

The Music Program will be continuing through the summer this year, because the Kenwood School's Cherokee Choir will be performing in Matsumoto, Japan in August of this year. In January of 1992, Sony recording artist, Rattlesnake Annie contacted Chief Wilma Mankiller inquiring the possibility of the Cherokee tribe having a group of children that sang in their native language. The Cherokee Nation referred her to Kenwood School, because our Select Choir had performed at several Cherokee Nation functions including the inauguration of Chief Mankiller. In preparation, the Choir will be receiving extra cultural education than would ordinarily be taught in the classroom. Tribal songs and dances are being taught to the Choir members by way of volunteer consultants, who expressed great support on our international project.

In Japan, the children will perform a 50-minute program consisting of a reenactment of the "Trail of Tears", songs in their native Cherokee language, and dances from Oklahoma.