

Peterson Elementary School

2000 Winter Hawk Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76177



Dear 4th & 5th Parents/Guardians:

Peterson 4th and 5th grade students will learn to play the recorder in music class. The recorder is a small wind instrument that is quite simple to play and developmentally appropriate for young children. The recorder is also inexpensive and the perfect starter instrument to prepare students for middle school. As part of a complete music curriculum, Northwest ISD requires all elementary students to learn to play the recorder by the end of 5th grade.

All students will need to own two recorders, one for use at home and one for use at school. This is the best way to allow students to practice at home while still making sure they will have an instrument to use in class. Often times students will forget their recorder at home or school and can't practice or participate in class. Buying two recorders eliminates this problem and ensures student success. If your child already has one or two recorders at home, they are welcome to use those recorders. We only ask that the student bring the recorder to us so that it may be inspected. We need to ensure that the recorder is of good quality (some students may have a recorder that was purchased at Walmart or some other discount store; these recorders are more like toys and are not quality instruments), in good working condition (free of any cracks or breaks), and pitched correctly (sometimes recorders are pitched in a different key, which would make group instruction impossible).

Recorders should be purchased through the school for \$15.00 for 2 recorders. If your child owns a recorder, you can purchase just 1 recorder for \$10. Please complete the order form below and return to me no later than Friday, September 9th, 2016. Please send CASH ONLY. If you cannot afford to buy one or both recorders, please contact us and we will make any necessary arrangements.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and support of your child's musical education. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding recorders or music class in general. We're looking forward to making music with your child!

Sincerely,

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 PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH CASH ONLY IN ENVELOPE TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH.

Student's name _____

Classroom teacher _____ Color Group _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____

_____ Please supply my child with 2 recorders. I have enclosed **\$15.00 CASH** in the enclosed envelope.

_____ Please supply my child with 1 recorder. I have enclosed **\$10.00 CASH** in an envelope with my child's name on it.

_____ My child already owns 2 recorders.