

HENRY BARNARD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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New England Common Assessment Program

This year our students in grades three, four, five, and six will continue to participate in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). This assessment will also be administered in the public schools and a few other independent schools in Rhode Island. This is our second year administering the NECAPs. The results are expected in February, and will be shared with parents.

The NECAP program will be administered to our students between **October 15th and October 19th**. Testing sessions are typically an hour and a half, twice a day, and in the morning.

Since the morning session will begin promptly at 8:30, it is critical that the children arrive at school on time. Children who arrive late cannot enter the classroom until after the morning testing, and will have to make-up the missed session in an alternative classroom.

Additional information about NECAP is available on the RIDE website: www.ride.ri.gov.

Family Handbooks

The Henry Barnard School Family Handbook will be distributed to all students during the week of October 1st. The Handbook contains school policies, procedures, and general information for our parents and students. Please take a few minutes to review the document and share relevant information with your children. The Handbook is also available at our website: www.ric.edu/hbs.

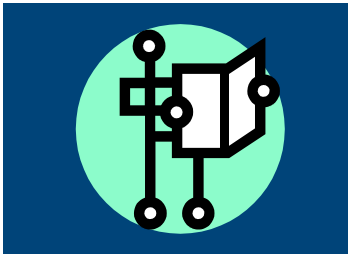
Explorations:

Please note that our after school program, Explorations, will be closed on Columbus Day, Veterans Day, and for the Thanksgiving Recess. The program will be open on November 30 during parent teacher conferences, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. For more information please call Mr. Young: 456-8811.

Notes:

Parents are welcome to stay with their children after school on the east and west playground. Since space is limited, we ask that the center playground (the courtyard) not be used because that area is utilized by Explorations. Thank you!

Paper copies of the Newsletter (and general school announcements) are being sent only to families without an active email address.



School Cancellations

If school must be canceled because of inclement weather, it will be announced on the radio (WPRO, for example) and on television (Channel 10, for example). Most local radio and TV stations are now sharing this information for their morning announcements. During inclement weather the Henry Barnard School will automatically:

- 1) close if Rhode Island College is closed,
- 2) delay if Rhode Island College delays,
- 3) close if the Providence Public Schools close, and
- 4) delay if the Providence Public Schools delay.

In these instances, the Henry Barnard School may not be announced separately. Canceled school days will be made up at a later date.

For families with internet access, there are **two additional methods** to learn about school delays and closings, both are available at www.turnto10.com. By logging on and then clicking on "Announcements: Closings and Delays", this non-HBS site will let you check school closings and delays. If you check the list of schools for our status, don't forget to check the status of the Providence Public Schools. The same site also offers a free email service. This service will send you an automatic email for delays and closings within minutes of the decision. If you opt for the email notification, it is recommended that the Providence Public Schools be used as your "school or institution". It is possible to sign on a second time and use Henry Barnard School as your school.

If we must close school during the day (after school has started), this will be announced on the radio and television. When possible, an effort will be made to contact parents. The closing of Henry Barnard School during the school day will be announced separately from other schools (except Rhode Island College), and is not dependent upon Providence Public Schools.

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See us at:

www.ric.edu/hbs



October Calendar of Events

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| Oct. 5 | Possible Sixth Grade Surveys Due {Fifth grade parents only} |
| Oct. 5 | School Photographs |
| Oct. 8 | Columbus Day - No School |
| Oct. 10 | Fourth grade field trip |
| Oct. 11 | HBSPA Meeting 7:00PM |
| Oct. 12 | Tunes and Tales - Preschool and kindergarten |
| Oct. 15 - 19 | NECAP Tests for grades 3 - 6 |
| Oct. 16 | First grade field trip |
| Oct. 19 | Preschool field trip |
| Oct. 23 | HBS Health and Wellness Committee 8:30AM |
| Oct. 26 | Kindergarten field trip |
| Oct 26 | Fifth grade field trip |