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December, 2009

Dear Parents:

The Irvine Public Schools Foundation is proud to sponsor the **28th Annual Donald Bren Honors Concert**. This concert showcases our outstanding vocal and instrumental musicians from elementary, middle, and senior high schools. The **Honors Concert** provides an excellent opportunity for these musicians throughout the district to perform together for one outstanding evening.

This year's concert will be held at the prestigious **Henry and Renee Segerstrom Concert Hall** at the **Orange County Performing Arts Center** (600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626) on one night only, **Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** Both vocal and instrumental students will perform on the same night.

One purpose of this event is to provide financial support to the Visual and Performing Arts Department of the Irvine Unified School District. Your support is requested through ticket purchases, and other congratulatory options to recognize your student. More information regarding the purchase of tickets, advertising, and special well-wisher messages will be sent to you if your child is selected to participate.

Please consider with your child the opportunity to be a part of this unique performance event!

Sincerely,

Cathy Campbell
Honors Concert Co-Chair

Kathy J. Nelson
Honors Concert Co-Chair

Shelli Diamond
Honors Concert Co-Chair

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Irvine Unified School District

5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604-4652, 949/936-5000, FAX 949/936-5259 www.iusd.org

Dear Parents or Guardians:

December, 2009

The Irvine Unified School District is proud to announce the formation of the **Elementary Honor Chorus**. Requirements for membership include a prearranged audition, and the following basic commitments:

- MUST BE ENROLLED IN 5TH OR 6TH GRADE SCHOOL CHORUS.
- Promptness and consistency in attendance.
- Ability to follow directions with exemplary behavior.
- Participation in all rehearsals, Honors Concert performance, and field trip performance.
- If you child fails to follow through for any reason other than bereavement or illness, he/she will not be allowed to audition the following year.

In order to qualify for membership, students must be able to audition in groups of four, and:

- 1) Demonstrate vocal range.
- 2) Have the ability to:
 - Match pitches,
 - Read and clap rhythmic patterns,
 - Sight sing with solfege,
 - Sing "The Star-Spangled Banner", and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" - 2-part round (excerpts enclosed).

	Dates	Times	Place
Audition	Saturday, January 30, 2010	Any 10 minutes between 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Oak Creek 1 Dove Creek
Rehearsals - students are required to attend all rehearsals.	Tues.- 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/30, 4/6, 4/20 Wed.- 3/24 Mon.- 4/26	6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Oak Creek 1 Dove Creek
Performances	1) Tues., April 27, 2010 2) Mon., May 3, 2010 (confirmed later) 3) Tues., March 23, 2010	1) 7:00 p.m. 2) Time T.B.A. 3) Time T.B.A.	1) O.C. Performing Arts Center - Segerstrom Hall 2) Disneyland 3) Irvine City Hall (City Council meeting)

Fill out and turn in the attached audition form; you will be notified of your child's audition time after January 15, 2010.


Should your child be chosen to participate in the Elementary Honor Chorus, please be aware he/she will need to wear the **Elementary Honor Chorus polo shirt, black slacks, and black closed-toe shoes and socks** at the honors concert and Disney performances. Your child's participation in both the honors concert and Disney performances is required. Also, there will be a mandatory cost of **\$35** to cover the **transportation fee** for the Disney performance trip, and **the cost of the polo shirt.**


One purpose of the Honors Concert is to raise funds for the district music program, and we thank you for your continuing interest and support. Every person who wants to attend the concert must purchase a ticket. **Prices will range from \$25 - \$45**, with a small number of tickets available for \$15. Of course, students performing in the concert do not need to purchase a ticket. On the evening of the concert, we anticipate a **parking fee of \$8.00**. There are limited free parking options in nearby lots.

If there are any questions regarding auditions, please contact one of the conductors: Kaii Lee, at "KLee@iusd.org", or Ashley Bresenden at "ABresend@iusd.org".

