

Subject: [Barnard] BA/ECFiber
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Dear Vermont Community,

Barnard Academy hosted an event last Thursday night that was only possible with our new connection to ECFiber. Six classrooms were alive with demonstrations of various Internet-based educational technologies. We used Gizmos, an online math/science interactive site; the educational game-based iknowthat.com; Google Earth and Google Docs; Starfall.com; several grade-based Youtube videos; National geographic videos shown on Hulu.com; live web-cams from the San Diego zoo; and a Skype video call with a PhD student at Ohio State University. We showed a real time speed comparison between our previous provider, Hughes satellite, and our new ECFiber connection. There is no contest, the old satellite connection just didn't allow us to take advantage of all the wonderful, interactive and educational places on the World Wide Web to enhance learning. The ECFiber connection was fast, constant with no glitches, slow-downs or skips in any of the presentations.

Community members who attended got a taste of 21st Century connectivity.

Thank you to all that attended.

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