

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Each spring, the Polk County Elementary Music Educator's Association takes the opportunity to showcase outstanding students from music programs across the county. This event features a Boy Choir, Girl Choir, Orff Ensemble, and Strings. Clinicians from across the state are brought in to challenge and inspire.

Your child _____, has been selected for the _____. This selection was based on outstanding musical abilities, classroom participation, the ability to be focused and follow directions, to be responsible, and to be cooperative.

As with all extra-curricular activities, there is a commitment needed from each family to make the experience successful. Your commitment will involve:

- transportation to rehearsals and the final performance
- providing the required performance attire (See below)
- encouraging your child to learn and memorize the assigned music both at home and at any additional practices scheduled by your school.

Students traditionally wear a showcase T-shirt to rehearsals, which is available for \$8.00. This shirt is not required, but students will be otherwise expected to be in school dress code appropriate clothing at all times.

Please carefully review the dates and information below and decide if you and your child are willing to accept this commitment. If so, fill out all included forms and return immediately. Keep this letter for your information.

Dates, Times and Locations:

- Thursday, April 21st, 5:30–7:00 p.m. – Chain of Lakes Elementary, Winter Haven
- Thursday, May 5th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Florida Southern College, Lakeland
- Friday, May 6th, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. – Florida Southern College
- **Concert**- Friday, May 6th, 7:00 p.m. – Branscomb Auditorium, Florida Southern College

****Students must attend all rehearsals and stay for the entire rehearsal****

Performance Attire for the evening Concert on May 6th : (No Exceptions)

- Long, plain black dress pants/slacks (no jeans, no designs)
- Long Sleeved White Shirt (button down with collar) or long sleeved blouse which must be tucked in (no cream or off white)
- Black socks or hose and Black (low heeled) dress shoes

We are excited to have your child participate in the Polk County Elementary Showcase and know it will be a memorable experience for all involved!

Please contact your child's music teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jessica Fredricks, Elementary Showcase Chair