

LETTER FROM AE ARTS PRESIDENT:

Hello,

You are receiving this e-mail because either you asked to be on the membership list or you have paid dues and are a member of AE Arts.

We all know how important the arts are to our students, community and world at large, and that AE Arts is a worthwhile organization. You have proven that by putting your money down to support the arts. It is also true that with budget cuts and current cultural thinking, the arts are often the first to be targeted for elimination.

What is in danger of elimination here at Appleton East is NOT the arts programs (Art, Band, Choir, Debate, Drama, Forensics and Orchestra) but the parent organization that supports it, namely AE Arts.

This year, we do not have a vice president, and our membership coordinator will not be returning next year. I will probably no longer be able to be a part of AE Arts due to my leadership in other groups at East. Our secretary, Lissa Field, is the only current officer who can definitely commit to AE Arts leadership next year. Therefore, we have a couple of options available to us.

1. A new group of parents steps up to take on a leadership role.
2. Modify the group, limit it to 2 activities – Fine Arts Night and Rising Star Scholarship. This would mean meeting only a couple of times during the year – September for membership drive, January to March for Fine Arts Night and then in late April for the Scholarship selection. (If this would be the case, I would probably be able to continue in some capacity.)

3. Disband AE Arts permanently. Rising Star Scholarships would continue until funds run out. Therefore, the fate of AE Arts rests in your hands. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room in the School Office. Please let your voice be heard! Don't let the music die, the art fade or the curtain fall on this organization. Thank you,
Therese Magnus-Wang
AE Arts President.