

CTA Independence Chorus

Starting Wednesday, September 7th

Dear Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grade Parents and Students,

I am pleased to announce the beginning of the CTA Independence Chorus season! Chorus will only be offered to **fourth, fifth, and sixth graders**. Chorus meets **Mondays and Wednesdays before school from 8:00am to 8:35am**.

Participating in chorus is a wonderful way to enhance what your child is already learning in the general music classroom. There are a few things you need to know about chorus before making this commitment.

1. **Membership:** Parental permission is required to enroll a student in chorus. The commitment will be September 2016 to February 2017.
2. **Cost:** Continuing from last year's change by the state attorney General's office, CUSD has developed a fee for all extracurricular activities for which tax credit funds are used. This year's fee will be \$25 dollars for every student to join CTA Independence Chorus. This fee will cover the cost of your chorus uniform shirt as well as an off campus daytime concert. **The fee may be paid online or through specific tax credit donation.**
3. **Attendance:** Chorus will meet twice a week on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00am-8:35am**. Attendance and punctuality is a must. Students must enter through the North (front) side of the building. At 7:55am students will be permitted to walk to the music room (room #36). Students will sign in when they arrive at the music room. Any student arriving past 8:10am must go immediately to the playground. Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from chorus. After three unexcused absences, you will receive an email that your child may no longer participate in chorus. If your child is dismissed from chorus, the \$25 fee will not be refunded.
 - a. **The difference between excused and unexcused absence is:**
 - i. **Excused Absence:** occurs when the child is absent from school and as a result, is absent from chorus.

- ii. **Unexcused Absence:** Occurs when the child attends school, but does not attend chorus.
- 4. **Performances:** We will have many concerts this year! One of our concerts will be off campus, another on campus for their peers, and one during the evening.
- 5. **Performance Attire:** I will send information home regarding performance attire at a later time.
- 6. **Citizenship:** Students are expected to show good citizenship during choir rehearsals and performances. We represent CTA Independence, Chandler Unified School District, and our families when we perform. We want to do our very best!

Please complete the attached **Chorus Contract** and **Club Payment Agreement** and return it to your classroom teacher or to Miss Johnson or your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. Please note if you have already made a tax credit donation the chorus fee can be subtracted from that total. If you have not and are choosing to use a tax credit donation, please specify on your donation that the money is to be put toward CTA Independence Chorus fee.

Chorus Contracts must be returned by Friday, September 2nd. I will not accept any contracts after this date. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7th.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at johnson.jessica@cusd80.com or (480) 224-2739.

Sincerely,

Miss Johnson