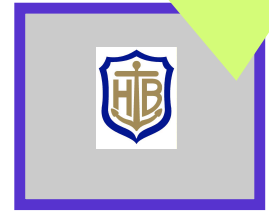


April 2009

HENRY BARNARD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Principal:
Ron Tibbetts, Ed. D

Assistant Principal
Haven Starr,



Student Placement

Early in the spring of each year, the Henry Barnard faculty starts the process of recommending to the principal and assistant principal student placement for the next academic year. As part of the placement process, teachers consider the match of the student with the classroom teacher and the blend of students within a class. Teachers attempt to balance both classes academically, socially, culturally, and by gender. This procedure is used to ensure that classrooms are heterogeneous: balanced academically, culturally, and socially. Additionally, the students in a current room will be divided as evenly as possible between the two classrooms available in the next school year. Dividing the current

students from one classroom into two classrooms helps the students establish new friends and develop socially.

Once faculty have made their student assignment recommendations to the Henry Barnard School administration, it is extremely difficult to make changes and maintain the goals of our placement procedure. Moving a student from one classroom assignment to another inevitably changes the environment of both classrooms. For that reason, administrative changes of classroom assignments during the summer will be extremely rare. The Henry Barnard School administration will be the deciding factor in all student placement decisions. In August families will be notified of student placement.

2008 – 2009 Yearbooks

The HBS yearbook includes all grades and cost \$25.00. The deadline for ordering is **April 1st!!**

The quickest method to order a yearbook is through Coffee Pond's online ordering system at:

www.coffeepond.com

The School Password: hbsyb
. For an additional nine dollars, the yearbook can be personalized with your child's name.

HBS Spanish Program

Senora Soares will begin her maternity leave on April 10th, and a recommendation for a substitute teacher has been forwarded to administration.

We wish Senora Soares all the best as her family continues to grow!



Nutrition Nuggets

Do you know that breakfast is the most important meal of a child's day? Breakfast provides the nutrients and energy needed to concentrate in school. Studies show that children who eat breakfast earn better grades, pay more attention in class, and behave better.

Healthy Breakfast

Children need a combination of protein (eggs, milk, cheese, or meat) and carbohydrates (whole-grain cereal, fruit, or whole-wheat bread). The carbohydrates boost energy while the protein keeps the body moving until lunch.

Kid-Friendly Breakfast

Two quick breakfast ideas that will bring a smile to a child's face:

Egg in a Basket – Cover a frying pan with no-fat cooking spray. Make a hole in a slice of whole-wheat bread, put the bread in the pan, and crack an egg into the hole. Cook two minutes, flip, and cook until the egg is slightly brown.

Waffle Wonder – Toast a whole-grain frozen waffle. Place sliced strawberries around the edge and fill with blueberries. Serve with a side order of low-fat flavored cottage cheese or yogurt.

Changes in the School Year

Reminder:

As a result of school cancellations because of snowstorms, the HBS school year has been extended. Unless we have more school cancellations our revised calendar is:

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| April 3 rd | School is open for all students |
| June 19 th | Fifth Grade Celebration |
| June 22 nd | Last day of school for students |

Calendar of Events

NOTES

- April 2009
- April
- April 1 Yearbook Orders Due
- April 3 School is in Session
- April 13 – 17 Spring Recess
- April 22 HBSPA Meeting
- May 2009
- May 20 HBSPA Meeting
- May 25 Memorial Day

1. We have been working with a new service for emergency announcements using the telephone. A trial call should be ready in a week or two.
 2. If you mail payments or use a payment service, please send the checks to:
 - Mr. Robert Conrad, Bursar
 - Building 4, Rhode Island College
 - Providence, RI 02908
- Do not send payments directly to the school.

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www.ric.edu/hbs