

Rockwell Elementary School Chorus  
2009 - 2010  
"This is why we sing!"

Dear Parents and Families,

This year at Rockwell Elementary School we will be starting an after-school chorus. This is something that has been done in the past, and we are very excited to bring this wonderful opportunity for our students back to Rockwell! This letter will give you information about chorus practices, performances and expectations. If your child is interested in participating in the chorus, there will be a form at the end of the letter to fill out. This form will give your child permission to stay for after-school practices.

The real focus of the after-school chorus is fostering a love of music and improved singing technique. The fun part comes when we get to perform! We will perform for PTA meetings and other school-wide assemblies. There are also plans for a chorus trip in December.

The expectations will be high, but I know these students are more than capable of achieving these goals! It will require a lot of hard work, practice, and dedication. Below you will see details about how the chorus will run. At the end, there will be a permission form to fill out. Please return this form to your child's homeroom teacher.

I. Practice - Chorus practices will be held after school each week on Tuesday from 2:20 until 3:15. All members of the chorus are expected to stay for practices each week, as we will have lots of music to learn. If your child is sick and out of school or has an appointment the day of practice, just send a note to let me know. Otherwise, the absence will be considered unexcused. Having three unexcused absences from practice may result in being removed from the chorus. After practice students can be picked up in the car rider area. It is very important that all students are picked up **ON TIME**. Students who are continually picked up late may not be allowed to stay after school any longer and will not be able to participate in the chorus. If your child would like to bring a snack to eat before practice, that is ok. Any drink must be in a container with a lid (i.e. water bottle, not open cans). I will always let you know if there are going to be any extra practices besides our regularly scheduled time.

II. Performances: At this time, there are three performances scheduled: Fall Concert, Holiday Musical, and Spring Musical. The dates for these performances have not been decided yet, but I will let you know the dates as soon as possible. It is extremely important that everyone is present for the concerts. Even one missing singer hurts our group! An unexcused absence from a performance may result in being removed from the chorus. There might be other opportunities to perform throughout the year, and I will let you know as these come up.

