

September 5, 2019

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to the new school year at Griffin Elementary School! Chorus is offered to **Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students**. Chorus will meet on Monday afternoons from 2PM to 3PM in the music room. Chorus rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 9th. Chorus rehearsals will continue until the month of May.

Chorus Students will perform for both Grandparent's Day Celebrations, Barnes and Noble, "Light Up Cooper City," Our Winter Holiday Concerts, and our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. **Chorus students will need to wear black pants and a white shirt for all of our concerts.**

I welcome any parents who would like to volunteer to help during chorus practice. Parents who would like to volunteer with chorus are more than welcome to come in and help. There are no auditions for chorus, when you sign the permission slip they are a member of the chorus. If your child is interested in participating in this wonderful experience, please fill out the attached permission slip and sign them up for chorus. If you have any questions, please email me at Sally.palmer@browardschools.com.

Yours Truly,

Sally Palmer

CHORUS CLUB EXPECTATIONS

1. **Common Goals-** The common goal of the chorus is to prepare students for middle school chorus through teamwork and self-discipline for a lifetime of enjoyment.
2. **Team work-** Each student must understand that he/she is an important part of the club family and without cooperation and support from the entire group, the group as a whole is not as strong.
3. **Self Discipline-** Each student must understand that they are responsible for his or her own behavior. The classroom rules and consequences are the same in after school chorus as they are in the classroom.
4. Each student must be aware of the goals of the chorus.

CHORUS RULES

I will do my best.

I will enter and leave the room quietly.

I will listen and follow directions.

I will respect others.

I will raise my hand to speak.

Chorus is a privilege and good behavior is a **must**.

Students who misbehave consistently will be permanently removed from chorus.

Chorus Attendance

Attendance will be taken at **each** chorus rehearsal. Students who miss many (3-5) rehearsals with no letter of excuse will not be permitted to perform in our concerts.

If a student is absent due to illness, it can be excused with a written note. If your child is absent from chorus please send me an email to let me know. Sall.palmer@browardschools.com. If your child no longer wants to be a part of chorus please send me an email as well.

Chorus Tardies:

Being on time to chorus is very important. Chorus class begins at 2pm. Students who are repeatedly late to chorus (3 or more times) will not be allowed to participate in chorus. If a student is late to chorus because they are at a safety patrol post, please let me know. They will be excused.

Anti Bullying Policy:

The anti-bullying policy in our school applies to after school chorus. Bullying will not be tolerated.

Chorus Incentives

Students can earn 25 stickers for participating in an evening chorus concert. Students who earn 100 stickers or more will earn a chorus pin at the end of the school year. Students who earn an X on the chart for unacceptable behavior will not earn their chorus Students who quit chorus or are removed from chorus will not receive these incentive awards.

Cell Phones:

Students are not permitted to use their cell phones in chorus or outside at dismissal.

CHORUS PERMISSION FORM

Please complete this form and present it to **Mrs. Palmer** before September 25th.

Student name _____

Classroom Teacher Name _____ **Grade** _____

**Parents' phone numbers-
Best contact** _____

Second best contact _____

Email _____

_____ Yes, my son or daughter may participate in after school chorus, which meets after school on Mondays from 2-3pm from September to May. I will pick my child up promptly at 3:00 pm in front of the school.

_____ Yes, my son or daughter may participate in after school chorus, which meets after school on Mondays from 2-3pm from September to May. My child is in aftercare and will go to after care after chorus.

_____ **I would like to be a parent volunteer in chorus.**

My child and I are aware of the expectations, rules, consequences, and attendance procedures for participation in chorus.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date