



Clearspring Elementary School 9930 Moyer Road, Damascus, MD 20872 301-253-7004

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the fall/winter 2013-2014 Clearspring ES 4th & 5th Grd. Chorus! I am excited about our upcoming school year's performance opportunities on Veteran's Day, Grandparents Day and our Winter Choral & Instrumental Concerts! I am looking forward to providing this opportunity to continue our students' successes and expand their musical skills and talents.

Chorus rehearsals will be held during recess once a week. Being a member of the chorus requires commitment, dedication and cooperation with everyone. I will expect that if a student chooses to join the chorus that he/she will be committed for the entire semester. Commitment means coming prepared to sing and learn at every rehearsal. Chorus members will model proper vocal care and use. (Posture, Breathing, Pitch, Tonality, Phrasing and Blend) Students who sign up for chorus must agree to attend every rehearsal and every performance. If your child has to miss a rehearsal please have him/her bring in a note from a parent/guardian. If a chorus member skips a rehearsal or has to be reminded repeatedly about proper behavior then I reserve the right to remove them from the chorus for the remainder of the season. Please discuss this commitment with your child to be sure that he/she understands and is will to abide by our chorus rules then have your child read and sign the form below with you.

Also, I am looking for a parents and family members who are interested in helping out with chaperones, dance and choreography throughout the year. I am sure that there are a lot of talented moms, dads and others who would enjoy working with our students. (Please indicate your interest below.) Thanks! Please return this slip to me by Friday, September 13, 2013. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or problems. You can call me at school before 8:45am or after 3:30pm or email me at <u>mark amberg@mcpsmd.org</u>

Sincerely,

Mark Amberg, Clearspring Chorus Director (Please return to Mr. Amberg by Friday, September 13, 2013

My child, (Name)______ (Grd/Teacher)______ agrees to the above requirements to be a member of the 2013-2014 Clearspring ES Chorus.

(Student Signature)_____

(Parent Signature/email/phone _____

____I am interested in volunteering with the Clearspring ES 4th & 5th Grd. Chorus.

Volunteer Name_____ Phone/Email_____