Big Shanty Eagle Chorus



4th and 5th graders

August 6, 2014

I hope you had a wonderful summer! I am looking forward to starting chorus this year and as I add more dates to the calendar, it is sure to be a great year. **Some things will be different this year and some things will be the same. Please read this information carefully because students and parents will be responsible for all of the information contained in this letter.**

**Eagle Chorus** is open to all 4th and 5th graders at Big Shanty. I can only have 65 students in Eagle Chorus. The first 65 students to turn in applications will be accepted. All students accepted into the Eagle Chorus must be able to sing on pitch with ease and be well disciplined in a large group setting. Classroom teachers will be consulted to discuss behavior issues and students must uphold the expectations of Big Shanty Intermediate in a high manner in all areas of the school community. The Eagle Chorus will perform at school and in the community as opportunities arise throughout the school year.

**Eagle Chorus applications are due no later than August 25.** Every member accepted into chorus is expected to commit to the group for the **entire school year**. Being in a chorus not only teaches students musicianship, it also teaches them rehearsal procedures and responsibility. Every member is valued and we will all depend on each other to make this year the best it can be.

**The Big Shanty Eagle Chorus will meet on Thursdays from 2:45-3:30.** Calendars and information will go out as needed in various forms; emails to parents, paper copies handed out in rehearsals and posted to the music room calendar on the music room website.

**General Expectations**-

Chorus rehearsal is from 2:45-3:30 on the scheduled days. All Chorus students must be enrolled in ASP. Chorus students will be released from rehearsal at **3:30 to the car line** at the front of the school. All students not attending ASP must be picked up no later than 3:40. At 3:40, all students who have not been picked up will call home and then be placed in ASP ($7 a day). If a student owes money to ASP, that student will not be allowed to stay after school for Chorus until the amount owed is paid. Chorus students who do not stay for ASP will not be required to pay the daily ASP fee.

**Attendance Expectations**-

**Every student is expected to be at every scheduled rehearsal and performance. Please try to avoid conflicts with chorus rehearsals. More than 2 unexcused absences will result in children being removed from the group. If a student has to be absent for any reason, they must submit a note to me in form of letter or email. Students are not allowed to be in more than one Thursday afternoon school activity.**

**Behavior Expectations**-

This is a large group, and good behavior is not only expected, but required. With this many students, we are concentrating on the development of musicianship and the behaviors this implies, not on the individual behavior difficulties of an individual child. We expect a student’s best effort at all times. As this is an after-school activity, it is a privilege to be a member of this group and I volunteer my time to organize and conduct this group. We perform challenging music at an extremely high level for the benefit of all the children in the group. Repeated behavioral issues will result in a child being removed from the group.

**General Information**-

**Chorus is entirely self-funded and each student is asked to pay the one-time fee of $35**. This covers 1 uniform shirt, a chorus notebook, all sheet music, an accompanist, buses for trips and all other expenses. If you cannot cover this fee in one payment, please notify me and we can work something out. **This fee is NONREFUNDABLE.** As soon as a student signs up for chorus, I start purchasing the needed items and it is impossible for me to refund the enrollment fee for any reason.

I am also looking for chorus parent volunteers to help with contacting chaperones, making copies, organizing the parties and other small tasks. If you can help, please indicate this on the registration form.

The best way to get in touch with me is by email. [erika.brown@cobbk12.org](mailto:erika.brown@cobbk12.org)

Please check the website for updates and info along with the Music Room Calendar.

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The Big Shanty Eagle Chorus is in need of an accompanist!

If you play piano and could volunteer your time 2 or 3 times this year, please contact me.

Paying for a pianist is one of the biggest expenses for the Chorus.

**Eagle Chorus Registration Form 2014-2015**

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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After chorus my child will: \_\_\_\_\_go to ASP \_\_\_\_\_be picked up \_\_\_\_\_other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If chorus is canceled at the last minute due to illness or some other emergency my child will:

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**Volunteer Opportunities**:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chorus Parent – coordinates volunteers, organizes and delegates responsibilities for celebrations, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_Supervise chorus members for evening performances

\_\_\_\_\_Assist with celebrations during the day

\_\_\_\_\_Making copies and administrative paperwork

In case of emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Any current medications: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Any medical needs your child has, of which adult supervisors should be aware:

* **Chorus members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances.**
* **Two rehearsals before a performance are considered “critical rehearsals” and all students must be in attendance**
* **All requests for excused absences must be in writing or email and turned in by the next rehearsal.**
* **ANY change in my child’s participation must be submitted in writing by a parent.**

**I have read and understand the attendance policy for rehearsals and performances, as outlined on the chorus information sheet and listed on this registration form. I also understand my child is making a commitment to be a member in good standing for the duration of the chorus program.**

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_