

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Parents/Guardians:

On Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we will begin rehearsals for the highly anticipated Hamlin Choir, open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students! As in years past, we will perform at the Hamlin Ice Cream Social in May.

Students in the Hamlin Choir will be exposed to reading music, as well as singing a variety of musical styles. They will also sing some 2-part harmony, which includes high and low voices at the same time! This is excellent preparation for choir or band in middle school and beyond.

Rehearsals will be held promptly after school on Monday afternoons, from 3:15 until 4:15 PM. We will meet from February 10<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup> with our main evening performance at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Your child will be expected to attend every rehearsal...each voice is important! The calendar of rehearsal dates is found on the next page for your convenience. Please hold on to the calendar. (Additional information regarding the Ice Cream Social will be given in April.)

There will be a small, one-time fee of \$20 for joining the Hamlin Choir. The money collected will only be used to promote the music department at Hamlin, through purchases of music, music technology resources, and/or instruments.

Please carefully consider this opportunity of being a part of the Hamlin Elementary Choir! If interested, please complete the form on the following page and return the form and \$20 fee by Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> (cash or checks payable to RCS).

Singing in a choir is a wonderful opportunity to work and engage in a team! Ultimately, it will enhance your child's musical understanding now, as well as in their future education!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

Sincerely,  
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**Permission Slip Information**

If your child is interested in joining the Hamlin Choir, please complete the permission slip below. In addition, please indicate if...

- 1) you will be picking your child up at 4:15,
- 2) someone else will be picking your child up at 4:15, or
- 3) your child will return to SAC at 4:15.

As expected, your pick-up plans may vary. **Please indicate all possible options, including names and phone numbers** of those who are responsible for picking up your child. **If last minute plans are made, please email, call, or send a signed note with your child indicating the change.**

Finally, when picking up your child, please park in the back parking. **I will escort the students to the main entrance/exit by the office at 4:15 PM.** The doors will remained locked for the safety of the children in SAC and other programs.

\*Please Note\*

-It is imperative that your child has a ride home from school after rehearsals. Your child is **not allowed** to walk/ride bike home from rehearsal!

-Please **no snacks** during choir rehearsal. Water bottles are encouraged, however.

(Return by Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>)

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to stay after school on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15 PM for Hamlin Choir rehearsals with Mrs. Combs.

1)\_\_\_I will pick up my child at 4:15 PM at the main entrance by the office.

2)\_\_\_I give permission to the person(s) below to pick up my child at 4:15 PM.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

3)\_\_\_My child will return to SAC at 4:15 PM.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please make any checks payable to Rochester Community Schools\***

Hamlin Choir  
2020 Calendar of Rehearsals and Events

February 10 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)  
February 17 - **NO Rehearsal**, due to Midwinter Break  
February 24 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)

March 2- Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)  
March 9 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)  
March 16 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)  
March 23 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)  
March 30 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)

April 6 - **NO Rehearsal**, due to Spring Break  
April 13 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)  
April 20 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)  
April 27 - Rehearsal (3:15 - 4:15 PM)

May 4 - Rehearsal (3:15 -4:15 PM)

May 7 - \***THURSDAY EVENING** Ice Cream Social Performance @ 6:30 PM!!!

\*The Hamlin Choir will give their final performance at the Ice Cream Social/Open House in May. **This performance is from 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM.** We will be singing for family and friends before the serving of ice cream. Additional details will be given in April!

\***SCHOOL CLOSINGS:** If school is closed due to inclement weather, choir will also be canceled. If necessary, additional rehearsals may be scheduled in April or May.

