

Dune Lakes Elementary Music Department
Sandpiper Singers and Orff Ensemble

Dear 4th and 5th Grade Sandpiper Parents/Guardians,

Dune Lakes Elementary Music Department is offering an Elementary Chorus and Orff Ensemble this 2021-2022 school year. All 4th and 5th grade students along with his/her parents/guardians who can commit to the following expectations and requirements are welcome to join the Sandpiper Singers and Orff Ensemble. Please know this program is extracurricular and will require after school rehearsals, at home practice, performances, and parental supervision at performance events. If you and your student desire to explore the next level of musicianship with the Dune Lakes Sandpiper Singers and Orff Ensemble, please continue to read below for more information. Before signing up, PLEASE carefully consider the required expectations and commitment from both parent and student.

Sandpiper Singers and Orff Ensemble

Mission Statement:

The Sandpiper Singers and Orff Ensemble seeks to inspire and foster musical proficiency and creativity through the vocal and elementary instrumental arts in order to enrich both the lives of those persons participating and those persons whom we serve through our musical performances.

Goals and Objectives:

- Students will be led in organized rehearsal each week.
- Students will be introduced to choral music in a variety of styles from different musical time periods and cultures.
- Students will learn the style, melody, and lyrics of each song we perform.
- Students will be able to perform repertoire from memory during performances.
- Students will learn simple instrumental accompaniments to vocal repertoire.
- Students will learn instrumental skills and techniques on recorders, various percussion, and Orff xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels.
- Students will have the opportunity to audition for solo/soli parts for concerts.

Required Expectations and Commitments:

- Maintain good academic standing
- Maintain good behavioral standing inside and outside rehearsal as outlined in the school student handbook. Please note- this is a public performing group that represents not only yourself, but your family, your school, and the Walton County School District. If you are not able to comply with the behavioral expectations as set in the Dune Lakes Student Handbook, then you will be asked to reconsider your continued participation in this ensemble.
- Prioritize consistent attendance at rehearsals and performances. Successful performance is the result of consistent rehearsal attendance; therefore, eligibility for participation in any choir performance is based on the student's rehearsal attendance record. Rehearsals will be regularly held after school on **Tuesdays from 2:15-3:10pm starting September 21, 2021**. Any last minute cancellations will be communicated through Remind 101. List of all required rehearsals and known performances will be given to students at the first rehearsal.
- Financial commitment:
 1. Appropriate performance dress attire (nice black pants or skirt and dressy black closed or open-toed shoes)
 2. Ensemble performance t-shirt purchase: ~\$13-15
 3. Materials fee: \$15

(If your student is in need of financial assistance in order to join, please contact me at corrie.sober@walton.k12.fl.us so that we can further discuss your needs)

- Pick-up commitment: Since rehearsals and performances are outside of the regular school day, students will need rides to and from BOTH rehearsals and performances in a timely fashion. Carpooling can be arranged between parents.
- Each student needs to be prepared to add routine, at-home practice of given choral assignments. ***Students will blossom in the areas where they are mentored and encouraged in a positive and structured manner. The music teacher may distribute the seeds and tools, but it is at home where your student will grow music potential which needs your lifelong support.

Ensemble Commitment:

If you and your student have agreed to the Dune Lakes Elementary Chorus Expectations and Commitments and would like to join for the first time or re-join, please sign up using these instructions:

1. *Text @dlesinger to 81010 to sign into my Remind 101 group.*
2. *Message me your student's name and homeroom teacher.*

Sincerely,

Ms. Corrie Sober, Dune Lakes Elementary Music Director

Dune Lakes Elementary School Student Handbook

Behavior/Conduct

Student expectations and responsibilities

In order to work toward becoming productive citizens at school and in their future lives, students must: learn to make appropriate choices; learn to accept responsibility for their behaviors; and use conflict resolution skills to problem solve. At all times and in all parts of the school students are expected to:

1. Cooperate with the adult in charge
2. Respect school property and the rights of others
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves
4. Walk in the buildings and on the ramps
5. Use quiet voices and polite language
6. Follow classroom rules as posted