



Informational Letter Regarding the Hickory Flat Soaring Singers Chorus

October 15, 2021

Dear 4th and 5th Grade Parents,

The Hickory Flat Elementary School Thunderbird Chorus is now accepting applications for all interested **4th and 5th grade** students. Please take a moment to read over the following information and expectations for participants in the HFES Soaring Singers Chorus. Then, please complete the “HFES Thunderbird Chorus Application” attached and return it to Mrs. Harbolt by **October 22nd**. Please make sure to turn in your form by October 22nd so that your child may be considered to join the chorus. **Our first chorus practice will be on November 1st.**

Rehearsals

We will practice every Monday afternoon directly after school until 3:30 PM unless we do not have school due to holidays or inclement weather. Our first practice is **November 1st**. Students will perform for various school assemblies and evening concerts throughout the year. Notification via Canvas announcements (coming soon) and written communication will be provided in advance of all concert dates. You will be given a minimum of one month’s notice prior to each concert date. **Our first performance date is Wednesday, December 1st at 6pm** to sing at the Hickory Flat Library Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Attendance

Regular attendance is necessary for our chorus to be a successful team and to represent the school well at all performances. Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal. If you are unable to make a rehearsal, please email Mrs. Harbolt prior to our rehearsal. **Frequent unexcused absences may lead to your removal from the choir.** All students will stay with your grade level until 2:30. At that time, please walk to the music room for rehearsal. **If you are staying for ASP, you will check in with your grade level ASP teacher first BEFORE reporting to the Music Room.**

Dismissal After Chorus

Students who are not reporting to the After School Program will be escorted to the regular school car rider area. Your parents or Caregiver will need to pick you up promptly at 3:30 pm in front of the school. Students who are not picked up by 3:40 will be placed in ASP and will be charged \$14.00 (\$10.00 ASP fee + \$4.00 late fee if not signed up by 10:00 AM).

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In Chorus, we will be studying the basics of singing such as breathing, posture, singing in tune, musical expression, working together in an ensemble, and concert etiquette. The Chorus students will represent our school and perform for several assembly and evening concerts.

Thank you for allowing your student this wonderful opportunity! I know that they will cherish many memories of singing at important events in our school community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your questions or concerns.

My e-mail address is: **Katie.Harbolt@cherokeek12.net**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katie Harbolt

HFES Soaring Singers Chorus Director