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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to tell you that students in Grades 3 and 4 will learn to play the recorder in their general music class. The recorder is a woodwind instrument which can be easily learned by young children, giving students a “hands on” experience learning to read music notation. In addition, the recorder will be used to enhance all of the conceptual skills that students learn in general music including melody, pitch, rhythm, dynamics, and the other elements of music.

Please purchase a plastic, one-piece soprano recorder with English (Baroque) fingering for your child. These are available at all local music stores (and online retailers) and should cost less than \$10.

It is important that students are able to bring their recorder home to practice, so children should plan to keep the recorder in their backpacks so that they have them on music days. If you would like to purchase a second recorder so that you have one to keep in school and one to keep at home, we will accommodate the storage of the school recorder in either the student’s locker or the music room.

Students should bring their recorders to school by September 19.

I hope you have a wonderful school year. If you have any questions or concerns about the recorder, please feel free to contact your child’s music teacher.

Sincerely,

Joshua Golbert
Director of Music and Performing Arts