



Department of Teaching and Learning  
Arts Education  
Fall 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of Fifth Grade Students,

Your Fifth Grader is encouraged to audition for the Elementary School Honors Chorus. Marji Dwyer is the director, and Raifel Faison is the accompanist. Arlington music teachers will be the adjudicators.

**All students must audition** if they wish to be considered for this year's Elementary Honors Chorus.

Auditions are at **Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, VA 22204**

- **Audition Dates/Times**
  - **Monday, October 28, 4:00 - 7:30 PM**
  - **Tuesday, Oct. 29, 4:30 - 8:00 PM**
  - **Wednesday, Oct. 30, 4:00 - 7:30 PM**
- Check in for all students begins 15 minutes before your chosen audition slot. Registration times will be selected on the online registration form
- The actual audition time for each student is only about three minutes. However, expect to wait if many students arrive at the same time.
- The auditions will be "blind" - the student will not be seen by the adjudicators.
- Students are free to leave once their audition is over
- All students will be notified of the results within two weeks

Students should be prepared to sing "**The Path to the Moon**" from memory and without accompaniment. They will also be asked to demonstrate other singing exercises. Sheet music and recordings can be found at <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/elementary-school-honors-chorus/> or you may ask your school's music teacher for assistance.

Please register at the above web site, or at: <https://forms.gle/2wdJJB5pqyRGUtEg6>

Computer registration ensures accuracy in data collection and helps us run the auditions more efficiently. Additionally, you are able to secure a specific audition time slot by registering online. If you are unable to complete the online registration prior to the event, computers will be available on site the day of the audition. No students will be disqualified from auditioning if they do not register in advance.

The following is important information about your child's participation in the Honors Chorus. If your child is selected to perform with the Honors Chorus, she or he will be expected to:

- **Attend rehearsals** - Tuesdays, 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM, January 7 - March 17, 2020, and Mondays, March 9 and 16, 6:45-8:00 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd. Monday, February 3 and Monday, March 2, 2020 - is a snow make-up date if needed
- **Perform** in the Spring Concert at Kenmore Middle School, with the Junior Honors Band, Junior Honors Orchestra and Elementary Honors Chorus, on **Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7:00 PM**
- **Wear concert dress** for performances: **white shirts and dark pants or skirts**
- Families are responsible for transportation to rehearsals and performances. You may wish to arrange carpools with families from your school or neighborhood.

Questions? Please contact your student's music teacher or Chris Monroy at 703-228-6299.

Sincerely,

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Honors Music Program Coordinator

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Elementary General Music Teachers  
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