Lightning News for February 1st – 5th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of February is “caring.”

“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For indeed, that’s all who ever have.” ~ Margaret Mead ~

Here at Barnhill Memorial School, we would like to create *I Care Kits* and we need your help…the kits will include personal items such as combs, toothbrushes, soaps, deodorants, mittens, socks etc. All the class bubbles will be collecting the donated items in their classroom throughout the month of February. At the end of February, just before the March break – we will put these kits together with the donated items and deliver them to the local shelters in the Saint John area. We appreciate and thank you for your generous donations for this caring initiative throughout the month of February.

The month of February is “Suicide Awareness” month with Friday, February 5th being yellow shirt day to recognize that we are aware of the tragedy of suicide and the effects it has on others.

We will be announcing the “winner” of the sign competition for our outdoor classroom ~ “Lightning Dome” tomorrow! The winner will receive a $25.00 gift card and their submission will be made into a professional sign for our front lawn in front of the outdoor classroom. We want to take the opportunity to thank all the students who made submissions, great job everyone.

Every Friday we have hot lunch available for our students. Pizza is sold on Cashless School for $5.00 for two slices. However, do not despair, students may purchase pizza for $2.50 a slice on Friday, however, it is first come first serve.

Breakfast – we do have some nut free, healthy, individually wrapped breakfast items and snacks available in the office to anyone who would like one.

The PBIS initiative for this month will be the Oscar Award. With all of us having to keep our items in the classroom bubble, we are making every effort to keep the environment clean and this does need to be a group effort. Please see the attached information with all the details for this initiative and good luck to all the class bubbles.

Calling all grade 6 students! There is a poster contest available for you. This contest has been brought to you by Canadian Public Health Association. Create a poster about the awareness and prevention of infectious disease and climate change. Students posters must clearly demonstrate the effect that climate change is having on climate sensitive infectious disease, such as Lyme disease or West Nile virus. Individual entries only ~ for details, visit [www.cpha.ca/contest](http://www.cpha.ca/contest) There are great prizes to be won!

**On the Horizon:**

**2020/2021 Yearbooks:** Mrs. Levesque and Mrs. Muise are working with Harveys Studio in order to create a fabulous yearbook. The cost of the books will be $18.00.

This is very important for our grade 8 students! Please start thinking of what you would like to have a write -up beside your picture regarding your middle years here at Barnhill ~ the words and your picture certainly create a wonderful memory.

**Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week:** This year it is the week of February 7th – 13th, 2021. The slogan for this year is: “Thanks for making our school year bright!” We want to thank all the staff for all their hard work this year! We always appreciate everyone, however, this year it has been even a little more challenging with all the different rules and the cleaning protocols that have been put into place. If you would like to send a gift or card of appreciation to different staff members that would be wonderful! However, with COVID – 19 we cannot accept anything homemade and all items must be individually wrapped and if it is a food item it does have to be nut-free. Thank you.

**Science Fair:** The due date is fast approaching; it is Wednesday, February 10th. We certainly hope all students are up to date and learning while they work on their different assignments as they prepare to be able to present their projects in their Science classes. In these final ten days before your project is due, if you have any questions or concerns, please ask your Science teacher, they are there to help you! The expectation is that every student completes a project.

**Family Day:**  Monday, February 15th ~ no school, this will be a holiday for everyone.

**Pink Shirt Day:** Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 24th. The pink shirts will be on sale starting tomorrow, they will be $5.00 each, it will be first come first to purchase. There are different sizes, both students and staff may purchase their pink shirt at break or lunch in the office.

**High School Registration:** The registration forms will be going home with all the grade 8 students this week. The Virtual Open House for grade 8 students will be from February 8th – 12th on each high school website.

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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