Dear fourth grade families,

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Happy Fall! Our school year is off to a fast and busy start! We wanted to take a moment to tell you what your child will be experiencing in general music in fourth grade.

In third grade, all students in the Shaler Area school district learn to play the recorder in music class. The recorder is a small woodwind instrument, similar to a pan flute. While learning to play the recorder, students learn the fundamentals of music reading and further develop their aural skills. Studying the recorder also helps to develop life skills by giving students the responsibility to care for their instrument and remember to bring it to class. This year, students in fourth grade will be continuing their work on recorder in their general music classes.

Students are asked to bring their recorders to school by **Wednesday, October 1st**. All students were provided an instrument in third grade. However, if your child’s recorder has been misplaced or broken, a new one can be purchased through your child’s music teacher. To purchase a new recorder, please return the form on the back of this letter along with $**4** in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child’s **first and last name**, and **music teacher** (Mrs. Hoffmann, Mrs. Dougherty, or Mr. Albert). Students are *not* required to take their recorders home. In fact, we encourage them to keep their instrument in their desk or locker so as always to be prepared for class.

Thank you for your support in your child’s music education. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s music teacher with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Hoffmann

Mrs. Cynthia Dougherty

Mr. Scott Albert

**Order Form for 4th Grade Recorder**

*Please complete and return the form below in a* ***sealed envelope*** *with* ***$4.00*** *and marked with your child’s* ***first and last name*** *by* ***October 1, 2014****.*

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Music Teacher:** *Circle One*

Mrs. Hoffmann Mrs. Dougherty Mr. Albert

**4th Grade Team:** *Circle One*

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**🞎** *My child will need a recorder for 4th Grade General Music. Enclosed is $4.00 to purchase an instrument.*

**Parent/Guardian Name**