

## **YEMS PARTICIPATION LETTER 2011**

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are 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 Marlboro High School in Marlboro, NY for 4<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_ workshop.

The date for this year's festival is **Saturday, February 11, 2012**

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

The **snow date** for the festival is **Saturday, March 24, 2012 @ Miller Jr. High School in Kingston.**

**If you cannot commit to both possible dates for the festival, WE MUST give your child's spot to another deserving student** – there are very few students chosen from each participating school in the entire county – We want our terrific, talented school kids to be there! The per child activity fee is \$14.00 Parents MUST provide transportation to the Marlboro High School/ Miller Jr. High School and pick up students promptly after our afternoon performance. (We certainly hope you attend!)

All students should arrive in Marlboro at the High School by 8:45 AM to meet us 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 we 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](http://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 3:00 PM.

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

Please sign and return the attached permission slip along with your payment, so your child can participate in this special one day musical event. Checks can be made out to UCMEA.

**PERMISSION SLIP FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YEMS**  
**MUSIC FESTIVAL**

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the Young Elementary Music Symposium (YEMS) festival at Marlboro High School, Marlboro, NY.

The date of the festival is on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

We are also available for the snow date on Saturday, March 24, 2011 @ Miller Jr. High School in Kingston. (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 \_\_\_\_\_

School/Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Other Emergency # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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