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Elisabeth M. Bennet Academy celebrates founder's birthday

(Manchester, CT—January 16, 2009) Student and teachers at The Elisabeth M. Bennet Academy will celebrate the birthday of the school's namesake with festivities Thursday, January 22, 2009. Elisabeth M. Bennet, who was born in Danbury, January 22, 1881, was an educator and principal in the Manchester community. She was instrumental for organizing the first school library in the basement of the Barnard School. The Academy was named after Bennet for her dedicated years of service in the community.

To help celebrate her 128 year legacy, students will be treated to a multi-media presentation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by The Hartford Symphony Orchestra. The event will take place at the Learning Corridor in Hartford at 10:30 a.m. Following the concert, students will return to the school and sing "Happy Birthday." Festivities will be highlighted with the opening/closing of a time capsule in the school's Cone Gym at 1:50 p.m. Student teams will each provide the capsule with items. A member of the Manchester Historical Society will be on hand including administrators from the school district. The capsule will be officially buried later this spring.

For more information about this event, please contact David Welch, principal at (860) 647-3571.