

YEMS PARTICIPATION LETTER

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I am happy to inform you that your child _____ has been chosen to participate in the Ulster County YEMS Festival this year. The Young Elementary music Symposium (YEMS) is a county-wide one day event held at George Washington Elementary School in Kingston, NY for 4th graders. It is meant to provide unique learning experiences in song, dance, recorder or Orff (xylophone) ensembles. The groups are directed by guest conductors and music specialists from around the state. All of the music is learned in one day; there are no extra rehearsals for this festival. It is always a fun, exciting day for those involved!

Your child has been chosen to be in the _____ program.

The date for this year's festival is **Saturday, February 27, 2010** .

The time is 9:00 AM to approximately 3:00 PM

The **snow date** for the festival is **Saturday, April 10, 2010**.

If you cannot commit to both possible dates for the festival, I MUST give your child's spot to another deserving student – there are very few students chosen from each participating school in the entire county – I want our terrific, talented school kids to be there! The per child activity fee is covered by the district, but I want to be sure those signed up actually attend this special day, otherwise we are paying for an empty seat! Parents MUST provide transportation to the George Washington Elementary School and pick up students promptly after our afternoon performance. (We certainly hope you attend!)

All students should arrive in Kingston by 8:45 AM to meet me and get instructions for the day. (Maps will be provided.) Students are expected to be in attendance for the entire festival – extreme tardiness is not allowed! **Please provide a bag lunch, including snack and beverages**; There is NO cafeteria service. In case I cannot reach you the day of the festival, please check your local radio station should there be a question as to weather conditions. You can also go to www.ucmea.org.

There is a performance including all the groups in the Auditorium beginning at 2:00 PM. Parents are highly encouraged to attend. All students will be released at the end of the entire performance – about 4:00 PM.

Please check out with me before you leave the school for everyone's safety! Thanks!

Please sign and return the attached permission slip, so your child can participate in this special one day musical event.

As always, feel free to contact me at school if you have additional questions; 338 – 1978.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lisa Graziano, Vocal Music Teacher

PERMISSION SLIP FOR 4TH GRADE YEMS
MUSIC FESTIVAL

I give my child _____ permission to participate in the Young Elementary Music Symposium (YEMS) festival at George Washington Elementary School in Kingston.

The date of the festival is _____ .

We are also available for the snow date _____ ,
(If necessary.)

We understand that we are responsible for providing transportation to and from this event.

We agree to follow all rules of conduct associated with the YEMS festival.

Parent Signature _____

Home Phone # _____

Other Emergency # _____

*****Special Medical Concerns: (please describe below)**
