

# Recorder Ensemble!

Middlefield Park and Recreation is excited to offer an after school program for students who enjoy playing the recorder. The program is open to any student in grades four through six who has experience playing the recorder. We will meet for an hour a week after school for a period of seven weeks. At the end of the session the students will present a recital showcasing the music they have prepared during this time.

Students who are part of this group will have an opportunity to learn many different styles of music from classical to jazz in solo, small group and full ensemble settings. Students will have many opportunities to learn and practice skills such as note reading, improvising and composing during our time together. They will also work on lifelong skills such as teamwork, perseverance, dedication and time management.

The cost of the program is \$75 for the 7-week session. We will meet at the Middlefield Community Center from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM every Wednesday starting January 4 2012. Rehearsals will take place in the auditorium. We will meet every Wednesday we have school unless noted in a schedule I will give to students during our first meeting. There will be snow days built into the schedule. Students will need a recorder, a three ring binder, and a pencil.

Please fill out the registration form below and return it along with a check for \$75 to the address listed below. Feel free to contact me at the following email address: [mmeurs@rsd13.org](mailto:mmeurs@rsd13.org).

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I give my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the RSD #13 recorder ensemble. I understand that the rehearsals are mandatory and that if my son/daughter misses more than three rehearsals he/she will not be able to participate in the performance at the end of the session. I will make every effort to contact Mr. Meurs in the event my son/daughter cannot attend a scheduled rehearsal. I also understand that there is no refund of money paid in the event my son/daughter misses more than three rehearsals and cannot perform in the final recital. Please be aware of the waiver below.

## WAIVER

I acknowledge that there are risks associated with participating in a recreational activity and agree to assume the risk of injury, which I/my child may encounter. I hereby waive, release and discharge the Parks and Recreation Department and the Town of Middlefield from any and all claims for personal injury and property damage I/my child may have while participating in this program or while on Town property.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the permission slip and the check to:  
Middlefield Park and Recreation Commission  
PO Box 179  
Middlefield CT, 06455

## About the director:

Mr. Meurs has been teaching in RSD #13 for the past five years. He splits his time between Strong Middle School, where he is the director of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade chorus and the Strong School Select Chorus, and John Lyman where he teaches general music. During this time, Mr. Meurs has taught the recorder to hundreds of students, directed recorder ensembles and worked on composing recorder music for his students to perform during concerts and events.