

# Montgomery Elementary School Newsletter

Friday, March 7, 2008

**Reminder:** The school budget vote takes place Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at school. Childcare will be available.

New England Common Assessment – attached to this newsletter you will find schoolwide results from Fall of 2007 beginning of grade New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests. The NECAP tests are administered to students in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont as part of each state’s statewide assessment.

NECAP test 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 and Writing tests are administered in grades 5 and 8. The NECAP tests are designed to measure student performance on Vermont 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. I am pleased to report that our writing scores improved by 12% this year.

It is important to keep in mind that all students in grades 3-8 are tested in Reading and Math, but only 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Our work in our Professional Learning Communities continues to be an asset that helps us improve instruction and student learning. If you are interested in viewing additional reports you can find packets in the school office or go to our website [www.montgomeryk8.net](http://www.montgomeryk8.net). If you have any questions or would like to discuss the results further, please call the school to make an appointment with Beth O’Brien.

## DRAMA PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Mondays - 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Midsummer Night’s Dream

Wednesdays - 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Twelfth Night

Thursdays - (both plays)

3:15-4:30 Twelfth Night

4:30-5:45 Midsummer Night’s Dream

## Building Better Futures (Success by Six):

Library Play Group – March 14 & 28

Story Hour – 6 p.m. Wed. March 12<sup>th</sup>

“Dim Sum” Taste of China - Town Library

Movie & Sugar on Snow Party – Sun. March 30  
2 p.m. at the Town Library

Tumble Time, 10am @ School – March 7 & 21

Students in grades 3 & 4 are invited to participate in a *basketball skills program* coached by Tim Lagasse. This program will take place at school on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. during March and April, starting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips are available in the school office.

The Sunny Mountain Garden Sprouts Junior Gardeners will meet on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Have a great weekend!