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## VHS band performs in Tampa

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The Pride of Vernon Marching Band traveled to Tampa to perform pre-game and half-time shows for the Tampa Bay Storm AFL on April 4. The Vernon Band received an official letter inviting them to perform. It was an unexpected honor being asked to perform without having to submit an audition. They proudly represented Vernon and Washington county.

As the band was welcomed they were asked how many had ever been to a AFL game. It was a new experience for every one that came to perform. It was described to them as being at a party having fun and a football game decided to show up.

You could see the joy and anticipation on each face as they waited backstage to enter the arena and play their show that they had performed all football season. This game was nationally televised on ESPN 3. This part of the trip was followed up by two great days at Busch Gardens will all students and parents enjoying themselves.

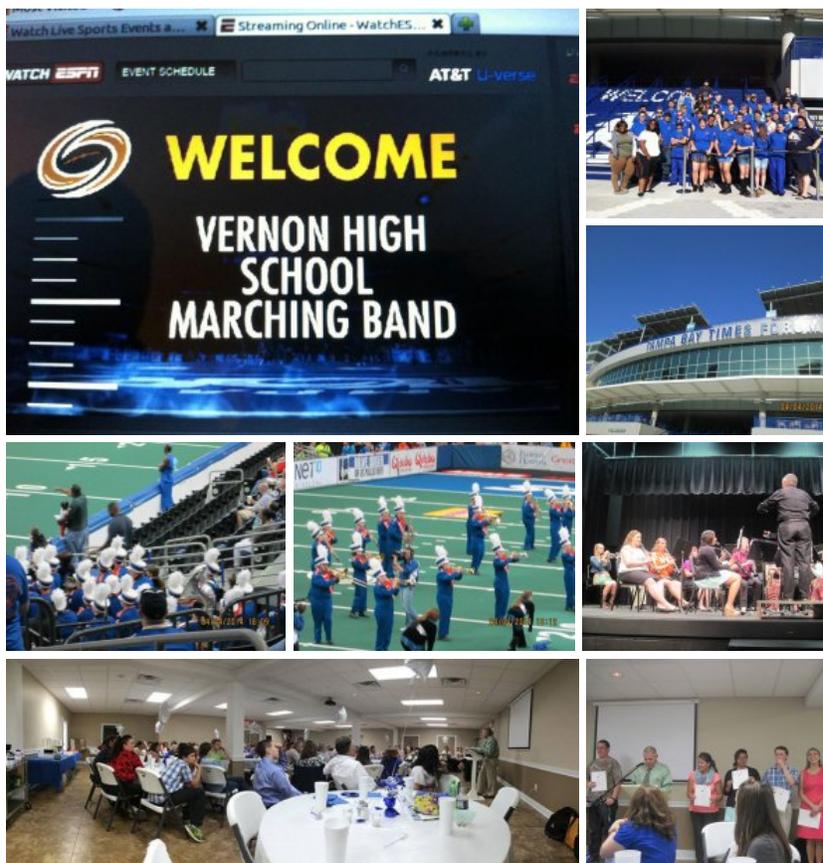
Mr. Marcus and the Vernon Band would like to thank Vernon High School, Vernon Middle School, Principals Brian Riviere and Kim Register for their support in making this trip possible. The Band is very grateful for all the support in helping raise the funds to make this trip. Also a very big thank you to all the Vernon and surrounding communities, businesses, individuals, parents who came out and supported all the fundraisers the Band Boosters put together for them.

On May 15 at 6:30 the VHS and VMS bands performed their last concert of the season.

A banquet to honor 8-12th grade band students for all their hard work during the year on May 19th. Thank you to all who attended, including the parents, Brian Riviere, Principal at VHS, Joseph Taylor, Superintendent and School Board members.

The Pride of Vernon closed out this school year performing for the VHS graduation on Friday, May 30 at the football stadium.

Band Director, John Harcus has the band already preparing for next year school year's marching season. It's been a great year, we're all looking forward to an even better one in 2014/2015!



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