

**Dear Farallone View families:**

This year in music class with Ms. Kitty of Harmony Road, all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will play Fluphone and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will play soprano recorder.

A **Flutophone** is a white and red plastic wind instrument designed in 1943 as an inexpensive way to introduce children to making music. Since then, millions of children have played the Flutophone.

The **soprano recorder** is first documented in the Middle Ages, continued to enjoy wide popularity in the Renaissance and Baroque periods and made a comeback in the 20th century. Music written for the recorder ranges from J.S. Bach to modern jazz.

***Why start on the Flutophone?***

1. It's easy to play even with tiny hands and fingers
2. It's inexpensive and sturdy
3. It's easy to make a good, sweet sound
4. It's the perfect first instrument for a child to own (it was my first wind instrument)
5. Its teaches proper fingering techniques
6. It's a great tool for teaching students to read music
7. It prepares students to play a soprano recorder in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
8. It's fun!

***Flutophone and Recorder rules:***

1. Play your instrument sitting down or standing still...NEVER EVER PLAY IN THE CAR
2. Don't share your instrument with anyone else
3. Treat your instrument gently...it's your "baby"
4. At home, play your instrument every day to earn Flutophone & Recorder Karate Belts!

***Flutophone & Recorder Karate...***

Just like in the martial arts, students need to master a task to earn a belt. For more details and to see the recorders colors go to the RESOURCES tab at [www.HarmonyRoad.us](http://www.HarmonyRoad.us).

**All students purchase two instruments:** One for at-home practice and the other for in-school learning. I'm looking forward to making music with everyone! Thank you.

Ms. Kitty >^..^< info@HarmonyRoad.us

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Please return this portion with payment to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.  
Cash or check payable to Harmony Road. Scholarships available. Thank you.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

**1st and 2nd grade:**

2 Flutophones \$8.00

**3rd grade:**

2 pink recorders \$8.00

2 green recorders \$8.00

2 turquoise recorders \$8.00

2 blue recorders \$8.00

2 purple recorders \$8.00

2 black recorders \$8.00