

Commack Road Chorus

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Dear CRES Students and Families,

May 31, 2016

Your child is invited to join the **CRES Choral Program** next year! Our program consists of *CRES Chorus* and *CRES TrebleMakers*.

CRES Chorus

Chorus is open to all interested fourth and fifth graders! I am excited to continue working with our returning fifth graders and to welcome our new fourth grade members. Chorus will be divided for rehearsal purposes but will perform as one large chorus. We designate the rehearsal groups as Purple and Gold. Each rehearsal group will have both 4th and 5th graders in it. Families will be notified of rehearsals days and times in September. **Students who intend to participate in band and orchestra may also participate in chorus without conflict.**

When deciding whether or not your child is going to join Chorus, please discuss with them the importance of making a commitment to our performing group. The expectation is that **all students** will attend **all rehearsals** unless they are absent from school. In order for the group to perform to its potential it is important that we have as many students present at each rehearsal as possible. Chorus will meet twice a week before school and is considered an instructional period, so school-appropriate behavior is expected.

In order to become a member of Chorus, each student must return the attached permission slip, including 4th grade students who are currently in chorus.

CRES TrebleMakers

In addition to CRES Chorus, we also offer an advanced, audition-only choral group called TrebleMakers. The audition will be a familiar song, "**Happy Birthday**." Auditions will take place *this year* so that we may "hit the ground running" in our new school year. Auditions will be held according to the schedule on the reverse. **If for any reason, your child cannot participate on the given day, please contact me as soon as possible** so that we may make other arrangements. Admission into TrebleMakers is contingent upon two factors: a high level of vocal achievement at the audition as well as commitment, dedication, behavior, and motivation demonstrated in general music classes. If a fourth grade student is auditioning for TrebleMakers as a fifth grader, attendance in chorus during fourth grade may also be a determining factor. Please understand that TrebleMakers is an additional commitment. Students who become members of TrebleMakers must also be an active participant with excellent attendance in Chorus. TrebleMakers will not conflict with band/orchestra rehearsals.

Please return the attached page to Mr. Baur by June 10, 2016. If students indicate that they are interested in auditioning for TrebleMakers, please know that if they do not earn a spot in TrebleMakers, they will still be members of CRES Chorus. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at mbaur@islipufsd.org, call me at school, 631-650-8642 or visit my eboard at www.mrbaur.info.

Musically,

Mr. Baur

CRES Choral Director

TrebleMakers Auditions

(*ONLY* for students interested in joining TrebleMakers)

Monday, June 13 - 8:30am - Mr. Baur's Classroom

3rd Grade - Heuer, Hess, Chorusey

Tuesday, June 14 - 8:30am - Mr. Baur's Classroom

3rd Grade - Clehane, Knudsen

Wednesday, June 15 - 8:30am - Mr. Baur's Classroom

4th Grade - Munson, Kramarcik

Thursday, June 16- 8:30am - Mr. Baur's Classroom

4th Grade - LeMaire, Dieumegard, Nieves

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Permission and Commitment

Dear Mr. Baur,

My child, _____, is interested in participating in the CRES choral program for the 2016-2017 school year.

My child is currently in Mr./Mrs. _____'s class.

My child is interested in becoming a member of:
(choose only one)

_____ CRES Chorus

OR

_____ CRES Chorus *and* CRES TrebleMakers

I understand that membership in TrebleMakers is by audition only and is not guaranteed. If my child is not selected for TrebleMakers, my child will still become a member of CRES Chorus.

All students and parents will be notified of audition results and rehearsal schedules at the beginning of next school year.

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

*******PLEASE RETURN TO MR. BAUR BY JUNE 10, 2016*******