

July 2019

Dear Parents,

We are continuing our growth in the general music program at Hillendale Elementary School. All of the students will be learning how to play the recorder! The recorder is a genuine musical instrument that can produce quality sound and is easy enough for every child to learn to play.

If you are unfamiliar with this instrument, its origins date back to the 1600's. It sounds similar to the flute, but is played in the style of a clarinet. We will be using the recorders as a classroom instrument where we will learn to play as a group. This will give all students the experience of playing an instrument where the opportunity might otherwise not present itself.

As part of the elementary school music curriculum, we are requesting that each child purchase a recorder that will be theirs to take home and practice. Recorders will continue to be played in school throughout 5th grade at Hillendale Elementary and throughout succeeding years at the middle school.

The cost of the recorder is \$5.00 for a 3-piece Yamaha with case. Please send a check payable to "Hillendale Elementary School". Please make sure the tear-off slip with the name of the student and homeroom teacher and the **check** is in an envelope addressed to HES Office Manager.

Any family who may have financial difficulties at this time preventing them from purchasing the recorder should contact the main office. We want all of the children to experience the full music curriculum.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,
Eileen Jennings
Hillendale Music Department

3rd Grade students must purchase a recorder by **September 5, 2019**

(Any 3rd Grade student who already owns a recorder and does not need to purchase one must bring in his or her recorder for approval by the music teacher before September 5, 2019)

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Please **make checks payable to "Hillendale Elementary School"** and return to HES Office Manager.

I am placing a recorder order for _____
(Student's First and Last Name)

(Print Homeroom Teacher)

