



# Ragsdale Elementary School Chorus



Dear 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Students,

Monday, September 18, 2017

It is Chorus Time! We are going to start up a chorus for any 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in singing and performing. A chorus is an organized group of singers that perform together, like a “team” of singers, each has his/her own “position” to play that contributes to the “game”. This is a huge commitment and we will need you to be at every rehearsal and performance. Every person is of equal importance and the whole group sounds different when even one voice is missing. You do not have to audition, or “try-out” for this group, you just need to have the desire to sing, show up, work hard, be a team player, and be committed!

Chorus will meet every Thursday after school from 2:30-3:45pm in the Music Rm (B110). Our first chorus rehearsal will be Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and our last rehearsal this semester will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. Chorus will not meet on days that school is not in session, but may meet on Early Release Days. Performances will be announced at a later time. We will be working on concepts such as: proper singing posture, good breath support, clear diction and articulation, how to blend and balance our voice with others, and some beginning music theory. Simple movement and gestures will also be used to enhance our musical experience.

## Attendance

**Attendance and participation is crucial to our chorus program! Because chorus is a group effort, we need ALL chorus members present at rehearsals unless they miss school and have a doctor’s note. Please make sure you will not have any conflicts on Thursdays between October 5<sup>th</sup>-December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## Chorus Membership & T-Shirt Fees

Chorus is an extra-curricular activity. The school does not receive funds to cover any expenses. There will be an \$10.00 Chorus fee per semester for Chorus. This money will include supplies and materials needed for chorus. This is a one-time fee per semester. Students who do not have a Ragsdale Chorus shirt will need to purchase one for \$15.00. The \$10 Chorus fee is due with this form by Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The T-Shirt fee is due by Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. **All checks made out to Ragsdale Husky Chorus!**



## Chorus Rehearsal Arrival and Dismissal

As soon as students are dismissed from class on Thursdays, chorus students walk to the music room. We will begin promptly at 2:25 with warm-ups. Chorus will be dismissed at 3:45. Please be on time to pick up your child. Students will be picked up at the back of the school at the bus loop. Parents must display their Chorus Car Rider Card in the window. If you cannot get here on time, make arrangements for another parent to pick up your child, but give them your Chorus Car Rider Card.

## Absences

Students will be allowed 2 excused absences. If you didn’t attend school on rehearsal day, you cannot attend chorus after school. Unless a student is sick, they must be at all performances. If a performance is missed, a doctor’s note is required!

## Behavior

Students will only be allowed disciplinary notes. Parents will be notified after 1 incidents and the student may be removed from chorus.

## Parent Volunteers

We need a few parent volunteers to help with dismissal every Thursday. Arrive at 3:35 and stay until most of students are picked up. Also need parent help at performances.

**\*\*Please fill out the chorus information provided below and return to Ms. Green by Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Thank you!

Ms. Green

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Landline \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Work \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_ Other Contact Info \_\_\_\_\_

Parents, please go over this with your student and have them initial each section:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to attend EVERY rehearsal and performance that I am physically able to attend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to be responsible and get all letters and permission slips home to my parents and back to Ms. Green on time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to always exhibit my best behavior during all rehearsals and performances.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to keep up with my school work to the best of my ability while I am in Chorus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am making a commitment to the Ragsdale Husky Chorus EVERY THURSDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup>-December 14<sup>th</sup>, and that I should not commit to other extra-curricular activities that occur at the same time if I have already committed to the Ragsdale Husky Chorus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I break this agreement, Ms. Green may remove me from the Ragsdale Husky Chorus.

Parents, please read and initial the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included the \$10 Chorus fee, or will have it to you by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included the \$15 T-Shirt fee, or will have it to you by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am including extra money to cover another child in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), have read the above policies and agree that my child will be able to commit fully to being a member of the Ragsdale Husky Chorus.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

