

Dear Parents,



On **Monday, October 24, 2011** Windy Ridge students in third, fourth and fifth grades will attend the **Orlando Philharmonic *Young People's Concert*** at Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre in Orlando. This annual field trip is part of our music curriculum and is provided by the Orange County School Board and United Arts of Central Florida at no cost to our students. We will travel by school bus to the concert, departing around 9:30am for a 10:15 performance and returning to school around 12:00pm to eat lunch. Due to limited seating in the concert hall *we will not be taking parent chaperones* on this trip.

The concert will be performed by the **Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra** with dancers from **Orlando Ballet** and **opera singers** from the *University of Central Florida*. The theme is ***American Visions*** and students will hear and see many styles of music, dance and drama that are distinctly **American**. We are learning about the composers, orchestra, opera and ballet in our music classes and are looking forward to hearing this live professional performance!

We will hear **Leonard Bernstein's** blend of classical and Broadway styles in *Overture to Candide* and the Spanish *Malaguena* style of Cuban/Floridian composer **Ernesto Lecuona**. Students will sing the Shaker melody "Simple Gifts" with the orchestra before listening to the famous *Variations from Appalachian Spring* by **Aaron Copland**. A salute to **jazz legend Louis Armstrong** will celebrate his contributions to this uniquely American style. The music of two living American composers will dramatize famous historical figures: **Michael Ching's opera** about *Lewis and Clark* and **Adolphus Hailstork's narrated music** about *Zora Neale Hurston*. **Orlando Ballet** will dance a rousing finale to **Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever March**.

Although **there is no cost** involved for students, you must sign and return the permission form below to your child's classroom teacher so that your child may join us for this trip. Please remind your child to **dress very nicely** on the day of the concert, and to **use their best manners** for listening. If you have any questions, please contact me (teresa.pancotto@ocps.net) school phone 407.296.5100 x4249) or contact your child's classroom teacher.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Teresa Pancotto
Windy Ridge School
Music Teacher

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My child _____ has permission to attend the orchestra concert at Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre with their class on Monday, October 24, 2011.

* Parent/Guardian Signature *

In case of Emergency, contact: _____

Emergency Phone # _____

