

March 2008

# Henry Barnard School

## Principal's Newsletter

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## NECAP Assessment

For the second consecutive year, our third, fourth, and fifth graders participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). This is the same assessment that is used by the public schools in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont. It is closely connected to Rhode Island Grade Level Expectations (GLE). {More information about NECAP and GLE is available at [www.rido.net/Assessment](http://www.rido.net/Assessment).}

The assessment data for the NECAPs are reported in percentages and **cannot** be compared to the MAT results. Grades three through six participated in the reading and mathematics testing program, and only fifth graders were administered the writing assessment.

Individual student results were mailed home during the February recess.

The school results are compiled in four Achievement Levels.

Level I ... Substantially Below Proficient

Level II ... Partially Proficient

Level III ... Proficient

Level IV ... Proficient with Distinction

Generally, Henry Barnard Students are achieving very well as indicated by the NECAP results. As a school 92% of our students are at or exceed reading standards; 88% of our students are at or exceed mathematics standards; and 97% of our fifth graders are at or exceed writing standards. These are exceptionally high school-wide averages and we are very proud of our students and teachers!

On the next page are two charts. The first chart depicts the NECAP results for the Henry Barnard School and the State of Rhode Island. The second chart shows our results for the past two years.

## Parent Conferences

On March 14 we will be offering parent teacher conferences for parents of children in grades one through six. Conferences for parents of kindergarten and preschool students will be scheduled later in the Spring.

Of course, conferences may be arranged at any time by either the teacher or parent of any grade. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a meeting prior to the March conferences.

## Microwave Ovens

The use of microwave ovens for students' lunches has increased each year. Our policy is that children are not allowed to use the microwave – only an adult may microwave food for students.

Some food, especially liquids and soups, require a lot of time to be properly heated. Since we have a limited time for lunch, these soups tend to create long lines. **We are asking for your cooperation by not giving children anything that takes longer than two minutes to heat in the microwave.** Thank you.

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## Calendar of Events

### March

- 9<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Begins
- 12<sup>th</sup> Progress reports
- 13<sup>th</sup> HBS Parents' Association 7:00 PM
- 13<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Field Trip
- 14<sup>th</sup> Parent Conferences (1-6)  
No School for Gr. 1 - 6

20<sup>th</sup> Grade One Field Trip

26 – 27 Book Sale sponsored by grades 3 & 6

Kindergarten and Preschool classes are in session on March 14.

### April

3 – 4 NALS Conference: No School

7<sup>th</sup> Reading Week

9<sup>th</sup> HBSPA Meeting 8:30 AM

14 – 18 Spring Recess



National Frog Day

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.ric.edu/hbs](http://www.ric.edu/hbs)

# NECAP Results

Henry Barnard School Results

October 2007

Percentage of students who met or exceeded state standards (Level III & IV)

|               | Reading |    | Mathematics |    | Writing |     |
|---------------|---------|----|-------------|----|---------|-----|
|               | HBS     | RI | HBS         | RI | HBS     | RI  |
| Grade 3       | 96      | 68 | 96          | 60 | N/A     | N/A |
| Grade 4       | 83      | 64 | 74          | 54 | N/A     | N/A |
| Grade 5       | 93      | 66 | 94          | 57 | 97      | 54  |
| Grade 6       | 100     | 62 | 97          | 54 | N/A     | N/A |
| School Totals | 92      | 62 | 88          | 51 | N/A     | N/A |

Overview for 2006 and 2007

Percentage of students who met or exceeded state standards (Level III & IV)

|         | Reading |      | Mathematics |      |
|---------|---------|------|-------------|------|
|         | 2007    | 2006 | 2007        | 2006 |
| Grade 3 | 96      | 87   | 96          | 89   |
| Grade 4 | 84      | 86   | 74          | 63   |
| Grade 5 | 93      | 94   | 94          | 90   |
| Grade 6 | 100     | N/A  | 97          | N/A  |

  

|         | Writing |      |
|---------|---------|------|
|         | 2007    | 2006 |
| Grade 5 | 97      | 58   |

## Millennium Promise

The official charity of the Laboratory School Association is the Millennium Promise

<http://www.millenniumpromise.org>

The Millennium Promise was proposed by Dr. Jeffery Sachs of Columbia University to end extreme poverty. He is working with the United Nations to achieve the eight goals of the Millennium Promise, and Laboratory Schools are focusing on goal four: to reduce child mortality. Laboratory Schools across the country are raising money to purchase mosquito bed netting for children in Africa. The netting helps reduce the

spread of malaria by preventing mosquitoes from reaching sleeping children. In May 2008 Dr. Sachs will be donating the money raised by Laboratory Schools to the United Nations.

We are participating in these efforts, and a donation box has been placed in the HBS office. Also, proceeds from the March 26<sup>th</sup> book sale (hosted by grades 3 and 6) and National Frog Day, Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, (hosted by the fourth grade) will be donated to the Millennium Promise. Additional information on these events will be forthcoming.