrolled as a student in that institution.** However, junior high vocal groups may use their own high school students or adults in their rhythm section. "Second" groups may compete in a lower division only if their #1 group is competing in their regular division. Any group may move up a division for competition. Violators of the above rules may be disqualified.

**FOOD SERVICES:** We have hired food carts this year and will also have some basic snacks available throughout the day. Please watch the website for information on menus and prices for food services.

**T-SHIRTS:** We also have t-shirts for sale this year. The shirts this year are $12.00 a piece.

**CONSTRUCTION:** Pleasant Hill School District is under an immense amount of construction at this time. You will notice several changes at the high school site about where warm-up rooms are and performance sites. Please remind students to stay away from ALL construction areas. Maps will hopefully be available PRIOR to the festival for the new sites AND bus parking.

**BUS PARKING:** Buses will be entering into the elementary school from Hwy 58. (Director’s then enter into the main office to get their information packet.) Buses can again park out by the base ball field (near the reader board, visible from Hwy 58) or can proceed to the high school (where all vocal performance take place), drop off their students and park across the street at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. There is limited parking at the high school due to construction.

We are pleased to have outstanding clinicians for our clinics. Please encourage your students to attend these clinics and concerts.

**See you April 16th!!!**