Recorder Recommendations

Our fourth and fifth grade students will be learning to play the recorder this year. We have a classroom set of recorders here at the school that students may use while in music class. These are sanitized after each use. We have found, however, that many of our students prefer to have their own personal recorders. Some parents choose to purchase two recorders for their students, one to remain at home and one to remain at school. Students who bring their own recorders to school will have a designated place to keep their recorders.

There are a lot of different recorders on the market and they are not all created equal. If you choose to purchase a recorder for your student, we encourage you to consider one of the options below. These are good quality recorders that will help your student (and you) to have a more positive experience during the early stages of learning the recorder and beyond. We encourage you to avoid the toylike, cheap recorders found in most grocery stores, dollar stores, etc.

**Peripole Baroque Soprano Halo Recorder** -- This recorder comes with a Peripole® Halo® Hanger to suspend the recorder from the neck, thus allowing hands free access for other coordinated musical activities, an extra wide vinyl zippered case, a fingering chart and a cleaning rod. Available only from Peripole, Inc. The current price is $6.95. Be aware that the minimum shipping cost is $8.50, so you may want to order with friends so you don’t end up paying more for shipping than for the instrument itself.

**Yamaha YRS-24B** -- This recorder comes with a cloth case. The current price on Amazon is $5.99 and there may be a shipping fee as well.

**Aulos A209B Soprano Recorder** -- This recorder comes with a blue cloth bag with string tie, fingering chart and cleaning rod. The current price on Amazon is $9.95 and there may be a shipping fee as well.

**Hohner Kids Recorder (S9319)** -- It was unclear if this recorder comes with a case. The current price on Amazon is $7.00-$14.99, depending on who the actual vendor is.

We will begin using our recorders the week of **November 15th**. If you choose to purchase a recorder for your child to use at school, please send the recorder with your child on or before this date. Make sure that the recorder and any accessories that go with it are marked with your child’s name. I am excited to introduce our students to wind instruments through playing the recorder.

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