## How To Care For Your Recorder

- 1. Label your recorder and the case with a permanent marker. That way, if you leave it somewhere, it can be returned to you.
- 2. After playing, wipe the moisture from the inside of your recorder with a small piece of cotton cloth tied onto a cleaning rod. Do NOT use tissue or paper towel because these will fall to pieces inside your recorder and would be very difficult to remove.
- 3. Clean the mouthpiece of your recorder with an old toothbrush or a pipe cleaner. It is important to keep the mouthpiece clean.
- 4. Plastic recorders can be washed in the dishwasher or in warm, soapy water once in a while.
- 5. If your recorder is hard to take apart or put back together, you may use a little joint grease or petroleum jelly on the joints.
- 6. Keep your recorder in its case when you are not playing it.
- NOTE: If you are playing a wooden recorder, it will need to be cared for in different ways. Talk to your teacher before doing anything to a wooden recorder.