

Henry Barnard School

Principal's Newsletter

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NECAP Assessment

For the first time in more than fifteen years our students did not participate in the MAT Testing Program. Instead, 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.}

The assessment data for NECAP is reported in a different form than the MAT data. The NECAP results are reported in percentages and **cannot** be compared to the MAT results. Grades three through five participated in the testing program, and only

fifth graders were administered the writing assessment.

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

The results in the chart below are school totals. The HBS school totals are in blue and Rhode Island totals are orange. We have not yet received individual student assessments, but when we do they will be mailed to parents. An information night for parents will be scheduled in the Spring.

NECAP Results

Henry Barnard School Results

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

	Reading		Mathematics		Writing	
	HBS	RI	HBS	RI	HBS	RI
Grade 3	87	65	89	56	N/A	N/A
Grade 4	86	63	63	54	N/A	N/A
Grade 5	94	65	90	57	58	51
School Totals	88	62	82	53	58	51

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NECAP

Generally, Henry Barnard Students are achieving very well as indicated by the NECAP results. As a school 88% of our students are at or exceed reading standards; 82% of our students are at or exceed mathematics standards; and 58% of our fifth graders are at or exceed writing standards. Our first year results point to three areas that we will be addressing as a faculty: the flow of our math curriculum, writing, and increasing the percentage of students who achieve in Level III and Level IV.

Conferences

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

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

Sixth Grade 2007 - 2008

By now everyone should have been informed that the Henry Barnard School will expand to include grade six for the 2007 – 2008 school year. There will be a new teacher appointed for one year to teach our sixth graders. We have not yet assigned a room or initiated the process to recommend a teacher for this position.

At the end of this school year we will plan an event to celebrate all of our fifth graders, whether they are going to a new school or remaining at the Henry Barnard School.

Calendar of Events

February

- 13th Health and Wellness 8:15 AM
- 13th HBS Parents' Association 7:00 PM
- 13th Fourth Grade Field Trip
- 14th Fifth Grade Field Trip
- 19 – 23rd February Recess - No School

March

- 9th HBSPA Meeting 8:30 AM

11th Daylight Savings Begins

19th Parent Teacher Conferences for
Students in Grades 1 – 5

No School for these Grades Only

Kindergarten and Preschool classes are in
session on March 19.

