



ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Dear Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School Parents and Students,

FAMILY FOLK DANCE NIGHT

I am pleased to announce that the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School will be offering an evening of Family Folk Dancing. **This event will take place on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, from 7:00PM to 8:00PM in the Old Gym at JAE.** This event will provide the opportunity for children to bring their parents to school, where together they will participate in several folk dances that the children have learned in general music classes. This multigenerational experience builds appreciation of the process of music making. Parents dancing with their children, all of them involved in the wonderful sharing of joyful community spirit.

No dancing experience is necessary! Everything is taught on site and every dance intended for full participation. It's a real community event and it is the **together** that matters. Parents and school are partners and when we can play together, we build the trust needed to work together. Work together we must.

Traditional folk dancing promotes building of community, teamwork, discipline, respect and following instructions. Folk dance has links with many other subjects, including History, Literacy, Art, Music and Physical Education. Boys and girls enjoy it equally, learning valuable social skills as well as improving coordination and confidence. Folk dance is terrific exercise, keeping children fit in an encouraging social atmosphere while enjoying music.

Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Please bring a labeled water bottle.

Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at ALL times. Due to space restraints and to provide an opportunity for more students and families, **we can only allow for one parent to attend for each child.**

We expect a significant response to this event, so participation will be based on a lottery system. Students will be informed by Wednesday, October 16 and a waiting list will be established. Please tear off the interest form at the bottom of this page and bring to the JAE Main Office no later than Friday, October 11, 2019.

"Folk dance is friendship put to music."

Respectfully,

Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School Music Educator

My child _____ and I _____ are interested in participating
(Student Name) (Parent/Guardian Name)

in the Family Folk Dance Night on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, from 7-8PM at the JAE Old Gym. I understand that participation is based on a lottery system and this form must be returned to the JAE Main Office no later than Friday, October 11, 2019.

Name of Student's Classroom Teacher