

Cape Henlopen Elementary Bands  
Family Orientation Recap

Lessons:

- All students will receive a 35-40 minute lesson in groups of like instruments, once a week. Students will be pulled from class in a 6-7 week rotating schedule. Students are responsible for any missed work in class
- There will be extra help available during recess on band days
- Students need to behave responsibly in lessons

Lesson days:

Lewes - Mon | Love Creek - Tue | RES - Wed | MES - Thu | HOB - Fri

Practice at home:

- Since 5th grade band students only receive in-school instruction once a week, it is very important students **spend 5-10 minutes a day practicing their instrument at home**. Build it into their normal routine

Communication:

- I am in all 5 elementary schools, so I use Remind at least once a week to put out the lesson schedule and inform families if I will be absent.
- I am very quick with email and Remind responses; don't bother calling the school trying to find me.

Required Materials for band lessons:

- Instrument ***with a name tag on the case***
- Lesson Book - "Sound Innovations for Concert Band - Book 1"
- Pocket folder
- Pencil with an Eraser
- Extra reeds (clarinet and saxophone)
  - Reeds need to be strength 2.5. Please stick with Rico, Juno, or Royal brand reeds as they are fairly priced and dependable.
- Slide cream (trombone)
- Valve oil (trumpet, horn, euphonium, tuba)

Other materials to keep at home:

- Music stand
- Care kit

Getting an instrument, an instrumental investment.

A well-made student model instrument will serve most students through high school. There are a bunch of instruments out there, especially on Amazon that seem to be a bargain, but will barely make it to middle school and it can't be repaired.

You can't play a clarinet with gloves on - why is the Amazon clarinet being shipped with them?

Renting with Music & Arts is the easiest and it's a sure thing; a quality instrument and you can get all the required and "extra" supplies at one place

**Used** instruments on eBay can be a worthwhile purchase if you know what you're looking for, and can get it repaired back to playing shape if necessary. I'm happy to answer any questions about that.

There are other vendors I've used before as well.

Links to all these options are under the "Where to Buy Stuff" tab on my Weebly site.

If there are any challenges with getting an instrument, please email me.

Lastly, here's the instrument screening (try instruments) link if anyone missed it:

**<https://forms.gle/FoY4c8abR85Xhezq9>**

I'll be screening at RES on 9/15-18; MES on 9/19-20; HOB on 9/21-22

Here is the band enrollment form to be completed **after** your child has tried instruments and they know what they're playing for 5th grade:

**<https://forms.gle/wkNDwi2wUsXNZ9eZ6>**

Lessons are scheduled to begin the week of September 25th