Lightning News for September 14th – 18th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of September is “health and safety.”

“Safety applies with equal force to the individual, to the family, to the employer, to the state, the nation and to international affairs. Safety, in its widest sense, concerns the happiness, contentment and freedom of mankind.” ~ William M. Jeffers ~

Thank you to everyone, we had an awesome first week back. We certainly have been organizing a lot of outside learning activities for our students, just so we all can enjoy the fresh air. While in the building the students and staff are working at consistently following the rules: such as washing our hands regularly and sanitizing when we are in different areas of the school, wearing a face mask (please bring a clean one to school daily) in common areas, following the traffic flow and practicing physical distancing ~ staying and interacting in their own bubble while keeping a physical distance of two meters from other bubbles. We must ensure that our student groupings/ class bubbles are respected during lunches and other movement within the school.

This is the week that we would have had an Open House Assembly with all our students and their families. Due to COVID -19 we are unable to come together in our school for this event, therefore, we have completed a video and a “welcome” power point – both are on our website. Please take the opportunity to enjoy these presentations and as parents/guardians you will get an opportunity to see your children’s educators and understand the expectations of the school.

**Breakfast Program:** The student led breakfast program is up and running, however, it is a little different this year…every classroom bubble will receive a breakfast basket every morning with packaged healthy food options, the baskets will be picked up from the classroom bubble after lunch and sanitized to be ready for the next day.

**Lunch:** We encourage all families to pack healthy lunch options for their child – the students have twenty minutes to eat at lunch, therefore we encourage packing sandwiches or food that can eaten cold, lining up to use the microwave does take time from the eating minutes at lunch. We also encourage everyone to dress for the weather ~ all students are going outside throughout the day. September is a hard month to predict the weather, it is a good idea to have a sweater, hoodie or light jacket available to wear for outside activities.

Parent School Support Committee: **How can I get involved in my school’s PSSC?** Just contact me - Ms. Jill Ferguson if you are interested in becoming involved and would like more information. We plan to form our school based PSSC by the end of September. Please check out our website with the link PSSC and it will provide you with details regarding the role and responsibilities of a PSSC member. Would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining this very important committee.

**Celebrate a legacy of kindness for Rebecca Schofield** – At Barnhill Memorial we are going to celebrate this day on Wednesday, September 16th. We are encouraging all students and staff to perform acts of kindness. Becca, a young woman from Riverview New Brunswick who passed away from brain cancer, encouraged others to perform random acts of kindness, her campaign of urging others to spread kindness caught on worldwide before she passed in 2018. The movement is known as the #BeccaToldMeTo.

**The Terry Fox School Run/Walk:** Terry’s Marathon of Hope continues…we are collecting a toonie for Terry from every student and staff member to raise much needed funds for cancer research. All homeroom classroom bubble teachers will collect the toonie. At Barnhill Memorial School we are going to have our Marathon of Hope all this week…from Monday to Friday. The plan is that every classroom bubble will do the school run/walk during their Phys. Ed. Class with their teacher. Therefore, even during COVID -19 we can still make a difference and be safe. Terry showed us that anything is possible if you try. Thank you for your cooperation and donation to the Terry Fox Foundation.

**On the horizon…**Smile~ Picture Day will be on Tuesday, September 29th.

**Orange Shirt Day** is Wednesday, September 30th.

Please take the opportunity to pay your student fee by the end of the month. **~ Cashless schools:** Barnhill Memorial School is a cashless school for many expenses that families incur during the school year. We encourage parents/guardians to register at <https://asds.schoolcashonline.com/>

Please return all data forms and welcome package that was given to your child as soon as possible. It is very important for us to have all the up to date information, including proper contact of parents/ guardians so we can contact you if the need arises.

The Grade 7 immunization clinic will be scheduled in early October, we will provide you with more information as that date approaches.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 658-5971 or jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson