

Intra-district Memo

Date: June 6, 2023.

To: Elementary Music Teachers
Secondary Choir Teachers

CC Elementary Principals

From: Kelly Chow, Director of Instruction

Teresa Jukich Fierro, South Slope Elementary School

Re: **COROVOCE (BURNABY DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR)**

This memo and attached material will confirm audition arrangements for the Burnaby District Youth Choir for the 2023/2024 school year. Attached please find a copy of the letter and the Permission Form to be distributed to the parents of children you recommend to the Choir. Students in Grades 4 and up are eligible. They must also be a member of their school's choir if you have one.

Please distribute the attached letter and Permission Form to the qualified students you *pre-select* from your school and send them for auditions. Please have the selected students understand they will be asked to sing a solo. "Happy Birthday" will be fine, or a song of their choice.

[The Permission Form must be submitted to the Corovoce Directors at the time of the student's audition.]

Thank you once again for your valuable suggestions and for your assistance in the continuing success of the Burnaby District Youth Choir.

Attach.



Dear Parents:

School District 41 is pleased to continue to offer the **Burnaby District Youth Choir** to interested students in grades four and up. The Choir, directed by Mrs. Teresa Jukich Fierro, serves as a training choir and performing ensemble for students selected by audition.

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been identified by the music teacher in your school as a potential member of the Choir. Final membership will be determined as a result of the process and criteria noted below:

- Commitment to Choir's schedule from September 2023 to May 2024
- Students are currently members of their school choirs (if there is one)
- Parental permission for children to join the Choir is obtained
- Parents agree to arrange transportation to and from rehearsals
- Children identified by the school music teachers and having parental permission to enter the Burnaby School District Youth Choir will be screened by the Choir's Director and Artistic Team on Monday, June 19, in the Music Room at **South Slope Elementary School** between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on a *"first come, first served"* basis.
- South Slope is near the corner of Rumble and Sussex, behind Metrotown. (4446 Watling St.)
- Please wait by the outside door, Room 201. There will be signage directing you there.

I hope you will seriously consider this opportunity for your child to further develop his or her musical talent in an ensemble comprised of other equally interested children. It is our hope that the Burnaby District Youth Choir will serve as a resource to complement the District's in-school choral program and as a source of encouragement and support for a high standard of choral performance in District elementary and secondary schools. We also have an exciting opportunity this year to pair with Coastal Sound, premiering a song specifically written for our groups.

The Choir will rehearse on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:45 pm at South Slope Elementary in the school gym. The first rehearsal will be **held Monday, September 18, 2023. A fee of \$75.00** will be charged to cover the cost of music, t-shirts and to help offset costs for tour transportation, and professional development for directors. School online cash is the preferred payment method.

If you would like your child to be auditioned for CoroVoce (Burnaby District Youth Choir), please complete the attached permission form and **bring it with you to the audition on Monday, June 19.** If you have questions or would like further information, please e-mail me at: Teresa.jukich@burnabyschools.ca. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Teresa Jukich-Fierro



PERMISSION/INFORMATION FORM / BURNABY DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR

- Yes, please proceed to **audition** my child (name) _____
(age in September 2023) _____ (grade in September 2023) _____
for possible membership in the Burnaby District Youth Choir.
If my child is accepted as a member of the Choir, I agree to **provide/arrange**
transportation to **and from** rehearsals.

(Parent's Signature)

- * If "YES" above, please complete the following request for information.
Please print clearly.

Please return this form when you come to the audition on Monday, June 19 at South Slope Elementary School, 4446 Watling St., from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Auditions will be scheduled on a "first come, first served" basis.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Email: _____ (please print clearly!)

School Attending (in September 2023): _____

Previous Musical Background (Music lessons, choir experience, etc.): _____
