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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. This term in music, divisions 4, 14, 15, and 16 will be learning music with a recorder. The recorder is a good instrument for learning basic music skills. For hygienic reasons it is recommended each student have their own recorder. This way the student having his/her own recorder will be able to practice their skills on the same recorder each time. We are asking parents to purchase a **soprano baroque recorder** for their child.

The recorders are relatively inexpensive and can be purchased for \$7.49 at Long and McQuade or Tom Lee music store. Please do not purchase a recorder at a dollar store. They are less expensive and this will affect the quality of the sound. If you have one at home and it is a plastic baroque recorder, you can put it in the dishwasher to sterilize it. It is important that it is a baroque recorder and not a German recorder as the German recorders have different fingering for the notes. You will know that it is a Baroque recorder by the B on the back of the lip piece of the instrument. You will not need to purchase any music books as music sheets will be provided. Students will need a recorder, duo tang, and a pencil for music class.

We are hoping to start this learning journey beginning the week of October 2nd. Please encourage your child when they are playing at home. They do sound screechy at first, but they will improve!

Thank you for your assistance.

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