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Dear Fourth Grade Parents/Guardians: September 2015

As a part of this year’s fourth grade music curriculum, your child will be learning how to play the recorder. Students purchase the recorders and the school provides the music that the children will use in their study. The recorders will be used by all fourth grade students for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

The school system purchases Yamaha recorders in large quantities. The price each student needs to pay is **$5.00** for their individual recorder. For your convenience, I ask that your child bring his/her money to school in an **envelope** marked with your child’s name, teacher’s name and the amount enclosed.

This year we will have **color options** for your student to choose from. Colors will be ivory, blue, green and pink. *Please mark your color choice on the attached page,* detach it and send it in your child’s envelope along with their payment. **Students who do not bring in their money by our deadline (Sept. 25) will have an ivory recorder ordered for them.**

\*\*If the cost of purchasing a recorder presents a financial difficulty for your family, please contact me at the school by telephone or personal note so that alternative arrangements can be made. If I do not receive any personal communication, I will assume you will be paying for your child’s recorder.

Some children may have access to recorders which were used by an older sister, brother or other family member. We encourage students to make use of these recorders rather than purchasing a new instrument as long as the instrument is of the same tone quality as our school recorders. Have them bring it in to be checked out by me. \*\*DOLLAR STORE RECORDERS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR MUSIC CLASS\*\*

Students will learn basic tonal and rhythmic patterns along with selected songs. They will also learn how to read these patterns and songs on the treble staff. All the while, they will have the experience of playing as an ensemble member. Encourage your child to practice at home. Fifteen minutes twice a week should be a sufficient amount of time to master the required skills. Everything they will need to practice will be posted on my website at [mrconniff.weebly.com](http://mrconniff.weebly.com/) on the 4th grade page.

Please send the envelope with your child by **Friday, September 25th**, as we will begin instruction during the first full week in October. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr Conniff and Ms. Biermann, Music Teachers

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\_\_\_\_\_\_I won’t need to purchase a recorder

\_\_\_\_\_\_I have included the $5.00 payment (Cash only please)

\_\_\_\_\_\_I have clearly marked the student’s name on the envelope, along with their teacher’s name.

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