

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you and families all had a wonderful summer and are excited to begin another school year! We know that we have many exciting musical things planned for your students. As always, there will be many musical performances taking place at Pine Glen throughout the year. This includes our annual Winter and Spring Concerts. It has been the tradition at Pine Glen School that these concerts included performances of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade choruses. In the past, every student in grades 4 and 5 has been a part of the chorus at these performances.

It has been decided that beginning this school year, chorus will be optional for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. What this means is that your child can choose to opt out of participating in the chorus, and instead participate in a regular music class that will occur at the same time as the chorus rehearsals. Concepts that are covered in the chorus curriculum (note reading, harmony, etc.) will be covered in the class as well, just using methods other than rehearsing choral music. Students will have the opportunity to switch groups upon the completion of the Winter Concert.

This policy is being implemented by the music department district wide, and was successfully modeled at one elementary school last year. Please discuss this choice with your child in order to make a decision that is best for them. If your child enjoyed their chorus experience last year, we would highly recommend that they continue in chorus this year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either of us either via e-mail or phone.

**Please return the slip below by Friday, September 10**

Thank You!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, my child will participate in chorus.

\_\_\_ No, my child will not participate in chorus.