

September 21, 2018

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents and Guardians,

Your child will be learning to play the recorder this year as part of our music curriculum. For many 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, this will be the first musical instrument they will learn to play. Learning to play the recorder will help your child understand proper breathing techniques, and develop the finger agility necessary to play band instruments that are offered in their 4<sup>th</sup> grade year. They will also continue to learn and practice reading music.

***Please submit a check, in the amount of \$11.00, payable to the Clarendon School Activity Fund. Cash is also welcome. If paying by cash, please put in an envelope with your child's name on it.*** This money will pay for a soprano recorder and recorder method book (entitled "Recorder Explorer"). If you already own a recorder that you would like your child to use, please pay only \$5.00, to cover the cost of the book. This money should be brought to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

Please help your child remember when their recorder class takes place. The schedule is as follows:

**Mrs. Ngo/Goldsack - Monday - 12:55 p.m.**

**Mrs. Mongiello/Mrs. Colamarino - Tuesday - 12:55 p.m.**

**Miss Korycinski/Goldsack - Wednesday - 2:15 p.m.**

Your child should be prepared with his/her recorder and book when their class takes place. I suggest that, after practicing, they put the recorder and book in their backpack and they will never forget it.

Daily practice is essential to being successful on any musical instrument. Please encourage your child to practice at least fifteen minutes a day. Extra help sessions will be available, and will be announced at a later date.

All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will participate in our Spring Recorder Concert. The concert date will be announced at a later time.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to develop your child's musical ability.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Redvanly, General Music Teacher