



CTE Music Department

November 14, 2013

Dear 4th Grade Parents and Students,

As part of this year's music curriculum, 4th grade students will be learning to play the recorder during the second semester. The recorder presents a wonderful opportunity to introduce instrumental performance on a wind instrument! The recorder is one of our earliest musical instruments, dating back to the Middle Ages. Historically, it is one step in the development of our modern flute. The Soprano recorder is ideal for music study in the classroom: it is inexpensive, small in size, easy to play, and has a pleasant tone quality and a simple fingering system. The recorder is also an excellent pre-band or pre-orchestra instrument. I hope that by giving students a great experience with the recorder they will be encouraged to participate in music beyond elementary school.

Because the recorder is a personalized instrument, every student must have his/her own. There are three options for obtaining a recorder:

Option 1: You already own a recorder (e.g. from a previous school as a 3rd grader). Great, you do not need to do anything except bring your recorder to music class. BUT, please make sure it is a Baroque-English Fingering C-Soprano recorder (if you are unsure just bring it to the music room and Mrs. Kehl will let you know). You may wish to purchase a method book, but this is NOT required. Students who wish to practice at home between music class weeks or enhance their skills over the summer (and beyond) should purchase a method book. The cost of the method book is \$2.75. ***Students who already own a recorder must bring it to their first music class after Winter Break in January.***

Option 2: You need to purchase a recorder from the school. If you do not already have a recorder, you may purchase one from CTE for \$4.75. This includes the recorder, a vinyl zippered case, joint lubricant, a cleaning rod, and a fingering chart. You get to keep your recorder at the end of the year. This year we are purchasing Peripole Angel Recorders, which are truly excellent instruments. If you are purchasing a recorder from the school, you may also wish to purchase a method book, but this is NOT required. Method books are \$2.75. ***Students who purchase a recorder from CTE will receive their instruments in music class after Winter Break in January.***

Option 3: You are unable to purchase a recorder from the school, but would like to borrow one on a daily basis. We have a limited number of loaner recorders. Loaner recorders cannot be taken home to practice on between music classes, and they cannot be taken home at the end of the year. Be aware that loaner recorders *may* be used by more than one student (for example, a student in Ms. Nocella's class followed by a student in Mr. Loser's class the next day), however they will be cleaned and sterilized between classes (so we don't pass around anyone's germs!). Students needing a loaner recorder may wish to purchase a method book for \$2.75, however this is NOT required. There will not be any loaner method books. Students who use a loaner recorder are responsible for purchasing a replacement should the recorder be damaged while in their care.

Please complete the attached order form and return it to Mrs. Kehl, along with payment (if applicable), by Wednesday, December 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kehl at 699-3501, extension 35508. Thank you!

Musically Yours,
~Mrs. Kehl

2013-2014 CTE Recorder Order Form

Return by Wednesday, December 4th.

(Please select one option from "Purchasing Options" OR one from "Non-purchasing Options")

Purchasing Options:

____ Recorder AND Method Book, \$7.50

____ Recorder only, \$4.75

____ Method Book only, \$2.75

If purchasing a method book only, please check one:

____ *I already have my own recorder and will bring it to music class.*

____ *I need to use a loaner recorder. I understand that if the recorder is damaged while in my case, I will be responsible for purchasing a replacement.*

Total amount enclosed (exact cash or check made out to CTE): _____

Non-purchasing Options:

____ I already have my own recorder and will not be purchasing a method book.

____ I need to use a loaner recorder. I understand that if the recorder is damaged while in my care, I will be responsible for purchasing a replacement.

Student Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please make check payable to CTE or Catawba Trail Elementary. **Return this form, along with payment (if applicable) to Mrs. Kehl by Wednesday, December 4th. Payment must be exact cash or check. Please include a phone number on your check.**