Lightning News for April 26th – 30th.

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The theme for the month of April is “citizenship.”

“Citizenship is a tough occupation which obliges the citizen to make their own informed opinion and stand by it.” ~ Anonymous ~

As we all know there have been many restrictions this year due to COVID -19. We are very lucky, in following protocol and working with “The Huntsman” in St. Andrews, we have been able to secure our annual Science trip for our grade 6 students. All students would have been given a permission slip/information letter, that were due back on Friday, April 23rd. Starting on Monday, April 26th we have two grade six class bubbles going to The Huntsman as part of their unit on “Diversity of Life.” The following is the schedule for the grade 6 class bubbles:

Monday, April 26th – Madame Beyea and Mrs. Blanchard.

Tuesday, April 27th – Madame Lise and Madame Murphy.

Wednesday, April 28th – Madame Arbeau.

~ This is a school and curriculum-based trip and there are no cell phones to be taken on this trip. We will be leaving at 8:45 a.m. sharp and returning by 2:30 p.m. All students are going to enjoy a great adventure of learning.

Speaking of Science, we are going to take the opportunity for a huge shout -out of congratulations to two of our students; Grace Totten who is in grade 6 and Krisana MacLeod who is in grade 8.

In the Virtual South – East NB Regional Science Fair ~ Grace won 1st prize in the Gold-Jr. division for: “Les effets du sucre dans la culture du brio – cuir.”

Krisana won the Grand Prize for “Burning Iron” and will move on to represent NB at the Canada Wide Science Fair from May 17th – 21st.

We are so proud of these two students and want to send out a huge thank you to the Science teachers and the parents who supported these students every step of the way. Congratulations again to both Grace and Krisana, we are so honored to have you representing our school.

Do not forget that we have hot lunch this Friday with cheese pizza. Please pre-order on cashless schools for two slices for $5.00.

We also have a canteen every Friday at lunch for student convenience. All items are $1.00 each.

**The month of April is National Poetry Month** – Tomorrow, Monday, April 26th is the final day to submit your poem. The winner will be announced by April 28th which is “Poetry Reading Day.” The winner will win a $50.00 gift card to Indigo. Good luck!

**This month is also National Mathematical Education Month** – The Math team has organized an afternoon of fun and learning on Friday, April 30th. Each class bubble will have the opportunity virtually to be involved in Math fun and learning. What a wonderful way to end the month.

**April is Autism Month –** There are many misconceptions circulating about individuals with autism spectrum disorder. All schools in NB are inclusive and in order to fully support inclusive classrooms it is important to have accurate information. Therefore, for this final week of April, we will be providing in our morning announcements, further information about the strengths and challenges of autism.

**Friday, April 30th is National Honesty Day –** Our students have learned a lot about honesty since it was the theme for March. We all have a responsibility as citizens to be truthful in both our words and our actions. Remember, honesty is the best policy and if we can get up every morning, look in the mirror and feel good about who you are, then life is pretty good!

**Student Vote –** Starting on Friday, April 30th during Foundations class, the students will be provided with PowerPoints and videos, explaining the voting process, the responsibilities of the municipal government and videos from the candidates running for Mayor, Councilor at Large and Ward 1 Councilors.

The Mock Student Vote will take place on Thursday, May 6th. The results will be shared on Tuesday, May 11th and we will take the opportunity to compare the student results with the actual election results.

**On the Horizon –**

Thursday, May 6th – Mock Student Election.

Friday, May 7th – No school for students – Subject Council Day.

Monday, May 10th – No school for students – NBTA Branch Meeting Day.

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.

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