



To: Parents/Guardians of Fernbrook 5th Grade Students
Date: January 12, 2011
Re: Upcoming 5th Grade Music Program, March 22, 9:30 AM
From: Ann Williams, Vocal Music Teacher

I'm very pleased and excited to announce our upcoming 5th Grade music program, **“Freedom Bound.”** It is a program that correlates music with the 5th Grade's Social Studies curriculum. The program will be musical and poetic reflections about slavery and escape in the mid-1800's.

Costumes

Costumes should be kept simple and uncomplicated. I'm requesting that students appear “simple/folk /peasant/country-like.”

Costumes should be inexpensive, comfortable and allow for movement. If you do not have any of the items listed below, check a local thrift store:

- Girls: calf-length or long skirt or dress (example: broomstick skirt), low-heel shoes, ankle boots (no cowboy boots), peasant, ruffled shirts, aprons; all hair needs to be pulled back in a scarf or hat, footwear needs to have a heel strap or a full heel (this is for safety purposes, no slip-ons, high heels or clogs). Please avoid tennis shoes, if possible.
- Boys: long pants with shoes, boots, belt or suspenders, vests, short jacket, tunics tied with rope, sandals (avoid tennis shoes or cowboy boots, if possible), no baseball caps.

Props

If you have any of the items below, please contact me before bringing it to Fernbrook. Also, don't forget to mark your items with your first and last name.

- Battery operated candles (Jo-Ann Fabrics, Walmart, Target, Lowes, Home Depot) – every child needs one (we're accepting donations)
- Batteries for the candles (we're accepting donations)
- Quilt racks

The program promises to be a wonderfully creative musical experience for performers and audience alike. I am looking forward to working with your children on this artistic endeavor.