

Dear Parent:

Your son/daughter is being encouraged to audition for our **ALL-DISTRICT ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR** which will perform at the **60th ANNUAL STAIRWAY-OF-THE-STARS** at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on Thursday and Friday, March 26th & 27th, 2009.

Please fill out the attached Audition form and return it to your child's Music Teacher by **January 7, 2009**. Auditions will be held at Grant Elementary School on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Your child will have a chance to sing for one of the district's music teachers and will receive encouraging remarks and suggestions. "Auditioning" will be an enjoyable experience. Teachers will prepare students for the audition during class time.

This year's STAIRWAY PROGRAM will be a GALA OCCASION for the community. We hope your child will want to participate.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Whaley

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Stairway-of-the-Stars Coordinator

**ANNOUNCING AUDITIONS
FOR THE ALL-DISTRICT ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR**

AUDITIONS:

PLACE: Grant Elementary School, Auditorium
2368 Pearl Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

DATE: Saturday, January 24, 2009

TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PROCEDURES:

Students will audition on a "FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE" basis. You may arrive any time between **8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

Each student will:

1. Be assigned an audition number at the registration desk.
2. Have a chance to warm up prior to the audition.
3. Be called to an individual room for the audition. Each audition will take about 5 minutes. Plan on warm-up and waiting time.
4. Be excused immediately after the audition.

REQUIREMENTS:

During the individual audition, students will be asked to:

1. Sing 5 note scale patterns to determine vocal range.
2. Echo short melodic patterns played by the teacher on piano.
3. Sing assigned audition piece: America (aka My Country 'tis of Thee) in F Major.
4. Sight-read simple rhythmic line.

ACCEPTANCE:

Letters of acceptance will be mailed the following week.

If accepted, students must:

1. **Remain regular members of their school music groups.**
2. **Attend all eight (8) rehearsals.**
3. **Perform with the All District Elementary Honor Choir.**

REHEARSALS:

Dates/Location:

Thursdays: February, 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2009 at **McKinley Elementary School**, 2401 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica and **Wednesday**, March 25, 2009 at the **Santa Monica Civic Auditorium**, 1855 Main Street, Santa Monica

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal - Thursday March 26, 2009 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium during the school day - transportation provided.

TRANSPORTATION:

It will be the **parent's responsibility to provide transportation for their child to and from rehearsals** (except Dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 26, 2009).