

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has expressed an interest in joining the 2018/2019

Audubon Park 5th Grade Percussion Ensemble.

This club will meet after school each *Thursday from 3:00pm-4:00pm.*



Participation in Percussion Ensemble will provide students an opportunity, outside of our regular music class, to further develop musical skills. Students will develop skills in rhythmic speech, rhythmic notation, movement, and technique on various percussive classroom instruments. Involvement will also provide an opportunity for students to develop self-discipline, cooperation, self-confidence and self-esteem through participation and public performances.

Commitment

I have spoken with your child about the responsibilities that come with joining the **Audubon Park 5th Grade Percussion Ensemble.** While we will have a lot of fun along the way, students will be expected to work hard and show a strong commitment to making music. Additionally, students who register with the group will be asked to participate for the *entire* 2018/2019 school year. Please have a conversation with your child regarding their commitment to joining our group. Participation in our weekly meetings will be contingent on regular attendance and appropriate attitude and behavior.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken each week at rehearsal. Regular committed attendance is required for continued participation in the group. Please do not register for other after school activities if they conflict with consistent participation in the group.

Because our chorus will be rehearsing to present performances, it is critical that students show commitment and attend all scheduled rehearsals. Students may have **no more than three (3) absences for any reason prior to performing in a concert.** More than three absences will result in disqualification in performing in the upcoming concert.

Pick-up Information

Our rehearsals end at 4:00pm. Please make necessary arrangements to arrive at least five minutes early to provide prompt pickup at the end of rehearsals. For your child's safety and to adhere to school policy, I will wait with all students at the end of rehearsals.

I appreciate your courtesy in being on time at 4:00pm. Students unable to be picked up on time will not be able to continue attending rehearsals. If you are picking up your child by car, please use the car loop in front of the school. All students will wait together at the car rider pick up area at the front of the school. Students are expected to follow directions, stay with the group, and report to the car rider pick up area immediately at the end of our rehearsals.

Concert Dress

So that the music groups will have a uniform appearance for performances, each student is asked to purchase his/her own Audubon Park Music polo shirt, at a cost of \$11. **Students are required to wear their music concert shirt with tan colored dress pants/shoes to all scheduled concerts.**

Because the concert shirt is the same for all of our after-school music groups, *only one is required if participating in multiple groups.* In addition, the design remains the same each year, so there will be no need to repurchase if already owned.

Payments for concert shirts will take place through the online SchoolPay system. However, our school is still working to get this system fully operational. **An order form will be distributed soon when the school is ready to receive payments. Please do not send payment at this time.**

APS Music Website

Thank you for the support you provide to your child as they continue to explore music and increase their musicianship. I value communication with parents and would like to invite you to visit the CSE Music Department website at www.k5apsmusic.com Information regarding our after-school music groups will be posted on a regular basis.

I want to invite an open line of communication and welcome you to speak with me after the rehearsal period has ended or any other time by e-mail chad.walters@ocps.net or 407-317-5829, ext. 305-4256.

Performance Schedule

The **Audubon Park 5th Grade Percussion Ensemble** will have the opportunity to perform for friends and family. We will be presenting both Winter and Spring Music Concerts during the 2018/2019 school year. Please review the dates listed on the attached calendar to learn more about these special events.

Conduct

I have spoken to students regarding my expectations for proper conduct during rehearsals and performances. Because our rehearsal time is limited, students who choose to disrupt our activities will not be permitted to continue participation with the group.

Donations

We appreciate parent support of our music programs. If you would be interested in helping at our concerts, please write me a note on the permission slip. I will contact you for assistance as we get closer to our scheduled concert date.

In addition, you will have an opportunity to support our music program with a financial donation on the shirt order form, which will be provided once our music department SchoolPay accounts are operational. 100% of all donations received will be used to cover expenses such as sheet music, instruments, accompaniment tracks, stage decorations, and other necessary items to keep our after-school music program running smoothly.

Thank you for your support of our music program and I look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,

Chad Walters
Music Teacher



*Please complete and sign this form and return with your child by **Wednesday, August 29th, 2018***

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

I authorize my child to leave rehearsals on Thursdays at 4:00pm by...

_____ Walking Home

_____ Reporting to Extended Day Program

_____ Riding Bike

_____ I will pick up at 4:00 pm

Please provide a phone number where you can be reached during rehearsal: _____

Parent e-mail address: _____

I have reviewed the policies of the Audubon Park 5th Grade Percussion Ensemble and acknowledge my child's participation in this after school music club. In addition, I have reviewed the schedule of rehearsals printed on the opposite side of this permission slip/order form and give permission for my child to stay after school during the dates/times listed.

Parent Signature

Date