

Dear families of Needham Elementary,

My name is Hannah Britt and I am the music specialist at Needham Elementary School. I am contacting you because your child has expressed interest in after school choir.

Attending Tuesday afternoon rehearsal (3 - 3:40 p.m.) every week in the music room is required for each member. The first practice will be Tuesday, September 20th.

Attendance is mandatory should your child choose to participate. Although I know unexpected events may happen and will of course be excused, please note that **two unexcused absences** will result in your child being removed from choir. Illness, family emergencies, and other unforeseen circumstances will be excused as long as I have a parent note, talking points message, or email stating the date of the excused absence.

1st unexcused absence = parent phone call & verbal reminder from teacher to student
2nd unexcused absence = removal from choir for the remainder of the semester

Choir will use Talking Points as our mode of communication. Please either follow the talking points instructions on the form provided or I can manually enter your cell phone number so you will receive text notifications. **Siblings of students participating in choir that are not in choir themselves will not be allowed to stay after school and hang out on Tuesdays.** Another mode of transportation will need to be organized for siblings of students in choir.

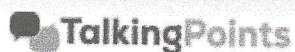
Thank you so much for helping make this a great year! I look forward to meeting all of you.

Sincerely,
Hannah Britt
Music Education
hbritt@durangoschools.org

Student Behavior Contract

I, (student name, printed) _____, understand that disrespect or other behavior issues will not be tolerated in choir after school. I understand that if I fail to remain respectful to my fellow choir members or teacher I will have one warning (parent phone call & face to face conversation with Ms. Britt). If I fail to remain respectful and responsible after that warning, I will be removed from participating in choir for the remainder of the school year.

(student name, signed) _____.



TalkingPoints for Families [TalkingPoints for Families] mobile app

Dear Families,

Welcome to my class! I will use the two-way messaging app TalkingPoints to communicate with you about your child. I recommend you download the **free TalkingPoints for Families mobile app**. You can also opt in to **text messages** (standard text message fees apply) or you can **sign up online at** families.talkingpts.org/welcome. To get started, please follow the instructions below.

Sincerely, Ms. Britt



Use the QR codes or the icons in your phone to visit the App Store or Google Play on your phone and download the **TalkingPoints for Families** app.

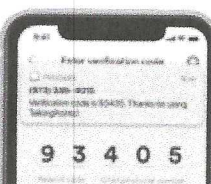
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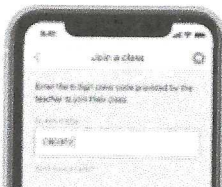
Android



Choose your preferred language and then enter your phone number in the app. You will receive a code to enter next.



Join my class by entering the code: **BT0JJK**



OR: To communicate via text message instead of the app, sign up by texting 670392 to (707) 203-2335. (You can unsubscribe at any time by texting "Goodbye")



Fall 2022	Spring 2023
Sept 16 Fall Registration Deadline	Jan 20 Spring Registration Deadline
Sept 20	Jan 24
Sept 27	Jan 31
Oct 4	Feb 7
Oct 11	Feb 14
Oct 18	Feb 21
Oct 25	Feb 28
Nov 1	Mar 7
Nov 8	Mar 14
Nov 15	Mar 28
Nov 29	Apr 4
Dec 6	Apr 11
Dec 13	Apr 18
	Apr 25

Rehearsal Times:
Tuesdays after school
Pick up at 3:40

Only 2 late pick ups (after 3:50) will be allowed before your child is dismissed from participating in choir.

If your child is disrespectful or irresponsible, they will have **1 warning** (parent phone call and face to face conversation with Ms. Britt). After this warning if the disrespectful/irresponsible behavior continues they will not be allowed to participate in choir for the remainder of the year.

If there is a family emergency, illness, or other unforeseen event that causes your child to miss choir rehearsal please email me at **hbritt@durangoschools.org** to ensure I don't count your child's absence as unexcused.

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