Haslett Public Schools

October 3, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It seems like just yesterday that we were opening the doors for "Back to School" night. Now we are well on our way to a great school year and are looking forward to new experiences and adventures. This year in music your student will sing, read music, compose, dance, improvise, and play a variety of instruments.

One change that comes in fourth grade is the introduction of a wind instrument, the recorder. All 4th graders will be playing a **Yamaha YRS24B or YRS20 - baroque style Recorder** throughout the year. It is very important that we all use the same brand and model of recorder, as tuning and sound quality varies greatly between brands and models. In the past students at Ralya have purchased a different brand of recorder. This year we are making the switch to Yamaha as they tune more easily, have a better tone quality, and are less likely to squeak! If you have questions about this change, email me to learn more.

Students are encouraged to purchase their own recorder. I think you will find that your student will be highly motivated to practice and play at home. Yamaha recorders are known to be a high-quality instrument at an inexpensive price. This brand and model of recorder sells at local music stores for between $8 and $10. I can order these at a **discounted price of $6,** which includes a neck strap, case and the cost of shipping, if ordered in bulk**. I will be placing the order for new recorders on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.** This year we are offering recorders in four different colors: white, green, pink, or blue. I have included an order form at the bottom of the page for your convenience.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. You can also find more information and pictures of the recorders on the NEW Ralya Music website when you visit: MusicWithMrRow.Weebly.com

Thank you,
Mr. David Row,
Ralya Music Teacher
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Ralya Elementary School

Student Name_____ Grade: **4th**

Classroom Teacher (circle one) Ms. Blake Mrs. Cooper

Mrs. Gorman Mrs. Trufant

I would like to order _____ **Soprano Yamaha** (baroque) recorder(s). I have enclosed **$6** for each soprano recorder. Circle which color you prefer below

White **Green** **Pink** **Blue**

Checks may be made payable to ***Haslett Public Schools***.
Orders with payment included are **due** to Mr. Row by **TUESDAY, October 11, 2016**.