



Dear Fourth Grade Parent,

This May your child will have the opportunity to audition for the 2008-2009 LISD Fifth Grade Honor Choir. This choir is designed to give the most advanced music students a chance to sing in an outstanding choral ensemble, to develop their vocal and musical skills, to be leaders in the LISD Music Program, and to work with other committed students toward the goal of musical excellence. The choir serves as a showcase choral group for LISD, performing a minimum of two concerts annually, as well as making guest appearances at district events. The choir is directed by an outstanding staff of Elementary Music Specialists.

Membership in this organization is by audition. There will be a pre-audition on each elementary campus and a select number of students from these campus auditions will advance to the district audition held at Parkway Elementary, (2100 S. Valley Pkwy. Lewisville, 75067), on May 16 & 17, 2008. At this final audition, each student will sing a specified set of music for a panel of three judges who will rate the student's performance on various musical criteria. (Your child's elementary teacher will provide students with information about the music for each audition.) Those students whose composite scores on the final audition are the highest will be considered for membership in this prestigious organization. The choir will be comprised of approximately 100 fifth grade students with at least one student member from every elementary campus.

The choir meets every Monday during the school year from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Milliken campus, 2103 Savage, Lewisville. It is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from every rehearsal. Once the choir has been established, we will work with parent volunteers to develop car pools from the different parts of town. A member who misses more than three rehearsals during the year will be removed from the group.

There is a participation fee of \$80.00 that helps provide for the choir t-shirt and concert uniforms. (If your child is selected for membership in this organization and the participation fee poses a financial hardship, scholarships are available.) This participation fee is non-refundable. Music is provided for the choir by the district and remains the property of LISD.



If your child is interested in auditioning, please complete the Application Form and attach a copy of your child's most recent report card. Return both to your child's music teacher. Pre-auditions will be held at each elementary campus. The music teacher will notify those students that will advance to the final audition. The campus elementary music teacher will also notify each advancing student of their May 16th or 17th audition time. The final choir roster will be announced on each campus by May 23.

Membership in this organization, while being a tremendous honor, is also a great responsibility. Additionally, we expect the students to participate as leaders in their home campus choirs and/or after-school ensembles. Please be certain that you and your child are willing to assume the responsibilities outlined above before auditioning for membership in the choir, including the responsibility for transportation to and from rehearsals. For those parents of students that make the choir, there will be a parent information meeting June 2, 6:30 PM at Milliken. Your attendance at this meeting is required. We will accept the \$80.00 participation fee at this meeting. Please **DO NOT** give the money to the elementary music teacher.

The 2007-2008 choir has been very successful. We look forward to achieving musical excellence with the 2008-2009 LISD Fifth Grade Honor Choir. If you have further questions, please call (972) 350-4715.

Sincerely,

Steve White
Director of Performing Arts