Toronto District School Board

WILKINSON JUNIOR SCHOOL
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JUNIOR CHOIR & ORFF GROUPS

Please see the back of this sheet for the following:

- a list of extra-curricular music groups run by Ms. Levy
- Wilkinson concert dates.

EXPECTATIONS

If your child is interested in joining choir or Orff, please read over with him/her the responsibilities listed below.

As a member of a musical ensemble you agree to:

1. Commit to the ensemble for the duration of the semester/term.
2. Attend all rehearsals. -- The only excuse for missing a rehearsal is being absent from school.
3. Behave appropriately during rehearsals. This includes refraining from talking during rehearsals.
4. Always put forth your best effort during rehearsals, and sing or perform to the best of your ability.
5. Return all music (and instruments) that are borrowed in the same condition you got it.

NOTE: Students are asked to make a commitment if they decide to join a group, to stick with the group for the entire semester/term. "Dropping out" of a group mid-term is highly discouraged.

DRESSING FOR THE PERFORMANCES

In order to create a uniform look, students performing are asked to wear the following to all concerts:

- Black bottoms – (either pants or a skirt)
- A plain white top.
- No shoes with high heels, please. This way, all children can be seen.

However, do not let the clothing request deter you from having your child participate. Students will be allowed to perform and participate regardless of their clothing.
A school sweater will be loaned for each concert. Please be sure to return it in good condition immediately after each performance!

COMMUNICATION

Email: In order to facilitate communication, I ask parents to provide an email address, if possible. This will allow me to send out information and reminders about concerts and special events, and facilitate communication in the event that your child misses a rehearsal. Your email will not be used for any other purposes, except for communications with the music ensemble director, and will not be shared with anyone.

Ms. Levy's – Email address: batya.levy@tdsb.on.ca - Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns. Also, please email me if your child has to miss a rehearsal (due to an appointment, illness or other commitment):

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STUDENT'S NAME: _____ ROOM #: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

PLEASE CIRCLE THE GROUP(S) THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE JOINING: (1)Junior Choir (2)Orff Ensemble

JUNIOR CHOIR, ORFF GROUPS & CONCERT INFORMATION 2016/2017

JUNIOR CHOIR

- Open to students in grades 4, 5 and 6.
- **Rehearsals: Wednesdays – 11:50-12:30 - in room 3**
- Semester 1: First rehearsal will be on Wed., September 14.
- Semester 2: First rehearsal will be on Wed., January 11.

ORFF ENSEMBLE

- This ensemble is geared more towards students in grades 5 & 6, due to the level of difficulty. However, students in grade 4 may also join if they feel they are up for a challenge.
- **Rehearsals**: Due to the number of instruments, there is space for only 35 students in each Orff group. This year, I would like to try to have only three different Orff groups. However, if necessary, I will consider opening up a fourth Orff group.
  Students may only sign up for one of the groups listed below:
  - **Tuesdays – 12:00-12:30**
  - **Thursdays – 12:00-12:30**
  - **Fridays - 12:00-12:30**
  - (If a fourth group is necessary, it will be on Mondays – 12:00-12:30)

  All Orff Ensemble rehearsals are held in room 6.
- **Sign-Up:** Students should sign up for a group on **Mon., Sept. 12.**
- Semester 1: Rehearsals to begin the week of Sept. 21
- Semester 2: Rehearsals to begin the week of January 18.

WILKINSON CONCERT DATES

WINTER CONCERT (Semester 1) - Thursday, December 15, 2016 – 6:00-7:00 PM (to be confirmed)
SPRING CONCERT (Semester 2) - Thursday, April 27, 2017 – exact time to be determined

FESTIVALS - Students may also have the opportunity to perform at festivals throughout the year. These will be announced as information becomes available to us.

MUSIC AWARDS FOR GRADES 4 – 6
2016/17

End of Year Party and Certificates

In May or June, after the last concert, a party date will be set for all students who participated in an extra-curricular music ensemble for at least one full term. All of these students will receive a certificate of participation.

Music Awards

Music awards will be presented to those students who truly stood out as excellent ensemble members! A limit will not be placed on the number of awards handed out. All students who fulfill the following criteria will be eligible for an award:

Ribbons will be awarded to students in grades 4, 5 & 6 who fulfill **all** of the criteria listed as follows:

- Were in either choir or Orff for the entire school year. (Exceptions will be made for students who were not at Wilkinson the entire school year.);
- Had **excellent attendance**. (The only acceptable excuse for a student to miss rehearsal is if (s)he was not at school - for example, due to an illness, an appointment, or religious observance.)
- Came to all rehearsals **prepared**, with their music learned: Orff Ensemble members will need to make sure they know what was taught at the previous rehearsals. Choir members will need to have their music memorized 1-2 weeks before the concert.;
- And displayed excellence in each of the following areas:
  - **Participation**
  - **Attitude**
  - **Teamwork**
  - **Behaviour**

Medallions will be awarded to students in **grade 6** who were in **both choir and Orff**, and who fulfilled the criteria listed above with respect to attendance, participation, attitude, and behaviour.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Ms. Levy.

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