

Sandy Hook School

4th Grade Concert and Music Information

September 14, 2010

Dear Parents of Fourth Graders,

Fourth grade will be an exciting year in music for your children. They will perform evening Winter and Spring Concerts at Newtown High School. They will also learn to play the recorder which teaches music reading and prepares students for the Reed School music program.

Our Winter Concert will be Thursday, **December 16, 2010**; our Spring Concert will be Tuesday, **May 10, 2011**. Both concerts will take place at Newtown High School at 7:00 p.m. **Please inform winter and spring sport coaches of these dates.**

We will rehearse at the High School the morning of each concert. As we get closer to the performances, I will send you a permission slip and health form to fill out for our travel.

Students are expected to attend their concerts; they are **all** an important part of our chorus. It has only been a couple of weeks and I can tell it is going to be an awesome group!

CONCERT ATTIRE-you may want to start looking for these items.

Students are asked to wear a **white top and a black or dark bottom**. Girls may wear pants or skirts and ties are optional for boys. Dress shoes are preferred but neat sneakers are acceptable.

RECORDERS

In January, fourth graders will be playing the recorders as part of their music classes. As we get closer to that time I will send home a note with info on purchasing a recorder, usually about \$3.75, if your child does not have one. Recorders will be provided during class time for students who can not afford to purchase one.

GRADING

Grade four students will receive a grade in music for the second and third marking periods. Students are graded in accordance with the standards adopted by the Board of Education. Grades are based on their music and chorus classes. Effort is an important part of their grade.

CURRICULUM

The music curriculum is based on the National Standards of Music. The entire curriculum may be found on the district web site.

CONTACT INFO

The best way to contact me is through the school's e-mail. Feel free to visit my website for forms that don't make it home or get lost. Kristopikm@newtown.k12.ct.us

Thank you,
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