Sincerely,


 Brad Van Patten
 Coordinator of Visual & Performing Arts
 (sas)


 Ashley Bresenden
 Conductor, Honor Chorus

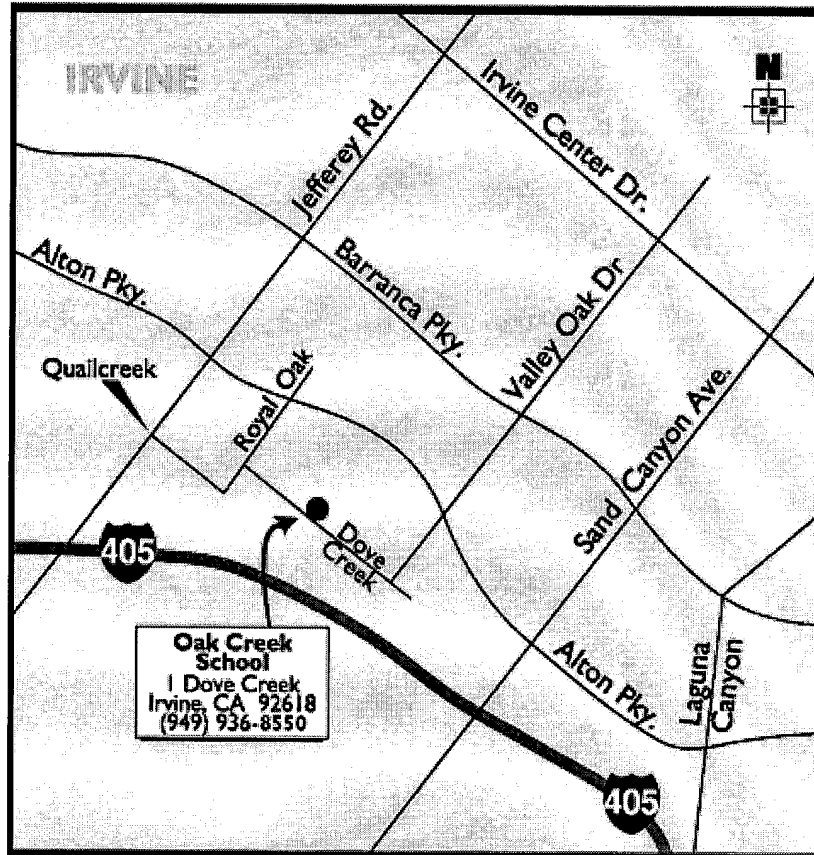

 Kaii Lee
 Conductor, Honor Chorus

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**Oak Creek Elementary School
1 Dove Creek, Irvine 92618**



1. Clap and/or say the rhythmic pattern.

1. $\frac{4}{4}$ 


2. $\frac{4}{4}$ 

3. $\frac{4}{4}$ 

2. Sing the melody by solfege or numbers.

1. 

2. 

3. 

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat, gent - ly down the stream. _____

9
Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, Life is but a dream. _____

The image shows the musical notation for the song 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'. It consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: 'Row, row, row your boat, gent - ly down the stream. _____' and 'Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, Life is but a dream. _____'. The number '9' is written at the beginning of the second staff.

Grand Old Flag

With Spirit $\text{♩} = 100$

Don Besig

We want to cheer _____ so loud that ev - 'ry-one hears _____ us when we see you

6
on dis - play. _____ you're the spir - it _____ of hope and lib - er -

12
ty. you make us feel like shout _____ ing :Hoo - ray!" _____

The image shows the musical notation for the song 'Grand Old Flag'. It consists of three staves of music in 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second and third staves contain the melody for the second and third lines. The lyrics are: 'We want to cheer _____ so loud that ev - 'ry-one hears _____ us when we see you', 'on dis - play. _____ you're the spir - it _____ of hope and lib - er -', and 'ty. you make us feel like shout _____ ing :Hoo - ray!" _____'. The numbers '6' and '12' are written at the beginning of the second and third staves, respectively. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking 'f'.

**AUDITION REQUEST FORM
for
ELEMENTARY HONOR CHORUS**

Please PRINT clearly.

Student's Name	Grade	School			
Address	City	Zip Code	Home Phone	/	Cell Phone
E-mail Address	Signature of School Music Teacher				

Please indicate preference by **numbering 1st and 2nd choices** for audition date and time:

(Let us know if you cannot make the Saturday audition date by contacting Kaii Lee at "KLee@iusd.org")

Saturday, January 30, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon _____

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. _____

(Audition requests will be assigned in the order they are received)

**** All audition assignments are final ****



Auditions will be held at Oak Creek Elementary School (see map).

Mail this form to:

Visual and Performing Arts Department (Elementary Choral Honor Auditions)
Irvine Unified School District
5050 Barranca Parkway
Irvine, CA 92604

Return the completed audition request form on or before Friday, January 15, 2010 (received by mail or hand-delivered)
by 3:00 P.M. - NO EXCEPTIONS!

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We agree to abide by the policies and procedures outlined in this audition packet.

Student signature

Parent Signature