

RLC Singing Coyotes Syllabus 2023-2024

Directors, John Russell & Tierney Inabinet

The mission of the RLC Singing Coyotes is to create a cohesive group of superior vocal musicians to represent our RLC community. This group comprises students who have successfully completed a required audition.

Rehearsal Times:

RLC Singing Coyotes rehearse during the school day, once a week, for 30 minutes. Please be aware that students are missing learning lab time in class, but classroom teachers will not be teaching any new material. Students participating in the RLC Singing Coyotes must complete all assignments for their classroom teacher on time.

5th Grade Chorus: Tuesday from 2:00- 2:30 pm

4th Grade Chorus: Thursday from 2:00- 2:30 pm

Performances currently scheduled:

Winter Concert: Thursday, December 14th @ 7:00 pm (RLC Gym)

Spring Concert: Wednesday, March 21st @ 7:00 pm (RLC Gym)

Rehearsals and Practice Expectations:

Students will have access to performance materials (practice music tracks and lyrics) in rehearsal and through their Schoology access under their music course. Students are expected to practice their chorus music at home. This enhances and allows specific focus during school rehearsals!

Students will know,

- proper breath support and singing posture while sitting and standing
- appropriate vowel formation
- appropriate diction related to the language of the piece of music

Students will be able to do,

- Distinguish between vocal parts and accompaniment
- Follow their part in a musical score, applying knowledge of notation symbols
- Apply tempo, dynamic, and articulation markings in performance.
- Respond to the conductor's breathing and release cues
- Demonstrate appropriate breath control over 4-8 measure phrases
- Perform consistently in head voice
- Sing in a group accurately and expressively, with appropriate tone production
- Analyze posture of self
- Sing in tune using solfege syllables
- Perform appropriate level solo and ensemble repertoire in English and one other language

Behavior and Participation Policy:

The Singing Coyotes are exceptional members of RLC's 4th and 5th grades. These students will be held to the highest standards of behavior and participation when in choral rehearsals or at choral events. Should the directors have any behavior or participation issues with a student, the following will occur:

1st – Verbal warning and documentation in Phoenix

2nd – Verbal warning, documentation in Phoenix, and e-mail to the guardian and teacher with a student and guardian signature sheet to be filled out and returned.

3rd – Conference or email with Guardian and consideration of removal from the group

Absence Policy:

Students and parents should be aware that each unique voice brings something special to the group, therefore members of the RLC chorus must be committed to attending all rehearsals and performances unless the student is ill or an emergency arises.

Students will check into the music room before they begin singing. They will place a checkmark next to their name by their classroom teacher.

Absences or early dismissals reported to the RLC office on the day of rehearsal will be noted in the attendance files as excused absences. All other absences due to unfinished classwork or the choice not to come to rehearsals will be documented as an unexcused absence. All concert dates are listed on page one and students should make every effort to attend; all uncommunicated absences from performances will be noted as an unexcused absence. After two unexcused absences, Directors will refer to the Behavior and Participation Policy.

Uniform:

The RLC Singing Coyotes are a superior singing group; to achieve this, an aesthetic of unity is **required for all performances.**

- Singing Coyotes T-shirt ***(We will be sending out more information on this at a later date for ordering)**
- Plain **Black** Pants
- Neutral (black, white, tan, brown) shoes.
- Hair should be pulled back, out of the face.

Chorus Updates: Chorus Information updates and changes will be sent out via paper copy, Schoology, email blast from Phoenix, and or Peachjar. *Please also refer to the Singing Coyotes Chorus page on the RLC website

Contact:

Please contact John Russell, John.Russell@lcps.org, or Tierney Inabinet, Tierney.Inabinet@lcps.org; regarding any questions or concerns about the Singing Coyotes.

Singing Coyotes Syllabus Contract

****Please Sign and Return to Mrs. Inabinet or Mr. Russell no later than Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.****

Student:

I, _____,

(Student's first and last name)

have read the RLC Singing Coyotes course syllabus and agree to all policies. I understand that being a part of the RLC Singing Coyotes is a privilege and I will be a responsible, well-mannered member.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian:

I, _____,

(Parent/guardian's first and last name)

have read the RLC Singing Coyotes course syllabus with my student and agree to all policies.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Contact Information

****Please Fill Out and Return to Mr. Russell and Mrs. Inabinet no later than Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.****

Student Name: _____

Student Grade (Circle One): **Grade 4** or **Grade 5**

Student Classroom Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____