

***The Music Department Announces
The Mount Prospect School Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus***

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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Classes are off to a great start, and we have an exciting year ahead of us! This year the fourth and fifth grade students have an opportunity to participate in the Mount Prospect School Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus. The chorus will be open for all students who are interested and enjoy singing. Many of the students that are involved in an instrumental ensemble also participate in the chorus. The schedule allows for those who are interested to participate in more than one musical ensemble.

A large part of the general music program is dedicated to teaching the students to appreciate and enjoy music of various styles and cultures. The chorus will allow the children to be exposed to these various styles of music through singing and performing. The students will also learn about vocal health and proper singing habits in more detail than they would in the general music class.

Rehearsals will be on Thursday mornings from 8:00 AM. to 8:45 AM. in room 147. It is important that the students arrive by 7:55 AM due to the fact that we only have forty-five minutes of rehearsal time (which includes vocal warm-ups.)

If your child is sick on a day that we rehearse, please send me a note, email, or voicemail so that I can excuse the absence. If a child has three or more unexcused absences or habitually comes to rehearsal late, he/she will not be able to participate in the concert performance. We will already be missing quite a few rehearsals because of school calendar holidays, etc.

Please complete the attached form and return it to me no later than Friday, September 23rd. If you would like to be a chorus parent volunteer, please check off the activities you would like to help out with. **The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, October 6th.** I look forward to a fun year of singing!

If you have any questions regarding the chorus, please do not hesitate to call me at 908-470-1600 ext. 147 (or email me at mkagel@bernardsboe.com.)

Sincerely,

Michelle Kagel
Chorus Teacher

Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus- return to Ms. Kagel

I give permission for my child to participate in the 2011-2012 chorus.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

CLASSROOM TEACHER _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

PHONE NUMBER (for phone chain) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(Optional) Please include any additional information or any questions you have

I give permission to have my child's name on the two programs that are given to the audience in at the winter and spring concerts. I also give permission to include my child's name and phone number on the chorus phone chain, which will be given to parent volunteers.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

PLEASE NOTE: BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU ARE COMMITTING TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN THIS PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL REHEARSALS.

Chorus Parent Volunteers Sign Up

Parent/Guardian name _____ Relation to student _____

Phone number (if different from above) _____

Email address _____

Please check off any events/activities that you would like to help out with:

___ Make phone calls for chorus phone chain

___ Videotape the concert performances

___ Other _____