Dear Parents and Families,

I hope the 2009-2010 school year has gotten off to a wonderful start for you all! This year I would like to give fourth grade students a chance to play recorders. Recorders are a wind instrument that is traditionally used in elementary school to give young musicians the opportunity to make music by themselves and with a group. It prepares them to switch to a band instrument in the future, if they would like. Also, playing an instrument like the recorder deepens their understanding of important musical concepts. While it is not required for fourth grade students to have a recorder, it is a required part of the fifth grade curriculum, so beginning now will give them a great advantage going into next year, plus they'll already have their instrument for fifth grade. If you would like to purchase a recorder for your child, please return the bottom part of this note, along with $5.00 (this is enough money to cover the cost of the recorder, plus tax and shipping), to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Wednesday, September 23, 2009. No money will be accepted after this date. If you feel that now is not the time to purchase a recorder for your child, that's ok. I have a small class set that can be sanitized so that any student who doesn't have his or her own recorder can still participate in class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school. I'm at Rockwell on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I can be reached by email anytime. Thank you for supporting your child's music education!

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Cash, and checks made out to Rockwell Elementary, are welcome

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Student's Name

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Homeroom Teacher

* 4th Grade Recorder Form 2009-2010