Ponderosa Elementary
Virtual Choir Instructions

For: All students in the PES after school choir
Required equipment: Headphones, computer, smartphone/tablet
Required time: Approximately 15-30 minutes

Since the choir was unable to perform at the board meeting, a fun alternative for all of us can be creating a “Virtual Choir”. This awesome format of performance was started by composer and conductor Eric Whitacre over 10 years ago! It is a wonderful way to make music with one another even though we are apart. The technology requirements are fairly minimal and offer an opportunity to work with your child during this process.

To participate, follow these four simple steps:

1. **Download** the performance track and sheet music to “Every Day is Earth Day”. This can be found on the PES website, PTA page on Facebook, Remind Group, or you can email Mr. Mingils!

2. Start **recording** your singing video. This can be done in a variety of ways, the most efficient might be to record a video on a smartphone or tablet and using a computer/tablet to listen to the music. A “talking head” style shot would be most appropriate.

3. Start **playback** of “Every Day is Earth Day”. **It is important to have headphones/earbuds so that only you can hear the music playing.** If your video microphone picks up the music in the background it will affect the sound quality of the finished product.

4. Sing through the entire song with your best and most beautiful voice! Note: When the parts split on the second page (top and bottom), sing the part you usually sing during our choir rehearsals.

Send your singing video to me at vince.mingils@thompsonschools.org. I will take care of all of the editing and visual effects. **The deadline to submit recordings is Sunday, April 5th.**

Please email me with any questions or if you’re having any issues. Have fun!