

- 1. Each member of the show choir must attend scheduled rehearsals. If the student misses a rehearsal, he/she is responsible for learning the material covered. If a student misses more than 2 rehearsals in a semester as an unexcused absence, he/she may be asked to leave the group. (Note: The only excused absences will be if a student was ill the entire day and did not attend school or was sent home as a half day or if there was a family emergency. In these instances, a note should be submitted as soon as possible explaining the situation.) (Please try to schedule appointments for different days. Rehearsals are very important to be prepared for performances.) (*Note: Attendance has been a big issue in years past. Please plan accordingly.) If at any time the membership in the group falls below 10 people, the show choir will no longer be offered.
- 2. Members must maintain at least a C- or better in each class on their report cards to remain in the show choir. If a teacher has concerns about a show choir member's grades, those concerns will be voiced to Mrs. Williams and membership in the show choir will be questioned. Grades of D or F will be grounds for dismissal from the group, unless otherwise approved by a classroom teacher.
- 3. Each member must provide the specified attire. We will be ordering shirts with a design and the group's name. The shirts will cost between \$13-\$15. We will order the shirts once show choir has started. Do not send in any money until a form has been sent home. *Please note: If the cost of the shirt is a problem for your family, please speak to Mrs. Williams about this so we can try to find a solution. Along with the purchase of the shirts, the members must have black pants, socks, and shoes (boys) or black pants or skirts, black socks or stockings, and black shoes (girls). This will answer any questions about performance attire each time they have a show and will help us look uniform. Other accessories may be provided to use for the year and turn in again in May.
- 4. Rehearsals will be conducted after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on select Monday and/or Wednesday afternoons in the music room. There is no show choir practice on Mondays when school is not in session or on Wednesdays of early releases. Due to Mrs. Williams having a different teaching schedule this year between Park and Summitville, a specific rehearsal schedule has been set to enable equal rehearsals between buildings based on limiting the driving for Mrs. Williams. You will receive these specific calendars so please make sure you hang the calendar in a visible location or mark your own personal calendars. All students MUST be picked up on time. If being punctual for pick up becomes an issue, the student may be asked to leave the group. (*Note: Again, this has become an issue some years.) Students must know how they are getting home after rehearsal in the morning of the rehearsal day. Students will not be permitted to call home after their lunch period is over on rehearsal day.
- 5. By joining show choir, the student and parent is signing to make a commitment for the entire school year.
- 6. Information about performances will be sent home as soon as they are scheduled. Please make every effort to have your child at all scheduled performances.
- 7. All members of the show choir and their parents must sign the attached form and have it returned to Mrs. Williams before the first rehearsal. If you have not turned in a signed form, your child does not have permission to stay after school.

August 3, 2015

Dear Parents,

We will start this year's Summitville Guys and Dolls show choir on Monday, August 24, 2015 and Park School Singers show choir on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the music room. Any student in 5th or 6th grade interested in being in the choir may just come to this first rehearsal with a signed permission form. All students who wish to be in show choir do not have permission to stay after school without the signed permission form. There will be a specific rehearsal schedule sent based on Mrs. Williams' teaching rotation between Park and Summitville.

The show choir will rehearse after school on Mondays and/or Wednesdays on specific weeks. The rehearsals will last from 3:30-4:30 p.m. These students will perform at the school and throughout the community. They are a great representative of Summitville Elementary School and Park Elementary School.

If your child is interested in being a part of the show choir, please read the page of guidelines and information (on the back of this letter) and sign and return the attached form. This group is a lot of fun but is also a commitment that I hope everyone will take very seriously. I depend on all of the show choir members to be present at each rehearsal and performance.

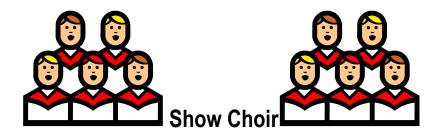
We have had some attendance issues in years past. I ask that if your child makes the commitment to be in the group that we all work together to help them see that commitment fulfilled for the entire year. Missing rehearsal makes it difficult for the student to catch up on missed material but is also difficult on the other group members, as they work together and depend on one another for the singing and movements. Therefore, I also ask that you try to schedule outside appointments for these students on different days so they may be present at rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Angel M. Williams

Director, Summitville Guys and Dolls and Park School Singers



Permission Form

Please sign and date the bottom portion of this page and return it to Mrs. Angel Williams by the first rehearsal (Monday, August 24 for Summitville; Wednesday, August 26 for Park).

I have read and understand all the guidelines and information concerning the 5th and 6th grade show choir. I agree to follow these guidelines throughout the school year. I understand that if the guidelines are not followed, it will be grounds for dismissal from the group. **By signing this form, I am making a commitment to this group for the entire school year.**

| Student's Signature | Date |
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| Parent's Signature | Date |
| Parent's Email: | |
| Parent's Phone Number: | |
| How will your student be going home each rehearsal da | ay? (Check all that apply.) |
| Walking home Picked up by a family member Riding with another student | |