

Montgomery Elementary School Newsletter

Friday, March 6, 2009

Annual School Budget Vote
Mon., March 9th, 7:30 p.m. at school.
Childcare will be available.

New England Common Assessment –

Attached to this newsletter you will find school-wide results from the fall of 2008, beginning of grade New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests. The NECAP is administered to students in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont as part of each state's statewide assessment.

NECAP results are used primarily for school improvement and accountability.

Achievement level results are used in the state accountability system required under No Child Left Behind (NCLB). More detailed school and district results are used to help improve curriculum and instruction. NECAP tests in Reading and Mathematics are administered to students in grades 3 through 8; Writing tests are administered in grades 5 & 8. The NECAP tests are designed to measure performance on VT Grade Level Expectations (GLE's), which students are expected to have acquired in the previous grade.

Student performance on this assessment falls into one of four achievement levels:

- * Proficient with Distinction = Level 4
- * Proficient = Level 3
- * Partly Proficient = Level 2
- * Substantially Below Proficient = Level 1

What did we learn from the NECAP this year?

We continue to be pleased with our overall results. Our students performed above the state average in every area: Reading, Math and Writing. In 2006, students achieving or exceeding the standard in Writing dropped by 14% in Montgomery and across the state. In 2007 our Writing scores improved by 12%, and this year by another 10%.

Girls On Track – money is due next Mon., 3/9.

It is important to keep in mind that all students in grades 3-8 are tested in Reading and Math, but only 5th & 8th graders are assessed in Writing. We continue our work to improve our K-8 writing program and are integrating writing instruction in other content areas. In the spring of 2007 we tested 4th & 8th graders in Science for the first time; 44% of our students performed at the proficient or above level in both grades. Compare that to the state results for 4th & 8th of 48% and 26% respectively. Since this was the first time the Science NECAP was given we can now use the information provided to direct improvements to our science programs. Work in our Professional Learning Communities continues to be an asset that helps us to improve instruction and student learning. You may access additional reports in the school office, if you wish to, or find them on our website at www.montgomeryk8.net. Please call the school to make an appointment with Beth O'Brien If you have any questions or would like to discuss the NECAP results.

Spring Book Fair - The Scholastic Book Fair will return to MES the week of March 23rd. Please mark your calendars and let Mrs. Bryce know if you can volunteer for an hour or two. Discounts are available to the first 5 volunteers. Please call 326-4618 x 121 or reply to rbryce@montgomeryk8.net.

NCUHS Reg. – FRI, March 13th – appointments start at 8:40 a.m. and last approx. 20 minutes

SHAKESPEARE Rehearsals:

Mon. March 9 TOTS 3:15 to 4:45
Hamlet 4:45 to 6

Tues. March 10 Hamlet 3:15 to 4:45
TOTS 4:45 to 6:00

Thurs. March 12 TOTS 3:15 to 5:00
Hamlet 5 to 6:30

Fri., March 13 TOTS 3:15 to 5

Sat. March 14 4 to 6 work session –
“Props Extravaganza” w/pizza!

Have a great weekend!