

January 4, 2017

Dear Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> Graders,

Beginning next month, your child will begin using soprano recorders frequently during their music class, where they will learn to play different songs to improve their skills. Each student will need to have a soprano recorder to play when they come to music. Students will be using a teaching program called "Recorder Karate", where they will have the opportunity to earn "belts" which indicate their individual knowledge and progress.

Soprano recorders may be ordered through the school and are of great quality that will literally last forever (provided that they are well taken care of). If you are interested in ordering a recorder for your child, please take the time to fill out the form below and return it, with \$7.00, to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Checks need to be made out to Charlotte Anderson Elementary. For your convenience, MISD provides the ability to pay on-line. You have two options to pay online 1) Click on this link: <https://www.ticketracker.com/store/category?schoolId=1641&catalogCategoryId=2412> or go to Charlotte Anderson's website by clicking on this link <http://www.mansfieldisd.org/page.cfm?p=1646> and look for "Recorders Sale" information. If your child already has access to a soprano recorder, they may bring it to use during class. All students are required to have a recorder at the start of our unit. **Any student who does not bring a recorder to their music class will have their participation grade lowered five points.**

I am excited about teaching your child how to play the recorder. This will be a great introduction into reading music, learning the names of the lines and spaces, and applying note values to songs. Most importantly, students will get a small glimpse into the possibility of playing a band instrument later on. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school at (817) 299-7760 or be sending me an email at [katherinewilson@misdmail.org](mailto:katherinewilson@misdmail.org). My conference time is from 12:00 to 12:25 daily. Thank you.

Katherine Wilson, CAE Music



**(Please cut and return to homeroom teacher)**

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Number of recorders (\$7.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_ Cash ( ) or Check ( ) Number \_\_\_\_\_