



**DATE: Monday, September 13, 2021**  
**TO: Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders**  
**RE: PRIDE CHOIR & PANTHER PERCUSSION (Extra-Curricular)**

Your child may express an interest in participating in Pride Choir or Panther Percussion. This letter should answer many of your questions about these extra-curricular activities. In Pride Choir, we will be singing a variety of multicultural music using unison and 2-part harmony. In Panther Percussion, we will be using a wide assortment of percussion instruments such as chimes, xylophones, drums, and boomwhackers. It is the goal of these groups to help develop communication, cooperative teamwork, technique, musicianship, and appreciation for the world of music. In addition, it's a lot of fun to make music with others!

**PRIDE CHOIR rehearsals are every Tuesday**, beginning September 28, from 8 – 8:45 A.M. in the Music room. Pride Choir is open to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (no limit, no auditions).  
**PANTHER PERCUSSION rehearsals are every Thursday**, beginning September 30, from 8 – 8:45 A.M. in the Music room. Panther Percussion is open to any 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders.

Students are expected to attend **all** rehearsals (see schedule below). If a student misses a rehearsal due to illness or a scheduled appointment, please leave me a voicemail or email. Students who cannot fulfill their obligation to attend weekly rehearsals may not perform in the program planned. In order to make all educational experiences positive and enjoyable, students must be willing to do their best work while at rehearsals and show appropriate performance etiquette during performances. Masks must be worn at all times.

Pride Choir and Panther Percussion will perform in the Winter Concert (PGES gym): **Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 P.M. Students should arrive by 6:30 PM.** Please sign below and return to Mr. Newsham with a \$15 t-shirt/snack/music fee (cash or check payable to PGES) by **Monday, September 27.**

**PRIDE CHOIR Rehearsals:** *Sep 28, Oct 5, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec 7*  
**PANTHER PERCUSSION Rehearsals:** *Sep 30, Oct 7, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, Dec 2, 9*

Sincerely,  
 Mr. Joel Newsham, Music  
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 Cut off here and turn in to Mr. Newsham in a labeled envelope, along with \$15, by **Monday, Sep. 27.** 

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in  
 \_\_\_ Pride Choir OR \_\_\_ Panther Percussion (**check one group only please**), and will commit to attend all rehearsals and concert. Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Yes, I have included \$15 in the form of \_\_\_ cash OR \_\_\_ check.  
 \_\_\_ No, I have not included \$15, but will send it within the week.  
 \_\_\_ No, I have not included \$15, because I am in need of financial assistance.  
 Grade \_\_\_\_\_ in Rm # \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_