

September 2022

Dear Third Grade Parents,

I am excited to share that we are able to play recorders again this year! Starting in October, a portion of each of your child's general music classes will be dedicated to learning to play the recorder and reading the music.

We will be using a method called Recorder Karate where students earn colored "belts" for their recorder when they master new notes and songs. It is a highly motivating and rewarding program that I know the students will all love! Students really enjoy the process of learning songs to earn belts - it's always an exciting day in music class when someone earns their next belt!

Students will need to have their recorders for each music class and to practice at home. For that reason, some families might find it easier to purchase two recorders - one for home, and one for school. The students will be keeping their recorder(s) at the end of the year. If there are students that already own a **soprano recorder**, it may be used for music class. (Please note that it must be instrument quality and not a toy version of a recorder.)

I would like to begin the recorder program in early October. In order to do this, the bottom of the sheet, with any payment, needs to be returned by **Friday, September 16** so that I can order the recorders. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Sarah Petersen. If there is any difficulty in making payment, please contact Mrs. Plocki and arrangements can be made.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at [spetersen@barkhamstedschool.org](mailto:spetersen@barkhamstedschool.org)

Sincerely,

Sarah Petersen  
General Music, Band and Chorus Teacher  
The Barkhamsted School

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Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ We are purchasing one soprano recorder for \$3.25

☐ We are purchasing two soprano recorders for \$6.50

☐ We already own a soprano recorder

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_