

Leeds Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Third Grade Students:

All third grade students at Leeds Elementary School will once again play the recorder this year. Please read this letter with important information about the recorder and **return** the necessary parts to school by **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009!**

The recorder was created over 250 years ago. The recorder is an instrument that will help students to identify which, if any, band instruments they may wish to pursue in coming years. It has also been shown that students who play the recorder are more successful with singing on pitch and playing/singing rhythmic patterns correctly.

In preparation for our playing in class we are offering you the opportunity to purchase your recorder through the school. The recorder you will be purchasing is a plastic, 2-part BAROQUE recorder. Along with the recorder your child will receive a carrying case for the recorder, a fingering chart with how to play various notes on the recorder and a cleaning rod to clean the inside of the recorder.

ALL THIRD GRADE STUDENTS WILL NEED TO HAVE A RECORDER TO PLAY! If your child already has access to a recorder you do **NOT** need to purchase a new one. If you are not sure whether or not the recorder is a baroque recorder, please bring it in for Mr. Moon to examine. If your child does not have a case, cleaning rod or fingering chart it is okay as long as the student has **ALL** of the pieces of the recorder!

If you are interested in purchasing a recorder through the school please send in \$4.50 and the bottom of this paper **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009!** If you do not need to purchase a recorder please mark the appropriate place and **send back the bottom portion only**. After receiving all orders by September 30th, Mr. Moon will place the recorder order. When the recorders arrive Mr. Moon will deliver the recorders to the purchasing students. A schedule as to when your child will need his/her recorder will be sent home in early-October. If you have any additional questions please contact me at Leeds on Tuesday through Fridays or e-mail me anytime at wmoon@ccps.org!

Sincerely,

William Moon
General Music Teacher, Leeds Elementary School

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009!!

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

_____ My child needs to purchase a recorder. Enclosed, please find \$4.50 for payment.
(Please make checks payable to **LEEDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**)

_____ My child does not need to purchase a recorder. They already have one they can use.