

December 6th, 2019

Dear Third Grade Families,

I am excited to be reaching out to you because in a short while your student will continue their study of rhythm and melody through the use of the woodwind instrument called a Recorder. This musical instrument is both enjoyable and easy to play, while simultaneously developing coordination and discipline, while your learner cares for the instrument. The Recorder has a long history which dates back 300 years to the Baroque time period. The recorder unit has been part of our curriculum for over 20 years. It is an exciting time to continue music-making with this time-treasured instrument. Your support and encouragement to develop practice skills as well as confidence to share what your student has learned is a priceless component to their success. Upon commencement of this unit, please establish times and places where your student can practice and maintain harmony within your family living environment.

The **Three B's** to acquire a Recorder are:

1. **BORROW a school owned instrument:** We have Recorders which are recycled from year to year. The instruments are thoroughly sterilized prior to the beginning of the unit and again at the completion of the unit. They are assigned to only one student for the duration of Recorder unit. There is no cost involved in using a school owned instrument.
2. **BRING an instrument from home:** Many families already possess a Recorder from previous years. If it is a "C Soprano" Recorder it will be acceptable for classroom use. Please send in the Recorder with your student so I may verify the instrument to insure it is the correct model. The student's full name and homeroom number should be taped to the back of the barrel and the case if it has one.
3. **BUY a new recorder through the school:** Many students wish to have a Recorder of their own. Students may purchase a new Peripole® Soprano recorder at a discount through the school district. If you choose this option please complete the form below and return it to Mr. Cosnek with your check (*preferred*) made payable to **Upper St. Clair School District** by **Friday, December 20th, 2019**. Recorders cost \$6.00 each.

Thank you for your assistance in providing an instrument for your student. This unit is a traditional favorite and we are looking forward to making great music together.

Musically,



Mr. Steven Cosnek



Peripole® Soprano Recorder Order Form

Student Name: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

We wish to purchase _____ (number of recorders) at \$6.00 each and have enclosed a check for _____ (total cost).

*(please make checks payable to **Upper St. Clair School District** and return form by Friday, January 18, 2019)*