November 3, 2023

Dear Parents,

4th and 5th grade students at BES have an Extra Music Opportunity by participating in the Lake-Sumter Honor Choir. This event will feature students from Lake and Sumter Elementary Schools performing together quality children’s chorus literature with a guest conductor. It is a wonderful opportunity for our student musicians who are interested. The event will be on Thursday, February 29 (4:00pm-7:30pm) and Friday, March 1, 2024 (Noon – 7:30p), with the performance on March 1 at 7pm. The event will be held at Leesburg High School at 1401 Yellow Jacket Way, Leesburg.

Students/families that are chosen are asked to contribute $10 towards the registration costs. A local business has agreed to sponsor the rest of the costs of registration. Families that wish to purchase a group picture will be able to do so at the event for a cost of around $10 for each group picture.

We will have an audition process to determine the students that will be nominated for this Honor Choir. This audition will consist of the student singing “Shake the Papaya” like it was done for the Allstate auditions (student singing part 1, and a recording singing part 2). The song is available for practice on our BES Music website <https://www.sumter.k12.fl.us/domain/382>. We will hold the auditions starting the week of November 13. The auditions will be done during school hours.

**If you wish** your student to proceed with the audition process**, please return the bottom portion** of this letter to BES. Send no money at this time, as that will be due upon nomination to the choir. Please return this form by **Friday, November 10, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please contact me (David Christensen) at BES 793-3501 or email at david.christensen@sumter.k12.fl.us

Yes, my student may participate in the audition process for the Lake-Sumter Honor Choir.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_