

PALAMA SETTLEMENT

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Dear Parents,

Since your daughter is a member of the PALAMA SETTLEMENT CHILDREN'S CHORUS you will be concerned with the following information.

On April 25th and 26th Palama Settlement will present its Seventh Annual Concert at Farrington High School Auditorium.

The CHILDREN'S CHORUS will take part in this program singing songs of Hawaii, Japan, Korea, China and the Philippines. They will share the presentation with the following well known artists and groups:

Lena Machado, Songbird of Hawaii
Ryukyu Ongaku Kyokai - Okinawa Music and Dance Group
The McKinley High School Concert Band
The Roosevelt High School Concert Chorus
The Palama Settlement Dramatic Group
Kamokila Campbell - Narrator of Hawaiian Legends

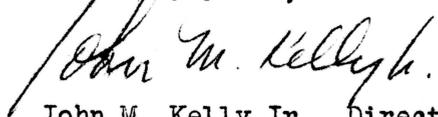
Learning the songs of the Pacific nations is a valuable part of our Hawaiian culture. It is similar to learning the languages since the songs preserve the history, thoughts and emotions of other peoples and other times.

I hope that you will take an opportunity to point these things out to your daughter. It helps a great deal for families to assist their children's teachers by discussing around the table the values of the interests and activities of their children.

We expect to continue the high level of interest and attendance of the 40 girls in the chorus. I am taking this opportunity to let you know about the concert in April so that there will be as few conflicts in scheduling as possible on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

You may also be interested to know that all the songs being sung this year by the CHILDREN'S CHORUS will be included in the new book FOLK SONGS OF HAWAII AND THE PACIFIC NATIONS which will be published by Palama Settlement by arrangement with a mainland music publisher. The manuscripts will go to the publisher later this year. This will be the first book of its kind containing songs of Hawaii, Japan, Korea, China, Philippines and other Pacific Islands. Your daughter has an important role in this project since the CHILDREN'S CHORUS is the first group to work with the arrangements of these songs before publication.

Sincerely yours,



John M. Kelly Jr., Director
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