

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 for 4th graders. It is meant to provide unique learning experiences in song, dance, or classroom music 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, March 2, 2024 .

The time is 8:30 AM to approximately 1:00 PM.

The festival will take place at Miller Middle School.

The snow date for the festival is Sunday, March 3, 2024.

The Snow date LOCATION is Miller Middle School in Lake Katrine. Parents are required to provide their OWN transportation BOTH ways.

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 talented 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!

Parent chaperones are needed and encouraged for this event. PLEASE let me know if interested in helping out that day.

All students should arrive by 8:15 AM to meet and get instructions for the day. Students are expected to be in attendance for the entire festival – extreme tardiness is not allowed!

Please provide a bag snack and water for the morning; There is NO cafeteria service and no lunch break for the morning. In case I cannot reach you the day of the festival, please email me should there be a question as to weather conditions, or www.ucmea.org

There is a *performance including all the groups in the gymnasium beginning at 12:00 PM. Parents are highly encouraged to attend.* All students will be released at the end of the entire performance – about 1:00 PM. **Please check out with me before you leave the school for everyone's safety!**

Please sign and return the attached permission slip(s), 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; 943-3918 or email: lgraziano@kingstoncityschools.org

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
Ulster County Music Educators Assn. Young Elementary Music Symposium
(YEMS) festival.

The date of the festival is _____ at _____)

We are also available for the snow date: _____
(at MCM Miller School in Lake Katrine).

I am interested/ NOT interested in being a parent chaperone for this event.

***We understand that we are responsible for providing transportation to and from
this event. We agree to follow all school rules and UCMEA rules of conduct
associated with the YEMS festival.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Home Phone # _____

Other Emergency # _____

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

***I do NOT wish for my child to be photographed

Parent Signature _____