

HUDSON ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Recorder Music Program -December, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the music program at Hudson Road Elementary School this term, your Gr. 5 child will have the opportunity to play the recorder. The recorder is an excellent instrument for learning basic instrument techniques, music reading skills and ensemble playing. Most students learn to play several songs with great success. We will be using Recorder Karate as a practice incentive this year. Students will earn belts of different colours to attach to their recorder based on different songs that they complete and play as a solo. Please encourage your child to practice regularly and achieve the "Karate" goals set for his/her class. Just 5 -10 minutes of playing a day will make a huge difference in the success they experience on the instrument.

This year, I have ordered recorder kits for students to purchase. They receive a recorder, cleaning rod, song book AND a CD with all the songs from the book. I am convinced that they will have more success practicing with the CD as a tool. The total cost for the kit is \$11.00. If you are unable to afford the complete kit, I am willing to lend a recorder for students to use in class and at home but I encourage you to purchase the book (necessary for the music) and the CD. Recorders, on loan, need to be returned in March. If you already own a recorder in good playing condition, you may purchase the book and CD separately. See individual pricing below. One request: please do not purchase a Dollar Store recorder as these are often inferior sounding and are difficult to play well - especially on the lower notes.

Please ensure that your child's instrument and book are clearly marked with their name and remind them to come prepared to music class on Wednesday and Friday with both items. The CD should stay at home. Thank you for supporting your child in his/her efforts. Studies show that music instruction and practice has a positive effect on other areas of academic learning. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
Sincerely

Mrs. H. Kelz
Music Teacher

Please indicate your choice and send this form back to Mrs. Kelz with your payment.

1. Will borrow a "like-new" recorder from school and return in good condition. _____
(replacement cost: \$5.00)
2. Will purchase a complete recorder kit through the school for \$11.00. _____
3. Will only purchase a book (\$3.00) _____ and CD (\$4.00)

Child's
Name _____

Parent
Signature _____