

## Bio for Paul Bakeman

Paul Bakeman has been teaching K-5 general music in Hanover County, VA for the past 14 years. In 2001, Mr. Bakeman was selected as the Rural Point Elementary Teacher of the Year, and in the same year he was the recipient of the R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence. With the funds he received from this award, Mr. Bakeman traveled to Ghana, West Africa and Hawaii to study drumming. He holds a B.M. in Music Education and an M.M. in Music Education from Virginia Commonwealth University. He has published a recorder method entitled *Recorder Connections* that is used by music teachers nationally, and has presented many workshops on music education and Orff-Schulwerk. In 2006, Mr. Bakeman achieved National Board certification in early and middle childhood music. He lives in Mechanicsville, VA with his wife and two daughters.