Lightning News for November 16th – 20th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends.”

~ J.K.Rowling ~

This is a short week for students ~ there is NO school for students on Friday, November 20th it is a report card preparation and Professional Learning day for staff.

Since there is no school on Friday there will be no hot lunch.

This week is “Respect and Diversity” week. This week gives our students an opportunity to learn more about inclusiveness and for all our students to feel safe when they come to school. The students will be learning more about this topic during their Foundations class.

We are a nut free and scent free environment. As a school in ASD-S we recognize and remember the importance of food allergies and safety all year long!

Food allergies are one of the leading causes of potentially life-threatening anaphylactic reactions, especially among young people. In Canada approximately 4% of children have food allergies, with the most common being peanuts! Eggs, milk, tree nuts, wheat, soy, sesame seeds, and seafood are also very common. Since there is no way of predicting how severe an allergic reaction may be and there is no known cure for food allergies ~ The best way to keep children and anyone safe is by avoiding the food that causes the reaction. Therefore, we are asking that everyone be very diligent when packing lunches and bringing any food in to the school. Please remember we are nut free and nuts can be in so many things…cookies, chocolate bars, granola bars etc.

We certainly appreciate your cooperation with making our school environment safe for all our students and staff. Please help us to reduce the potential risk for those with allergies, including keeping our schools’ nut free and scent free. For more information, including resources and tips, visit: foodallergycanada.ca or call 1 866 785-5660.

At Barnhill we are taking the initiative of educating every one of our 15 classroom bubbles by having an interactive presentation during Personal Wellness. We have reached out to the Sweet Caroline Foundation for resources to help make our school environments safer for those living with allergies and for those who do not have allergies to become more aware of what they can do to support the environment.

Our November PBIS initiative is going very well, it is working to keep our environment clean and to keep our spirits up ~ the “OSCAR” award program gives the students an opportunity to keep their class bubble clean and win a prize of a movie afternoon at the end of the month! Next week will be the end of November – the time is really flying by. Before we all know it, the holidays will be here, the last day of school before the holidays is Friday, December 18th.

We had a wonderful PSSC meeting last Tuesday – we brainstormed how to use our budget in a positive and productive manner. We also had some great discussions on what events we will do in December in order to celebrate the theme of “generosity” and celebrate as a school community the preparation for the holidays.

Congratulations to our Hockey Team! They won their second game against Divine Mercy Catholic School. Way to go Lightning!! Player of the game was Stevie O’Kane.

**On the horizon…**

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. This report card will indicate progress from September until November 27th. Please keep in mind that assessment will be reported using the 1-4 scale. There will also be anecdotal comments from all the teachers, reporting your child’s success in their classes.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, December 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 4th there are NO classes for students, it is a Professional Learning Day and Parent/Teacher conferences from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This year the conferences will be virtual using Microsoft Teams. We will be sending out information this week on how to book a conference with your child(s) teachers.

“Courage is fire, and bullying is smoke.” ~ Benjamin Disraeli ~

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)