



Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

September 1, 2009

Our Griffin Grizzly Fifth Grade Choir will be starting **Wednesday, September 16th**. This choir is open to all Fifth Grade students who love to sing. Choir rehearsals will take place before school Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:15 AM. **Faithful attendance and prompt arrival is expected.** The doors by the music rooms will be opened at 7:05 AM.

We have a very exciting season ahead with several programs already in place. **Please take note and mark your calendars now:** Our first performance will be at 6 p.m. on **Friday, December 4th**. This will be a festive event for all. The music and art departments are pairing up for an evening of music, dessert, and a live art auction in the Griffin Gymnasium for our 2nd annual "Winter Wonderland." We also are currently planning a community winter program which will include a performance at West Oaks Mall and Heritage Grand. This is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, December 8th**. In the spring, we will be performing a Spring Concert on **Wednesday, April 7th** and taking an exciting trip to Sea World on **Saturday, April 10th**.

Choir is a wonderful opportunity for Fifth Grade students to grow socially and intellectually. Involvement in music groups fosters responsibility, positive peer relationships, high achievement, and self-esteem. We want choir to be a positive learning experience for all involved. Please look over the following attendance expectations.

EXPECTATIONS: Attendance

- If a student has 3 unexcused absences from either rehearsals or performances in a semester, he /she will be dismissed from the choir.
- If a student has 3 tardies, it will count as 1 unexcused absence.
- If a student is at school but did not attend choir that morning, it will be marked as an unexcused absence.
- Students will not be excused for **detention** or **disciplinary problems** in the classroom that warrant the teacher to keep the student out of choir for that day.
- If your child is ill or needs to miss a rehearsal/concert for other commitments such as dentist/doctor appointments or family emergencies, please send a note explaining the absence so that it can be excused and marked accordingly. Attendance is taken at all rehearsals.
- If your child has an unexcused absence, a letter notifying you of the absence will be sent home the following day and will need to be signed and returned.

VOLUNTEERS:

We couldn't have a successful choir without our wonderful volunteers. We will need many volunteers for our traveling performances. This includes the winter program performed at the mall and the spring performance at Sea World. Look for choir notes throughout the year letting you know more about these volunteer opportunities.

We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions feel free to contact either music teacher.

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Please detach and return by Monday, September 14th.

_____ Yes, I have read the information about the Griffin Grizzly Choir, and would love to be a member this year. I will faithfully attend rehearsals, and I understand that attendance will affect my membership in this choir regardless of proximity to a performance or activity. Choir rehearsals will begin **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:15 AM.**

Student Name: _____

Home Room Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____