

***The Music Department Announces  
The Mount Prospect School Third 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 third grade students have an opportunity to participate in the Mount Prospect School Third 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 Tuesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. 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 Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to be a chorus parent volunteer, please fill out the bottom portion of the form and check off the activities you would like to help out with. The **first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:mkagel@bernardsboe.com).)

Sincerely,

Michelle Kagel  
Chorus Teacher

**Third Grade Chorus- return to Ms. Kagel**

I give permission for my child to participate in the 2010-2011 chorus.

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSROOM TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (for phone chain) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to have my child's name on the two programs that are given to the audience in at the January and May 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

\_\_\_ Chaperone for third grade chorus trip

\_\_\_ Videotape the concert performances

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_