Methacton School District Eagleville Elementary School Spring 2019 3rd and 4th Grade Chorus



Dear Eagleville Elementary School 3rd and 4th Grade Students and Families,

I am very excited to invite 3rd and 4th grade students to join the 2019 Eagleville Spring Chorus. This is a voluntary, extra-curricular activity that meets on Friday mornings at 8:00AM. Our first rehearsal for the Spring Concert will be on **Friday, January 18, 2019**.

All students are encouraged to join, even if they have not participated in chorus before! The only requirements are a willingness to sing, have fun, and support fellow chorus members. Students are required to attend all rehearsals unless absent from school. **Any other reason must be accompanied by a written excuse.** Please try to let me know in advance if your child will not be attending rehearsal. Every rehearsal is important and <u>three unexcused</u> <u>absences may result in dismissal from chorus</u>

I am attaching a calendar of rehearsals leading up to the Spring Concert. Rehearsals will be held 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. every **Friday morning on the stage in the gym**. Please do your best to attend each rehearsal as every rehearsal is very important in being prepared for our performance. We want to sing our absolute best for the audience! Please note, if you participate in the breakfast program you will be dismissed from rehearsal at 8:55AM. If you cannot provide transportation or need assistance providing transportation, please feel free to send me a written note, voicemail, or e-mail. *Should there be a two-hour delay, rehearsal will be cancelled*.

Please review the following <u>Behavior Contract</u>, and return the attached papers signed by the chorus member and parent(s)/guardian(s) by <u>Wednesday January 16, 2019</u>. I am looking forward to meeting new chorus members you for the spring season. Welcome!

Musically yours,

Ms. Miranda Coghlan Elementary General Music, Chorus Director Methacton School District 610-489-5000 Eagleville Elementary School, Ext. 41127 <u>MCoghlan@methacton.org</u> Being a member of Chorus is a privilege and serious commitment. It is important for our ensemble to act as a team through positive interactions. Attendance and active participation is necessary during chorus for the most success! Ms. Coghlan will remind students about positive character at the start of each rehearsal. Chorus is going to be GREAT in the Spring Concert! We will practice and work hard together to perform for our parents and friends.

Return by: <u>Wednesday January 16, 2019</u> By signing this contract, you agree to the terms below:

Spring Chorus Contract

The following discipline policy is subject to every student in Chorus:

<u> 3 Tiered Behavior System</u>

1st Incident – A warning will be given to the student to stop inappropriate behavior. After rehearsal Ms. Coghlan and student will discuss solutions to the problem. Also, a note or email will be sent home.

2nd Incident – Ms. Coghlan will call or e-mail the student's parents to inform them of the problem that has occurred and discuss how the problem will be fixed.

3rd Incident – Student may be removed from chorus permanently or until the issue is resolved with parents, student, Ms. Coghlan and Dr. Kochenour.

- 1. I will treat my peers with respect by using kind words.
- 2. I will follow directions and do my best performing
- 3. I will do my best to be on time and present at all rehearsals.
- 4. I understand that after 3 incidents, I may be removed from chorus.

Student's Signature

Ms. Coghlan's Signature

Dr. Kochenour's Signature

Parent's Signature

Parent E-mail Address

Parent Cell-Phone

| To Eagleville Parents: |
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| <u>REMIND ME SIGN-UP</u> |
| If you wish to be a part of the "Remind Me" text group from Ms. Coghlan sent the night before rehearsal, please provide your cell phone number or e-mail address and you will receive a text message to remind you of morning rehearsal days! |
| **Return to school at your convenience and interest. |
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| () Cell Phone Number to add to "Remind Me" text group |
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| E-mail address to add to "Remind Me" e-mail group |
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| Parent/Guardian's Name |
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| Chorus Member's Name |
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<u>Spring Chorus Schedule 2019</u> (January – May) **KEEP THIS**

- Friday January 18th at 8:00AM
- Friday January 25th at 8:00AM
- Friday February 1st at 8:00AM
- Friday February 8th at 8:00AM
- Thursday February 21st at 8:00AM
- Friday March 1st at 8:00AM
- Friday March 8th at 8:00AM
- Friday March 15th at 8:00AM
- Friday March 22nd at 8:00AM
- Friday April 5th at 8:00AM
- Friday April 12th at 8:00AM
- Friday May 3rd at 8:00AM
- Friday May 10th at 8:00AM
- CONCERT DATE: Tuesday May 14th at 7:00PM

Please look for more upcoming information regarding concert details closer in May!



MEET THE CHORUS DIRECTOR:

Ms. Coghlan graduated from West Chester University (WCU) earning her degree in Music and Elementary Education. While at WCU, she enjoyed playing flute and participating in choirs. During her free time she enjoys singing, running, playing with her dog, and watching Disney movies. Ms. Coghlan is very excited to work with the talented and hard-working students at Eagleville Elementary School in the Methacton School District.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail with any comments, questions, or concerns!

E-mail: mcoghlan@methacton.org

Phone: 610-489-5000, Ext. 41127

<u>Chorus Q & A</u>

When does the chorus perform? The chorus performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts and is also featured during the Veterans Day Assembly.

Is it hard to memorize all of the music? We work together during chorus rehearsals to memorize the music for the concerts. Students are also provided with lyric sheets to take home! Is there a cost to join chorus? No! ©

Can I join chorus, band, and orchestra?

Yes! The 3 ensembles rehearse on different mornings of the week. Chorus does not involve any lessons during the day and you typically do not need to practice at home for chorus. **Can I join chorus if I have never participated before?** Yes! We sing different music each year!

Do I have to sing by myself in chorus?

No! Chorus is always a group activity. Students occasionally volunteer and audition for a solo, but it is not required.

