

**To: 4th & 5th Grade Students, Parents, & Guardians**  
**From: Mr. Gipson, K-5 Music/Choir Director @ Sunflower Elementary School**  
**Re: 2018-19 Sunflower Choir Information**

It is my pleasure to invite you to membership in the Sunflower Elementary School Choir. This group has been in existence for nine years, and has performed at state music festivals, Crown Center in Kansas City, for the Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education, and carols annually at the Clinton Parkway HyVee. Individual choir members have been selected for the yearly All-State Elementary Honor Choir performance in Wichita, KS. The goal of the choir is to sing a wide variety of music and to represent Sunflower Elementary School and Lawrence Public Schools through stellar performances, courteous behavior, and thoughtful artistry. If you love to sing and/or perform, please consider joining the choir this year!

In order to perform as well as possible, rehearsals are necessary! The Choir will begin its regular rehearsals starting before school on Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 at 7:50 A.M. Every choir member will have a commitment of two rehearsals a week, depending on which voice part they are assigned. Choir performances occur throughout the school year, with two seasonal concerts taking place in December and May.

Due to considerations for available rehearsal space and materials, membership in Choir is limited to no more than 80 members. Membership will be granted on the following levels:

1. Any 5th grade student who was a member of the Sunflower Choir for **the entire 2017-18 school year** will automatically be reserved a spot provided permission slips are turned in and a voice placement test is completed by the proper date.
2. Any 5th grade student who is new to Sunflower this year, any 5th grade student enrolled as a new student after the start of the 2017-18 school year (example: started at Sunflower in December of the previous school year), or any 4th grade student.
3. All other students are welcome to submit a permission form for membership, but will NOT be guaranteed a spot. Membership spots will be filled in the order in which permission slips/contracts are received.

Any student who is interested in choir for this year is highly encouraged to attend an informational meeting in the music room next Wednesday, August 22nd at 8:00 A.M. Students may enter the building through the music room exterior door starting at 7:50 A.M. Students will learn about what to expect as a member of choir this year, as well as receive a membership form and other important information. I look forward to a wonderful year of making music! If you have any questions, please let me know at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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