

September 15, 2010

Dear Parents of Third Graders,

Learning to play the recorder is great way to introduce students to musical instruments. By starting in third grade, they experience the beginning steps of owning an instrument, practicing it, and performing simple melodies. This year's third graders are very excited about learning to play recorders. We will be using a program called "Recorder Karate".

The instrument that we will be using is a single piece Aulos C soprano recorder (103N) with a built-in thumb rest and single holes for low C and D (baroque fingering). It comes with a plastic carrying bag and a fingering chart. The cost is \$6.50.

I would prefer for everyone to use the same model. Since we have been using this particular model for the past three years, some of you may already have it and if so please let me know.

Your child will be expected to practice and to bring the recorder to school on the day of music class. Ms. Smith's class has music on Thursday afternoons and Mrs. Barna's class has music on Fridays. Please help your child to remember.

You may turn in the check for \$6.50, payable to Carderock Springs Elementary School, by Thursday, September 30. Thank you for this contribution to your child's musical future! You may look forward to hearing the third graders play their recorders at the Festival of the Arts in March. Please contact me with any questions at [ellen\\_k\\_johnson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:ellen_k_johnson@mcpsmd.org).

Yours sincerely,

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