Lightning News for May 31st – June 4th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of June is “Perseverance.”

“Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination of success.” ~ Napoleon Hill ~

As we move into the month of June during this frustrating year of keeping learning alive in the face of a pandemic, we all need to be patient and kind, while being persistent in moving forward with the possibility that everything will become less inconvenient. Some of us have learned new skills during COVID -19 and we certainly have all become more creative. It is our desire to complete this school year in a safe manner, with etiquette, civility and good manners even when things do not work out the way we expect them to. We are all anxiously awaiting more freedom and being able to reconnect with our loved one’s from afar. As a school community, we just want to show compassion for one and other and be able to move forward with hope!

This year with COVID- 19 many of the local charities have struggled with fund raising for their charity and would really appreciate all donations. We have set up a “donations” account on Cashless Schools in order to help support the different local charities. We want to extend a massive “thank you” to those who have donated, all the donations support the local charities. We will keep the donations account open until the end of June.

A huge “shout out” to all our students who were involved in the Saint John Education Center Regional Heritage Fair! We have two award winners here at Barnhill Memorial School. In grade 7 we have Charlotte Colpitts who placed 3rd with her presentation on “Margaret Atwood.” Charlotte is also being awarded with the Elle Award for presentation. In grade 8 we have Iris Metcalfe who placed 1st for her presentation on “Come from Away.” Way to go ~ just a wonderful job well done.

We have hot lunch every Friday with Pizza for $5.00 for two slices, please pay on Cashless Schools.

The student led breakfast program is every morning for all students. This program has been sustained by donations and grants. We certainly do not want any of our students starting their day with a hungry belly. Therefore, we ensure every student can retrieve a breakfast item between 8:10 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. Students may eat their breakfast items until 9:00 a.m. when Foundations class has completed, and the instructional school day begins.

Every Friday at noon we have a canteen in which all students may purchase items.

Disability Awareness Week 2021 is this week - DAW – The theme is “Let’s Talk Ability!”

On Tuesday, June 1st we will have a Virtual Guest Speaker at 10:30 a.m. The guest is Robert Hampson who has learned to adapt to the world without sight. His story is about the importance of kindness, overcoming adversity as well as the importance of an inclusive and accessible world.

Walk & Roll – Students and staff as well as the community are invited to participate in walking to show support for persons with disabilities. Here at school, during this week, we are going to do this walk in Phys. Ed.

On Wednesday, June 2nd please take the opportunity wear red, to recognize National Access Ability Week.

Lost and Found – We have been announcing on our daily announcements for students to come retrieve their items that they have lost throughout the school year. The lost and found box is in the office and it is filled with jackets, sweaters, hats, shoes etc. We just want everyone to know that whatever is left in the box at the end of June is donated to the “clothes closet” at Hillcrest Church for charity.

A friendly reminder to everyone – as the weather becomes nicer, please remember that we do have a “dress code” please wear clothing that is appropriate for school. Also, it is a wonderful idea to wear sunscreen, a hat and even sunglasses while you are outside during the instructional day.

**On the Horizon:**

Wednesday, June 9th is “Student Appreciation” Day. Each class bubble will be involved in outdoor field day events and activities. There will be celebrations and refreshments for the students!

**Grade 8 information:** At this time of year, we begin to plan for the end of year recognition celebrations for our grade 8 students who will be moving up to high school in the fall. This year, ASD-S guidelines indicate that all celebrations are to take place during the school day and will be limited to students only. We appreciate that this is disappointing to families who have traditionally been involved in recognizing this milestone here at Barnhill Memorial School. Please know as a team we are creating a special “Moving Up” ceremony for each one of our grade 8 class bubbles and will share this celebration virtually with all our families.

Year-end activities! In order to participate students must attend school on a regular basis, complete all their schoolwork and behave in school, both in class and during breaks and at lunch. All students brought home a permission slip last week that was to be signed by a parent/guardian. The slip was due back on Friday, May 28th. If you have not brought the permission slip back to your homeroom class bubble teacher, please get it into them by Monday, May 31st. If there is no signed slip, that will indicate that the student will NOT participate in the Year-end activity.

Class Bubbles have organized different mini-trips and adventures, such as going to the Pumpkin Patch, going bowling or having a picnic in the park. We have also hired the company “Drop Zone” to have all class bubbles play laser tag. This will take place on Monday, June 21st, Tuesday, June 22nd and Wednesday, June 23rd. To hire this company was a costly venture, yet one we felt was worthwhile; in order to augment the cost, we are charging each student $6.00, and this has been added to Cashless Schools. We do not want any students missing out on year-end events, so please return your slip and please abide to the criteria on the permission slip. 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

Thank you.

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