**PMEA DISTRICT 10**
**Elementary Band Fest West**
Hosted by Mr. Jaime Bishop and Mrs. Sabrina Kim
Mahanoy Area School District

Friday, May 12, 2023
Inclement Weather Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023
Mahanoy Area Auditorium
Mahanoy City, PA

Dear Elementary Band Director:

The 2023 PMEA District 10 Elementary Band Fest West will be held on Fridays, May 12, 2023, at the Mahanoy Area Elementary School in the Mahanoy Area School District. An inclement weather date of Saturday, May 20 has been chosen if needed.
 To be considered for this fest, students should have two years of playing experience and be in the fifth or sixth grade. Directors need to accompany their students to the all-day event. A registration fee $38.00 per student will be required for participation. Concert attire black and white, with button down shirts, no T shirts. **All participating directors must be PMEA members and may nominate only those students under their tutelage in their assigned buildings.**

Directors are asked to recommend up to 10 musicians on the nomination form, being careful to include all the information requested. Return completed form(s) and a copy of your PMEA membership card by email to:
 Mr. Jaime Bishop
 Mahanoy Area Elementary School
 1 Golden Bear Drive
 Mahanoy City, PA 17948
 570-773-3443 Ext.: 4081
 Cell Phone: 570-691-8694
 jbishop@mabears.net

**Please return your materials by Wednesday, February 1st, 2023** so that we may start the selection soon after. I you have any questions, please contact Jaime Bishop. We are looking forward to working together in providing a rewarding experience for our young musicians.

Sincerely,

Jaime Bishop Sabrina Kim
Elementary Music Teacher Elementary Music Teacher

**David R. Schmaldienst**
**West Fest Director**

David R. Schmaldienst, a native of Allentown, Pa, is the former director of Bands at TriValley Junior/Senior High School in Hegins, PA. He retired from the Tri-Valley School District teaching Instrumental music in the Elementary schools in 2012. He has also taught at Tamaqua Area Junior/Senior High School in Tamaqua, PA; Deptford Township Junior/Senior High School, and Lower Cape May Regional High School both in New Jersey. He received his Bachelors Degree in Music Education from West Chester State College and has completed post graduate work at West Chester and Wilkes College. Mr. Schmaldienst has organized and directed the Tri-Valley Community Band and is the former conductor of the Pottsville Third Brigade Band from Pottsville, Pa and assisted with conducting of the Cressona Band in Cressona, PA and the Schuylkill Youth Symphony. He has also coached Bassoon Quartets and Woodwind Ensembles at the Susquehanna University summer music programs. He is a member of the National Association for Music Education, and is a past member and officer of the New Jersey Music Educators Association. He is also the Past President of District 10 of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association from 1993-1995 and again from 2001-2003 and has adjudicated numerous marching, jazz, and concert band festivals and was the sponsor of the Tri-M Music Honor Society at Tri-Valley High School. He has also conducted several PMEA and Honors Band Festivals in Eastern Pennsylvania. He was the Co Chairman of the Schuylkill County and PMEA District 10 Auditions Committee. Mr. Schmaldienst is the Principal Clarinetist with the Anthracite Philharmonic and performs with the Pottsville Third Brigade Band. He also performed with Cressona Band, Schuylkill Big Band, After Hours Swing Band, Pine Grove Community Band, and the Tremont Community Band. He was also the second bassoonist with the Schuylkill Symphony Orchestra. He and his wife Judy, who is a retired music educator from the Pine Grove Area School District and private Flute instructor, are the parents of two sons and a daughter and grandparents to eleven grandchildren. “Music Makes a Difference in a Young Person’s Life.”