

Dear Parents:

As part of our curriculum, we are beginning to work on recorder and preparing us for the fall when we dive into Recorder Karate! Buying a recorder is not REQUIRED but is highly encouraged as they will still be learning the recorder whether they purchase one or not. We do have a few classroom recorders that are used by all students that are cleaned after each use and given a deep cleaning once a week. In 5<sup>th</sup> Grade we have been working on recorder since before Christmas Break and our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders are going to begin once we return from Spring Break. It is important that we order them now to allow time for shipping.

To make it more convenient and more economical, we will be happy to order the recorders for you. We will be offering two options for you to order this year.

- **Option #1** - Harmony H100 1-Piece Soprano Recorder - \$4.00
- **Option #2** - Peripole® Baroque Soprano Halo® Recorder (includes a bonus neck strap) - \$8.00

Each recorder comes with a case, cleaning rod, and a fingering chart to reference at home. The two recorders have slight differences in sound and tone quality, and the extra neck strap with the Peripole is very helpful in making sure it does not fall and break if dropped and to help keep it clean and off of the floor.

**Please consider buying your child two recorders so that they may leave one in the classroom and have another recorder at home for practice (two recorders are not required but are suggested).** This way your child will not have to remember to bring the recorder back and forth. When our unit is completed, we would like to continue using recorders thought the rest of the year to supplement other lessons. If you would like you can buy one of each as well just check that option below!

Please see the recorder information below. Please read all options carefully to make sure that you get exactly what you want. **To help us place the order, please return the detachable form to your child's classroom teacher with payment. Checks are made payable to Guild Elementary School with "Recorder – Music" in the memo line. Forms and payments must be turned in by Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> so we can ensure that our recorders will arrive in time for us to begin the unit.** In order to make the process easier on my self and the bookkeeper, cash is permitted but checks are preferred. After the 22<sup>nd</sup> no more orders will be taken until the Fall so that we can ensure that the arrive on time to be used.

Please do not buy one of the brightly colored recorders from Walmart, Amazon, Dollar General, etc. Those are not musical instruments, they are toys. They are often made of cheap plastic and tend to break very easily. These instruments we are offering are of good quality and will provide our students with a good experience.

After we have begun our unit on the recorder, please encourage your child to practice! **Your child is responsible for bringing their recorder to every music class (unless you bought an extra recorder to leave in the classroom.)**

Helpful practice hints;

1. Cover all the holes tightly
2. The left hand goes on top
3. Blow gently with "warm" air.
4. Please label the recorder and its storage container with your child's name

You can find all materials for Recorder Karate including the songs, fingering charts and helpful videos on our classroom website! Just go to [www.gesmusic.weebly.com](http://www.gesmusic.weebly.com) look under the "Music Class" tab and click "Recorder Karate".

Thank you for your continued support of your child's creativity in music!

Musically yours,

Thomas J. Lawrence  
Music Teacher.

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO MR. LAWRENCE BY Wednesday, January 22, 2020.**  
**(Recorder forms without payment will not be ordered)**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, please order one **Harmony H100 1-Piece Soprano Recorder** for my child at \$4.00 each. I am enclosing payment for \$4.00.

**-OR-**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, please order one **Peripole® Baroque Soprano Halo® Recorder** for my child at \$8.00 each. I am enclosing payment for \$8.00.

**-OR-**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, please order **TWO** recorders so that my child can leave one at school (recorders will be taken home at the end of the school year).

**Select Quantities:** **Harmony H100** \$4.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ and/or **Peripole Halo Recorder** \$8.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, we do not need to order a recorder We will take full responsibility of furnishing an acceptable soprano recorder for our child by February 12<sup>th</sup>.