

Holland Brook Chorus

2019-2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello! My name is Ms. Richter and I am the new General Music and Chorus teacher at Holland Brook School. I am thrilled to share my passion of music with your children! Let us kick off the 2019-2020 Holland Brook Chorus! Chorus is open to all 4th and 5th grade students as an extra fun music group that meets *after school on Mondays from 2:40-3:40*. Chorus is an after-school activity, thus it will have its own separate concerts from the General Music Concert.

Please sign up on the school website or by the following link by October 4th!

<https://forms.gle/nrTHNieS1p9TGw4HA>

It is valuable that each student acknowledges their special role in our Holland Brook Chorus team, thus they must read and agree to the following commitments, goals, and expectations.

Goals:

- Choral participation will enrich the quality of our lives and the lives of those for whom we sing.
- Choral singing will lead us to make positive and meaningful contributions to our own lives and the lives of others.
- Singing will help us to develop our presentation skills and our voices in a healthy and confident manner.
- A knowledge of music will help us to understand the historical and theoretical nature of music, both as an academic subject and in practical application.
- Belonging to the chorus will foster a cooperative learning environment and engender friendships based on shared musical experiences.
- Singing great choral literature will lead us to understand that music is a powerful means of communication and helps celebrate the best of humankind!

Expectations:

- Rehearsal Attendance: Please be at all rehearsals unless absence is pre-approved by Ms. Richter.

- Performances: Choir members are expected to participate in all performances. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early for all concerts.
- Classroom Grades: It is also a school expectation that chorus members will keep up with their school work to teacher satisfaction.
- Behavior: It is expected that students in the Holland Brook Chorus behave well at all times—on stage and in rehearsal. We represent Holland Brook and set a standard for our school. If a student has difficulty meeting this expectation she/he may be dismissed from chorus for the remainder of the year.
- Commitment: As with any extra activity, chorus members are expected to commit for the duration of the season- in this case the remainder of the year. Please understand that, by the nature of this group, a student who leaves chorus due to behavioral or academic concerns will not have an opportunity to return until the next year (or possibly at the semester break). As with math, we learn new skills every day and to expect a student to know and demonstrate skills learned in his/her absence would be unfair.

Concerts:

- Wednesday, December 11 - 7:00, HBS Gym
 - HBS Winter Concert (Chorus, 5th Grade Orchestra and 5th grade Band)
 - More information on concert apparel and call times to come.
- Tuesday, June 2 - 7:00, RMS Cafeteria
 - HBS Spring Concert (Chorus, 4th/5th Grade Orchestra and 4th/5th grade Band)

*** We may schedule additional performances tentative to time and resources

Weekly After-School Rehearsals:

Mondays, in the General Music Room (16), 2:40 - 3:40

- The Fall rehearsal dates will be:
 - October 7, 21, 28 (NOT MEETING October 14)
 - November 11, 18, 25 (NOT MEETING November 4)
 - December 2, 9
 - Chorus only meets on full school days, not Early Dismissal Days or half days
 - Please pick your child up from the General Music room at 3:40, or if they attend EPD on Mondays they will be sent there.
 - Spring dates will come out in January; please plan to attend every Monday.

I am so excited to make music with you! If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to email me! ~Ms. Richter ☺