

**Hollis Upper Elementary School Principal's Report**  
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**February 2009**

**Enrollment**

Grade	Ed. Spec.	# of classes	Full Enrollment	As of 1/2/09	Change from last report	Ave. class size	Actual class enrollments
Grade 4	23	6	138	129	0	21.5	20, 21, 21, 22, 22, 23
Grade 5	23	5	115	112	0	22.4	21, 22, 23, 23, 23
Grade 6	23	6	138	142	0	23.6	20, 24, 24, 24, 25, 25
<b>Total</b>		<b>17 classes</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>383</b>			
Home Study: 3							

**Staffing**

- We are currently looking for a certified teacher for a long-term opening in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade beginning mid-May.

**Curriculum & Instruction**

- The HUES admin team is currently completing observations for annual and continuing contract staff.
- NECAP scores have been released and the HUES January faculty meeting focused on trends and analysis from that data. Currently the NWEA scores are also being analyzed. These two data points along with informal testing results from the classroom all provide teachers with a clear picture of what learning goals students need in order to achieve growth targets.
- A preliminary report is included in the Director of Curriculum and Instruction Update.

**Programs/Activities**

- The staff will be working on analyzing NWEA results for flexible group lessons during the early release time on 2/12/09 as well as looking at NECAP data for their students.
- Our use of Alert Now for notices is going well...we are still gathering emails from families.
- We will use the Alert Now program to notify families of delayed openings and closings through the SAU office. A non-emergency message will be sent out around 6:30am to households.
- The Spelling Bee was organized by Brenda Nickerson. Many students participated and thanks go out to our helpers/volunteers!
- Gail Rogers wrote a grant earlier this school year to EMC's program for laptop computers. We just found out we were granted 6 laptop computers - a good start to our mobile lab. We are working with the PTA for auction \$\$ for additional laptops.
- We are currently seeking feedback on our lunch program. The PTA's wellness committee is helping us to gather data and make small changes to our lunch program while remaining within budget parameters.
- The SAU math task team is finalizing changes to the curriculum.
- Rocket Launch...work has begun! We are planning a scientist in residence program for all HUES students. Dr. Eshed will be our scientist and is willing to donate a day a week of her time!

## **Administrative Focus Areas - February**

- Completing observations and beginning summative reports for staff
- Transition work with HBMS for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Report Card committee work – our goal is a new document in time for town meeting/voting

## **Looking Ahead**

- Groovy Day at HUES is 2/20
- Parent Coffee Hour – 2/20 at 9:30 – HUES loft
- Winter Break: 2/23 – 2/27
- The band concert has been rescheduled to March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Town Meeting – March 11<sup>th</sup>