

Edgewood Elementary School Chorus

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to another school year! Last year was very crazy, so it's nice that we are back to a somewhat normal school year again!

This year fourth and fifth graders at Edgewood Elementary are eligible to join the Edgewood Elementary School Chorus. Chorus will be very similar to music class but will have more of a focus towards singing, performing, and preparation for middle school music. In chorus students will be learning a diverse selection of songs that target vocal development, performance etiquette, cultural understanding, and collaboration skills. In addition to preparation for middle and high school music, chorus also improves one's emotional, social, physiological, and behavioral health (see below for the benefits of chorus).

Fourth and fifth grade chorus will meet every Wednesday starting October 6th, 2021. Fourth grade will meet from 10:55-11:40, and fifth grade will meet from 12:55-1:40. If students are interested in joining chorus, please have this form signed and returned to the homeroom teacher by October 6th. Chorus is optional, however, it is also a commitment! Students will be expected to come to chorus if he or she is in school on Wednesday. Students will also be expected to follow the Edgewood Eagle Norms just like students do throughout the school. There will be two chorus concerts during the school year: One in December and one in May. If students join chorus, they will be expected to be present at the concerts to perform.

Health Benefits of Chorus:

Emotional	Social	Physiological	Behavioral
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in mindfulness• Confidence booster	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates a sense of community• Improved social interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved breathing• Increased aerobic activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased self-efficacy• Decrease in stress

*Things To Keep in Mind:

- Students are allowed to join an instrumental program AND chorus! If you're interested in both groups, you should join both groups! It is encouraged that students join both, as many of the benefits listed above also apply to instrumental music!
- Once you join chorus, you are committed to chorus until the December concert, so students won't be able to break their commitment! This also applies for the spring concert.
- It does not matter if a student is a good singer or not! That's why students come to class, to learn! Don't be shy to join chorus just because you don't think you sound like Beyonce or Michael Jackson!
- Students will be required to wear a mask if chorus practice takes place inside.

Please sign this form and return to Mr. Gates or the student's homeroom teacher by October 6th, 2021. Feel free to email me if you have any additional questions about Edgewood Elementary music. I'm excited to hear the music we will be making this school year!

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Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Date: _____