

HENRY BARNARD SCHOOL

Rhode Island College's Laboratory School

October 2005

Principal:
Dr. Ron Tibbetts

Assistant principal:
Mr. Haven Starr



Inclement Weather

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. 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.

For families with internet access,

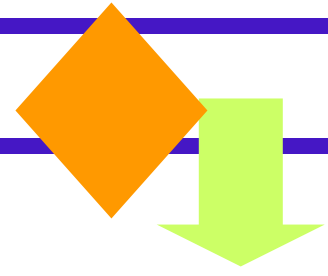
there are two **additional methods** to learn about school delays and closings. Both are available at www.turnto10.com. By logging on and then clicking on "Announcements: Closings and Delays", this non-HBS site will let you check school closings and delays. If you check the list of schools for our status, don't forget to check the status of the Providence 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 also use Henry Barnard School as your school.

Curriculum Night Questionnaire

After parents had an opportunity to visit their student's classroom on Curriculum Night, Dr. Tibbetts met with those interested to discuss the possibility of reinstating a sixth grade at the Henry Barnard School. If there is sufficient parental interest and commitment, a recommendation to have a grade six at the school would be forwarded to the Dean.

In order to accurately gauge the interest level, a very short questionnaire was distributed at Curriculum Night and also sent home with our students. Please note that the financial commitment would apply only when your child reaches fifth grade.

Please return the questionnaire to the school by **October 7, 2005**. **Thank you.**



The Henry Barnard School Advisory Committee

The first meeting of the Henry Barnard School Advisory Committee met in September. This committee is comprised of parents, HBS faculty, and Feinstein School of Education and Human Development faculty, the Dean, and the HBS Principal. The initial meeting was a mixture of philosophical and practical discussion.

Our second meeting is scheduled for October and will focus on a practical method to share information about an aspect of the HBS curriculum.

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Welcome to HBS!!!

Mrs. Barker will begin her maternity leave on October 7. All of us in the Henry Barnard School community wish her and her new family all of the best!

Ms. Amaral will be assuming the responsibilities of the second grade classroom for the remainder of the school year. In order to have a smooth transition for the students, she will begin co-teaching with Mrs. Barker on September 29.

Our search for the other maternity leave replacement continues, and we will update parents and students as to our progress.

Search Engines for Students

Since we have received all sorts of new technology this year, we thought it would be worthwhile to share a list of web based search engines especially for children. These sites have incorporated filters to make it harder for unwanted websites to be discovered.

Ask jeeves for kids – www.ajkids.com
Yahooligans – www.yahooligans.com
Kids.net - www.kids.net.au/ (this is from Australia)
Berit's best sites for Children - www.beritsbest.com/
Dib dab doo and dilly too - www.dibdabdoo.com/
Fact monster - www.factmonster.com/
(Information Please Almanac)
Kidspace - Internet public library- www.ipl.org/youth/
Kids connect - www.kidsconnect.com/
One key (google partner) - www.onekey.com/
Awesome library - www.awesomelibrary.org/
Kidsclick!
<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick/>



School Testing

Every Spring our third, fourth, and fifth grade students participate in a standardized testing program. The results of this Nationally normed testing program (MAT7) are used to identify individual student strengths and weaknesses. We also use the results to identify areas of our programs that needed further inspection. This academic year we had planned to change to the RI State Tests that will be administered in October.

We have been informed that non-public schools were not invited to participate in the State testing program this year. Our students in grades three through five will participate in the MAT7 assessments this Spring.

Special Education Meetings

If your child has an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and you have **not** yet had a meeting with Dr. Tibbetts, please call the office, 456-8801, to schedule a conference.

Principal's Newsletter

We are continuing our efforts to have future Newsletters be delivered by email. Our hope is that the November edition will be ready for electronic delivery. Families without internet access will be mailed a paper copy.

Calendar of Events

September 2005

- Sept. 29 HBSPA Meeting 7:00pm
- Sept. 30 Preschool Field Trip

October 2005

- Oct. 7 Kindergarten Field Trip
- Oct. 10 Columbus Day No School
- Oct. 18 First Grade Field Trip
- Oct. 20 Third Grade field Trip
- Oct. 24 HBSPA Meeting 7:00pm
- Oct. 25 School Photographs
- Oct. 27 Fifth Grade Field Trip

November 2005

- Nov. 7 Professional Day No School
- Nov. 11 Veterans' Day No School
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Recess Begins

December 2005

- Dec. 2 HBSPA Meeting 8:30 am
- Dec. 7 Progress Reports
- Dec. 9 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 22 First Day of Winter Recess



Henry Barnard was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame in December 2001.

