

Dear 4th/5th/6th Grade Parents/Guardians,

In a few short weeks, your young musician will begin learning the recorder during music class! The recorder is a woodwind instrument played by blowing a thin stream of air through the instrument and placing the fingers over the holes. It is a great introductory instrument for students that may be interested in taking Wind Instrument (brass or woodwind) lessons in the future.

Our recorder unit is set to begin on **September 02, 2019**. Students must obtain a recorder prior to this date in order to participate during music class. We will be learning the BAROQUE-style recorder. Recommended brands, with links for purchasing, are as follows:

Yamaha YRS24B Soprano Recorder:

<https://amzn.to/2UHawe7>



Angel 101 Soprano Recorder:

<https://amzn.to/2QTyGG4>



Please avoid purchasing plastic, colored recorders from discount stores such as the Dollar Store, Walmart, Costco, etc. These are what we call “Instrument Shaped Objects.” These items are crafted for small children and made of inexpensive materials. They are marketed as “toys” and just won’t sound as well as professionally-made quality instruments. Please help your little musician begin on the perfect note by staying with one of the two recommended brands.

If you would like to ensure that your student gets a great quality instrument, please send an envelope with \$5 by **Friday, August 23, 2019** and include the following information on the front:

**Full Name
Homeroom Teacher
RECORDER**

If you purchased a recorder last year, please bring it back! There is no need to purchase another. Once our recorder unit has started, the recorders will remain in school until the students have learned a few basic notes, practicing expectations, and about instrument cleaning/care. This means the students will not bring the recorders home for a few weeks until they have demonstrated proficiency on recorder basics. When they do bring them home, I am sure you will be delighted by how much they have learned!

If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me at malonba@richmond.k12.ga.us.

Musically yours,

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