



## Informational Letter Regarding the Hickory Flat Soaring Singers Chorus

August 25, 2022

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to turn in your form by **September 5<sup>th</sup>** so that your child may be considered to join the chorus. **Our first chorus practice will be on September 29th.**

### **Rehearsals**

We will practice every Thursday afternoon directly after school until 3:30 PM unless we do not have school due to holidays or inclement weather. Our first practice is **September 29th**. Students will perform for various school assemblies and evening concerts throughout the year. Notification via Canvas announcements 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.

### **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.** Bring your own snack to eat while we check in for each meeting.

### **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 3:35 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).

### **Content**

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