

To: Parents of Third, Fourth, & Fifth Grade Students
From: Phyllis Thomas, Music Teacher
RE: Bridlewood Choir Club and Recorder Club

Bridlewood offers extra-curricular choir and recorder clubs for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Participants attend one rehearsal per week for each group, and may choose to be a member of both Choir Club and Recorder Club. We have scheduled the groups so that, hopefully, each child who wants to participate can do so.

The **Choir Club** meets on Tuesdays – before school from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and after school from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. In addition, both groups rehearse on the last Friday of the month (beginning in October), from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. to put the parts together.

Third grade Recorder Club meets on Mondays - before school from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and after school from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Fourth grade Recorder Club meets before school on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and after school on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. For those students who were not involved in recorder ensemble in third grade, there will be an additional “catch-up” session on Fridays before school.

Fifth grade Recorder Club meets before school on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and after school on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. For students who were not involved in recorder ensemble in third or fourth grade, there will be an additional “catch-up” session on Fridays before school.

Students in **Recorder Club** must have a recorder to practice at home. Recorders may be purchased at school. The cost is \$5.00 for a soprano recorder (all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade members). In addition, fifth grade Recorder Club members need an alto recorder, the cost of which is \$15. If you do not have a recorder, please send cash or a check **payable to Phyllis Thomas** to school with your child. If you already have a recorder from another school, please send it to school so that we can make sure that it can be tuned to the same pitch as the recorders we have purchased.

Also, all students will need to purchase a **music t-shirt** for use at our concerts. The shirt is the same for both choir and recorder ensembles, **but is not the same shirt as in previous years**, as our school colors have changed. Cost is \$11.00 (cash or check **payable to Phyllis Thomas**), and size information is attached.

New this year: Because of the busy schedules of our Bridlewood students, we are asking you to make a half-year commitment to attend choir and recorder ensembles when you register (ie., to sign up for fall choir or recorder, to attend rehearsals from September 15 to December 18, and, if possible, to participate in the Holiday Revels Concert on December 18 AND / OR in January, 2009, to sign up for spring choir or recorder, to attend rehearsals from January 26 to May 15, and, if possible, to participate in the Spring Concert on May 14 and the Sandy Lake Funfest on May 16). **Fall music club dues of \$10 for each club for PTA members (\$15 for non-PTA members) are payable to Bridlewood Elementary PTA.** For choir members, dues allows us to purchase choir music, accompaniment CDs, and props. For recorder club members, dues covers the cost of a binder and music, as well as accompaniment CDs.

Please indicate on the attached sheet your preference for Choir and Recorder Club(s), and send it with the applicable fees to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

All groups will begin the week of September 15, 2008 and continue through December 14, 2008. Registration for spring clubs will begin in January, 2009.

Please indicate below your preference for Choir and Recorder Club(s), and return this page with the applicable fees to your child's teacher as soon as possible. **All groups will begin the week of September 15, 2008.**

Name _____ Phone _____

Grade level _____ Homeroom teacher _____

Please attach a \$10 check payable to Bridlewood PTA for fall semester dues for each club chosen.

Choir Club (3rd, 4th, & 5th grades): _____ Tuesday before school (7:30 – 8:00 a.m.)
(choose one)

_____ Tuesday after school (3:15 – 4:00 p.m.)

3rd Grade Recorder Club: _____ Monday before school (7:30 – 8:00 a.m.)
(choose one)

_____ Monday after school (3:15 – 4:00 p.m.)

4th Grade Recorder Club: _____ Thursday before school (7:30 – 8:00 a.m.)
(choose Wed. or Thurs.;

choose Fri. ALSO if your _____ Wednesday after school (3:15 – 4:00 p.m.)

child has no experience
with recorder)

_____ Friday "catchup club" (7:30 – 8:00 a.m.)

5th Grade Recorder Club: _____ Wednesday before school (7:30 – 8:00 a.m.)
(choose Wed. or Thurs.;

choose Fri. ALSO if your _____ Thursday after school (3:15 – 4:00 p.m.)

child has no experience
with recorder)

_____ Friday "catchup club" (7:30 – 8:00 a.m.)

_____ I wish to purchase a soprano recorder (**please attach \$5 cash or check made to Phyllis Thomas**).

_____ I wish to purchase an alto recorder (5th grade only) (**please attach \$15 cash or check made to Phyllis Thomas**).

_____ I wish to purchase a music t-shirt (**NOT** the same shirts we have used in previous years) (**please attach \$11 cash or check made to Phyllis Thomas**).

_____ youth medium (10/12) _____ youth large (14/16)

_____ adult small _____ adult medium _____ adult large

Please attach cash or check

- payable to **Bridlewood Elementary PTA** \$10 per club for fall semester club dues
total for fall semester club dues _____
- payable to **Phyllis Thomas** \$5 for soprano recorder, \$15 for alto recorder, \$11 for t-shirt
total for recorder / music shirt _____