



# School News

Helen Haller Elementary

## From the Principal

Dear Helen Haller Families,

Thank you to the families that attended our Math Curriculum night last Wednesday. Thank you to our teachers Mrs. Wiker and Mrs. Suryan for delivering some helpful information, tips, and homework recommendations. Mark your calendars for Math **GAMES** Night on 4/24/24. We will have a taco bar and math games in classrooms from 5:00 – 6:30 – Looking forward to seeing many families!

On February 9th we will be hosting two attendance assemblies. Students with perfect attendance from September – December will receive recognition at our assembly, a certificate, and a book token for our book vending machine. Perfect Attendance means a student has attended every single day on time. There are 37 students who will receive recognition. If your student is receiving a perfect attendance award we will be sending you an invitation to your student’s specific attendance assembly. There are 432 students who will receive a certificate for excellent attendance which is 2 or less absences per month. We will continue to honor perfect and excellent attendance and we appreciate your leadership as parents/guardians making sure they come to school!

Keep up the great work!

Rebecca Stanton – Principal

### A LOOK AHEAD:

**31** Hi-Cap referrals due

### FEBRUARY

**01** End of Semester

**02** NO SCHOOL  
Semester Break

**05** National School  
Counselor Week

**19** NO SCHOOL  
Presidents Day

**Attention 5th Graders!**  
Design the cover for this year's \*free\* yearbook!

**Submission guide:**

- Use 8.5x 11 paper
- Draw and color a design
- Write your name AND teacher's name on the back.
- Check all spelling!

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:**  
**FEBRUARY 1st**

\*\* Return your drawing to the office for collection!

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For yearbook questions contact  
Heather Tangedahl: Mrstangedahl@gmail.com

**1/15/24-1/22/24**

**Specialist Classes of the Week (Top Scores & Trophy)**

**2nd grade:** Minard, Mooney AND Saul—tied with the top score!

**3rd grade:** Miller & Nash —tied with *perfect scores!*

**4th grade:** Beaver, Caron, Klinger AND Tuttle—*tied with perfect scores!*

**5th grade:** Castell AND Danielson—tied with *perfect scores!*



**High-Performing Awards Green Certificate**

**(scores of 3 & 4 all week!)**

**2nd grade:**

**3rd grade:** Burr, Lewis, Little, Rayburn, Riggs

**4th grade:** Stewart

**5th grade:** Forrest, Holt, Howard, Maynock, Reno



**BABY PHOTOS**  
5th grade Families!



We are adding a page for your child's baby picture in the yearbook.  
Please submit one baby or toddler picture with your child's name

to

[Sequimelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:Sequimelementarypta@gmail.com)

**Deadline:**  
**February 1st!**

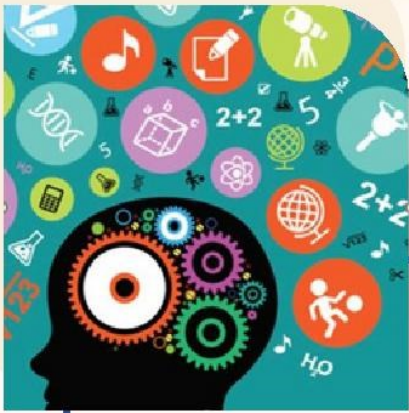
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**WIDA testing window**

The WIDA state testing window opens January 29th-March 22nd, 2024. This is for all students who are enrolled in our English Language Learning program. This testing will take place throughout the school district and results will be sent home in late Spring. The test usually takes 2-3 sessions to complete, and students are excused during this testing time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andrea Dietzman the ELL teacher and coordinator at [adietzman@sequimschools.org](mailto:adietzman@sequimschools.org)

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# HI-CAP PROGRAM REFERRALS

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Unusual emotional depth and intensity
- Idealism and sense of justice which appear at an early age
- High expectations of self and others, often leading to high levels of frustration with self, others and situations or perfectionism
- Highly developed sense of humor
- Capacity to learn with unusual depth of understanding, to retain what has been learned, and learning characteristics: transfer learning to new situations;
- Capacity and willingness to deal with increasing levels of abstraction and complexity earlier than their chronological peers;
- Creative ability to make unusual connections among ideas and concepts;
- Ability to learn quickly in their area(s) of intellectual strength; and
- Capacity for intense concentration and/or focus.

## DATA

**Percentage of Hi-Cap Students:  
10.5% (269/2553)**

**Percentage of Male and Female Students:**  
• District: 53%/46%  
• Hi-Cap: 57%/43%

**Percentage of Minority Students:**  
• District: 16%  
• Hi-Cap: 13%

**Percentage of Low-Income Students:**  
• District: 46%  
• Hi-Cap: 31%

**Percentage of Twice Exceptional (2E): 3%**  
*These students receive both Hi-Cap and Special Education services. This does not include 504's.*

Year	Male	Female
'23	82	56
'22	63	46

**Something to Note:** The number of **referrals** for males has been significantly more than those for females in the past 2 years. The percentage identified from each group has remained close to equal.

## IMPORTANT DATES



**DEC. 1–JAN. 31**  
Referrals Accepted



**MARCH 1–20**  
CogAT Testing Window

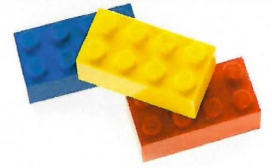
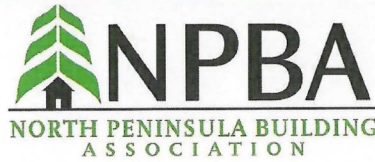
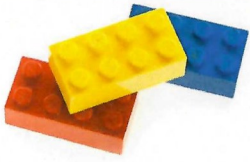


**APRIL 30**  
Notification



**MAY 21**  
Appeals Forms Due

## LINKS TO FORMS



# NPBA is excited to announce the return of the... **Building Block Challenge**

At the 2024 EXPO



This is a free event open to all kids aged 5-12.

Sunday, February 4th

NPBA EXPO at the Sequim Middle School



Kids will compete in age categories (5/6, 7/8, 9/10, & 11/12) and are asked to use their imagination to build their own version of a house. Judges will determine a winner for each age category and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

All participants will receive a prize for their participation!!

**Pre-Registration is Required! (Spots Limited)**

**Participants will be in group A (10:30 am) or B (12:00 pm) and will be notified prior to the event date.**

Scan the QR code or visit [npba.info](http://npba.info)



SCAN ME



**When: Sunday February 4th, 2024**

**Where: NBPA Building, Remodeling & Energy Expo - Sequim High School**

**Details: On Site Check-in\* Sunday starting at 9:30am (look for banner)**

\* Pre Registration is STRONGLY encouraged, space is limited.

\*\* Participants will be divided into two separate groups (Group A & B) and judged in age categories.

**Age Categories: 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 (Age on 1/20/24)**

**Timed Event: 30 Minute Build Time**

**Group A - 10:30am - 11:15am**

**Group B - 12:00pm - 12:45pm**

**Please Arrive 15 minutes before to check-in or participant may loose spot.**

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