

Welcome to Highland Elementary Chime Choir

Hand chimes are laid out like piano keys, with each person responsible for just the few notes in front of them. Hand chimes offer a unique opportunity to learn music and teamwork together. While each ringer has only certain assigned notes, he or she must learn to depend on, and be dependable to those who ring all the other notes! Otherwise, we have lots of bells ringing -- but no music! So students learn to feel rhythm, timing, watching a director, sensing movement and listening carefully. There is no instrument to rent or buy, and no outside practicing required, since the chimes cannot come home with the students. Every ringer is vitally important. Students must commit to being at rehearsals and performances on time.

Paige Erickson is our chime choir instructor. Paige is a member of the Bells on Temple Square, and has been for over 12 years. She has a BS in Elementary Education from BYU, and this is her 6th year teaching this chime choir.

There is a \$65 participation fee per semester, plus an \$8 Highland Hand Chimes T-shirt. You can write one check for \$73 to Highland Elementary.

We will use these as a "uniform" when we play for basketball games or other venues (We will play the National Anthem for at least one Lone Peak game). Our holiday program will be December 11th. We will also play at the Festival of Trees.

Chime choir is for students in 4th-6th grade. Previous music lessons are a plus, but not required. 3rd graders need special permission from Mrs. Erickson to join.

BEGINNING AUG 29th, chimes will be Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 am for AM students, 8:00 am for PM students.

Please fill out this form and return to Mrs. Erickson, the office, or bring to our first rehearsal with a check for \$65 (or \$73 with a shirt) written to Highland Elementary. Our first rehearsal will be August 29. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Paige at 801-830-0927 or paige@ericksonfamily.com.

If you have older children who are interested, I also teach at the Highland Arts Center on Monday afternoons for kids 12 and up in the Highland Hand Chimes, and we would love more members.

Student's name _____ grade ____ track ____

Parent's name _____

phone _____ ok to text to this number?

Parent's email _____

(most of my communication will come through email, so if you don't ever check your email, please let me know so I can call or text you if necessary)