



The 5th
Grade Music
Program is
coming soon!

To: Parents/Guardians of Fernbrook 5th Grade Students
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Re: Upcoming 5th Grade Music Program, March 23 & 24, 2010
From: Ann Williams, Vocal Music Teacher

I'm very pleased and excited to announce our upcoming 5th Grade music program, "Let Freedom Ring." It is a program that celebrates and honors the music of the Revolutionary War Period.

The times and dates of our program are going to be **Tuesday, March 23(2:00-2:40), and Wednesday March 24 (9:40-10:10)**. Tuesday afternoon's program will be for Fernbrook's student-body and guests. Wednesday's program will be for guests only. Guests may include grandmas, grandpas, friends, aunts and uncles. However, please bear in mind that due to the size of the Fernbrook student-body, seating for Tuesday afternoon's performance will be a bit more limited, and further from the stage. The Wednesday performance will offer better *and* more comfortable seating. The program will last approximately 30-40 minutes.

Costumes

I'm requesting that students appear in simple colonial style dress. If you need some costume ideas, "Google" *Colonial Costumes*. There are thousands of websites that have examples of this type of apparel. There are also a couple of examples on the back of this page. 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: long or calf-length skirts (broomstick, country square dance), shoes, (no boots), colorful peasant, ruffled shirts, vests, hair up if possible. For safety reasons, *footwear needs to have a full heel or be completely flat- nothing over 1" heel (no sandals, no slip-on high heels, or clogs)*.
- Boys: knickers (pants tucked into socks), long pants with suspenders, vests, ruffled shirts, tunics, shoes, (please, no tennis shoes or cowboy boots)
- Flip this page over for more ideas

Headgear: **All students will be provided with a hat.** Boys will be given a colonial "tricorn hat" and girls will be given a "mob hat." (See back of page.) We are asking for a *voluntary donation of \$5.00* per student to cover the cost of the hats. If you find you have a bit of an excess in your monthly budgets, we would welcome a higher level of donation to help cover those whom may not be able to afford the cost of a hat. "Thank you," in advance for your generosity! (Checks may be made out to *ISD 279*.)

Props/Staging- HELP NEEDED!

We would like the stage to look like the inside/outside of simply styled colonial home. We're looking for wooden table/chairs, oil lamps, wooden rocking chair, spinning wheel, baskets with imitation fruit/vegetables or anything that would give our stage an "antique-colonial" look. If it's a large item, please call me before bringing it to school.

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

(Detach and return slip and money to school in envelope by January 22.)

The family of _____ has made a \$5.00 or \$_____ donation to help purchase
(Student name)

a student hat for the fifth grade music program, "Let Freedom Ring."



could use a long scarf tie around bodice



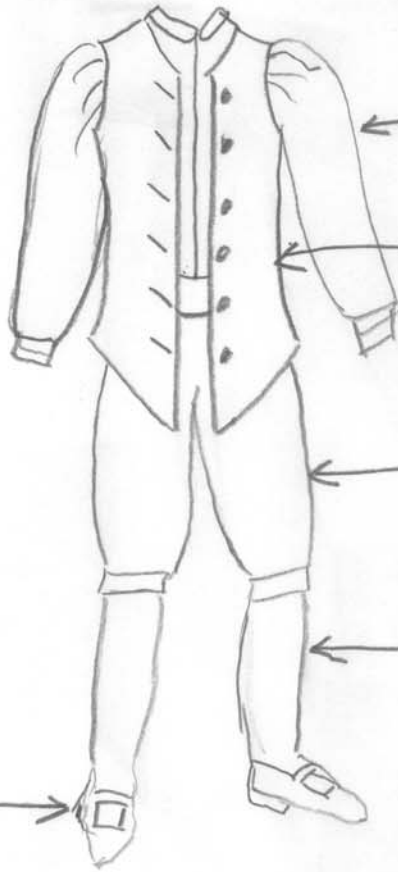
mob hat (provided)
- girls usually wore their hair "up"

apron if desired

Have fun!

(For those of you who would rather purchase a costume, "Google" "children colonial costumes," I found some for \$30.)

Ideas for boys:



White shirt with puffed sleeves (or any white shirt)

Vest (they wore longer styles... but any vest will do)

dark pants (not jeans)

White socks (no patterns, stripes or sport logo, please)

Shoes (please no tennis shoes)

(no wigs please... too warm)