Lightning News for November 2nd – 6th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of November is “courage.”

“I see optimism as a way of coping with life. Optimism leads us to look for solutions and silver linings when hardship strikes.” ~ Edward T. Creagan ~

In these times of COVID -19 it takes courage to continue to be optimistic and we have found in these last two months of school there are many staff and students who do remain optimistic and we applaud you, because that does take **courage**!

Starting on Monday, November 2nd we have our grade 8 student ambassadors working in the office. These students answer the phone and take messages, they also do different errands within the school to keep the operation running smoothly. The ambassadors are a huge help to our administrative assistant Mrs. Dale Stevenson. The following three grade 8 students are our student ambassadors: Sawyer King, Erica Pitre and Ben Thomson. These students will be working in the office in the morning and at lunch time.

As we work our way through November, we want to remind everyone we do have a PBIS initiative to keep our spirits up ~ please see the attached information for our “OSCAR” award program.

On Friday, October 30th we had our Professional Learning Day “Connecting with Our Students Through On – Line Teaching” with the focus being on technology and learning from home. We encourage all students and their families to become comfortable with the online platform, we have included the link to tutorials and everything ‘Teams’ including how-to videos at<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/Teamsinfo.aspx>

We want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their donations during Sock Spirit Week. We collected over 200 pairs of socks and they have been delivered to the homeless shelters – thanks again Barnhill, you have certainly helped to keep some feet warm during the long winter months.

The winning class of the door decorating contest was Madame Arbeau’s grade 6 homeroom class bubble. They won a Pizza Lunch for their creativity – way to go!

Monday, November 2nd is picture re-take day – so put your smile on! The re-takes will take place in the gym. This will be your last opportunity for pictures this year. Please remember when ordering the picture, you can change your background to any of the options on the envelope.

Thank you to those people who have sent videos and we certainly encourage you to send in some videos regarding your career to Mrs. Levesque [jennifer.levesque@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:jennifer.levesque@nbed.nb.ca) our Guidance Counselor for our Career Fair. We would like to do this virtually and we do require your support, please help us out with our “Career Challenge.” We would like your submissions by Monday, November 2nd. If you would prefer you can put your video on a memory stick and send it in to the homeroom class bubble teacher with your child. We would really appreciate your support regarding this venture, in order to make it a success for our students.

**We have a name for our Outdoor Classroom!** Thank you to Ethan Nickerson who won the competition for naming the Outdoor Classroom, we are going to call the class **“The Lightning Dome.”** The construction for this class will begin on Monday, November 2nd.

**On the horizon…**

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be a video that all classes will watch on Tuesday, November 10th. We will also have a copy on our website.

Wednesday, November 11th there are NO classes for anyone, it is a Holiday for Remembrance Day.

Friday, November 20th there are NO classes for students, it is a Professional Learning Day for all staff.

Tuesday, December 1st all students will be receiving their Report Cards.

Friday, December 4th there are NO classes for students, it is a Professional Learning Day and Parent/Teacher conferences. This year the conferences will be virtual using Microsoft Teams. We will provide you with further details as we get closer to the date.

Thank you.

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