

To: All parents of Fourth and Fifth
Graders



From: Miss Gretchen Erstad, Seth Paine
Chorus Director

Date: September 3, 2009

RE: 2009-10 Seth Paine Chorus

*The Seth Paine Chorus will begin rehearsals on **Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 a.m.***

Hello, Parents and future SPC Singers!

My name is Gretchen Erstad, and I am the Seth Paine Chorus Director! This will be my second year directing the chorus at Seth Paine and I am so excited for this year.

The SPC is open to ALL fourth and fifth graders who love to sing. The chorus meets every Thursday morning in the music room from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Evening concerts are held twice a year, December and May, with the possibility of a couple Saturday performances as well.

It is my intent that Chorus be a fun, educational and musical experience for each singer! This requires a commitment from its members and their families. **The expectation is that once your child commits to Chorus, he or she will make a commitment to be at every rehearsal and concert for an entire concert season.** *If a problem should arise that prevents you from fulfilling this commitment, I respectfully request notification from a parent or guardian in writing.*

Chorus participants and parents should read the following expectations carefully. Please sign the attached the *permission slip* and return to me *with the appropriate fees* by Friday, September 11.

1. Chorus members are expected to be prompt and seated in the

music room by 7:30 a.m.

2. Chorus members who are absent from school are considered excused from rehearsal, however, students with three unexcused absences will not be allowed to remain in Chorus.
3. Chorus members are responsible for their own transportation to school.
4. Chorus members are expected to perform in all concerts.
5. Chorus members are expected to show exemplary behavior during all rehearsals and performances.
6. District 95 requires a \$25 participation fee for this extracurricular activity. If you have a problem paying this fee, please speak with Mr. Shapiro, the SP Principal.

A phone tree will be established in the event that I have an unexpected absence. I will initiate calls between 6:45 and 7:00.

Miss Gretchen Erstad

IMPORTANT DATES.....

Concert Dates:

December 10: Holiday Concert: 7:00 p.m.

May 25: Spring Concert: 7:00 p.m.