**“Take Note”**

Dear Parents and Students,

I am looking forward to starting a great year of music making with third, fourth and fifth graders in choir. All students in third, fourth, and fifth grade are welcome to join. This year we will present a formal concert on Thursday, March 27th in the Multipurpose Room @ 6pm.

Choir rehearsals are every Monday from 2:11-3:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. All students are asked to attend all rehearsals and to arrive promptly. As with all school related activities, I will maintain the same behavioral expectations as I do in the classroom. This includes active and positive participation from each choir member, attendance at all rehearsals, and focused attention during these rehearsals.

This year we are expecting to have a large number of students participating in choir. While it is wonderful to have so many enthusiastic members, this also requires us to make the best use of our time and to ensure that all students are getting the most that they can out of this experience. **Therefore, students who have any of the following issues will be permanently removed from choir:**

* **Attendance:** Any student participating in after-school tutoring on Mondays will not be invited to choir, as academic learning must take precedence. Students who miss a rehearsal without a parent excuse,\* OR who miss more than 2 rehearsals will no longer be a member of choir
* **Behavior:** Students who receive 3 warnings during any given rehearsal OR who receive an office referral during the school day are no longer a member of choir
* **Classwork:** Students who are missing work in class will be removed from choir
* **Pick-up: Students who are picked up late (after 3:00 p.m.) more than 2 times will no longer be allowed to participate.**

\*If your child misses a rehearsal, please send a written excuse with your child to the next rehearsal

Again, I know this is a great group of kids and I do not anticipate having behavior problems. I am looking forward to a spectacular year and I am excited to work with all of you! If you have any questions please contact me via school phone or e-mail. (799-7760 or lminger@interact.ccsd.net).

Please note there are a very limited number of rehearsals, so mark your calendars and be sure you don’t miss practice. There is no school on Monday, January 20th or Monday, February 17; therefore there will not be rehearsal those days.

Thank you and happy music making!

Ms. Minger

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Please sign and return the bottom portion by the next rehearsal for participation.

We have read and understand the choir contract and are aware that attendance, classwork, and behavior can affect membership.

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