

Dear Colleagues & Organization Sponsors,

The Big “D” Band and the Big “D” Band Booster Association has revitalized its’ Annual Octoberfest. It will be Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> during the last period of the school day, in the Commons. This is a great fundraising opportunity for all school clubs and organizations. Since the Band department teaches and depends on students from all of the schools, we have the opportunity to see how our students express pride in both their individual magnet schools **and** in Townview. This event will allow the whole school to experience the same unity in diversity. This is an event that can draw upon our differences: differences in interests; needs; and ways of expression, in a *positive* way.

### **Townview Octoberfest**

The Townview Octoberfest is a version of the German Oktoberfest. Our version promotes cultural awareness and creates a festive event for the student body, faculty, and staff. This event provides a School Carnival-like atmosphere, with both booths for selling different foods and for playing challenging games. Our Octoberfest also includes a Talent Show. Townview will experience a plethora of foods, American and European, and other ethnic culture, attire, and talent in a school-wide Fall festival type of atmosphere. This event can be considered as a sort of “Pep Rally” that will show pride in our individual schools and organizations as well as our whole school.

### **Food Booths**

Organizations will have the opportunity to purchase **booth space for \$20** and sign-up for what food item(s) they would like to sell. The **rental fee includes up to 4 personalized passes for students working** the booth. We want to make sure food booths are not duplicated and everyone is successful. A wide variety of food and drink booths will be a source of fund raising for Townview organizations that participate. A booth can be as simple as a couple of tables with food and signs promoting the ethnic heritage of the food eg. Spaghetti- Italian, Tacos- Mexican, Croissant pastry- French, Soul Food (including sweet potato pie)-African-American, Polish sausage-guess?, and other creative ideas. Some items/ideas that have been successful in the past include cookies, cup cakes, chili pies, candy apples, pizza, chips, funnel cakes, tacos, tostados, turkey legs, lemonade, popcorn, candy bags, pictures, and darts. A booth could also have a more elaborate design. You don’t have to limit your imagination, but make sure it’s viable. The Band booth has sold soft drinks in the past, but organizations may want to sell an extraordinary/exotic (non-alcoholic) beverage.

### **Game Booths**

If you offer economical prizes to winners, a game booth (ring toss, horse shoe toss, balloons and darts, etc.) will be a good fund raiser.

### **Talent Show**

The talent show, first of all, is open to all **students and staff** at Townview. It is our intent to have a wide variety of talent. For example, we plan to have vocal, instrumental, dance, jazz, folk, R&B, Tejano, hip hop, Gospel, tap, rap, etc. If any genre has been left out, you can help make the list complete by encouraging talents that you know of, or hear of, to audition. Teachers and administrators are welcome to show their stuff too. We plan to send out an invitation to a couple of radio personalities to possibly emcee the show and maybe have a few give a-ways for the students and adults. Audition information will be on the video monitors and announcements.

**Meeting: Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM (Band Hall) 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve with rental fee**