



Lightning News for April 15th – 19th.

~ Have a wonderful and Happy Easter. Please find attached a card of good wishes from Barnhill Memorial School, compliments of our S.R.C.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage in the foundation of integrity.” ~ Keshavan Nair ~

We have a team participating in “Bowl for Kids’ Sake” on Saturday, May 4th who will be representing Barnhill. If you would like to make donations to Big Brothers/Big Sisters for the kids, just send that donation into the office and either Madame Arbeau or I will ensure the donation is given to Laurie Collins the Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Thank you.

April is Autism Awareness Month. We would like to share with you some common myths and facts about children diagnosed with autism.

- Myth – Vaccinations can cause Autism. Fact – There is no link between vaccinations and Autism.
- Myth- Autism is a rare disease affecting very few individuals. Fact – Autism is the second most prevalent neuro development disorder among children...”Based on 2015 data, it is estimated that 1 in 66 Canadian children and youth ages 5-17 have been diagnosed with ASD.” ~ For more information about ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) in Canada, visit Canada.ca and search “autism” or “ASD.”

Please ensure you read the Lightning News and check out our website to stay informed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Hot lunch: All of our hot lunches are served with fruits and vegetables.

Monday – Pasta - \$4.00

Wednesday – Chicken poppers and parmesan bread sticks - \$4.00

Friday – Good Friday – No school

~ **Cashless schools-** we encourage parents/guardians to register at <https://asds:schoolcashionline.com/> Information is also on our website.

Calling all Gardeners: Do you like to dig in the dirt and make things beautiful? Spring is just around the corner and we are going to re-instate our Barnhill Beautification Group. We are going to be working on our gardens come the first of May and we would love to have adult volunteers to help our students create beauty in our school yard. Please let us know if you are interested by either emailing or calling Ms. Jill Ferguson. The faculty advisors for this group are Ms. Melissa Fawcett and Mrs. Jessica Blagden.

The sun is starting to shine more and the weather is getting warmer. We want to have our students outside more in order to breathe in that fresh air. However, we do need to remind everyone that we do have a dress code and it is outlined in our agenda. Students do need to dress properly while they attend school. If a student does wear something that is deemed inappropriate, they will be asked to change. If the student refuses, a phone call will be made home in order to resolve the situation.

School dress codes are designed to create a certain atmosphere in a school while providing students with a bit of freedom of expression through their wardrobe. Many parents/ guardians applaud the school dress code as a way to ensure their children are dressed properly. We want to take the opportunity to say "Thank you" to parents and guardians for supporting the dress code as outlined in our student agenda.

Athletics and Activities:

Volleyball – the season is now in full swing and all athletes have their schedule. We also have the schedules posted on our bulletin board outside the gym. Always listen to the announcements if there are any changes in the schedule. We also announce the winners of the games and we just need to take the opportunity to say that we are very proud of all three of our teams and coaches. Thank you.

Flag Football: This is a co-ed sport. Ms. Bethanie McShane and Ms. Becca Harris will be coaching the team together. The second try-out is on April 18th.

Musical – Treasure Island – the performances will be on Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 27th we are having a very important 4 hour practice in our gym on our stage. This practice is from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. We will be working on the musical in its entirety and it is sooooo important that we have every actor/actress and stage hand be in attendance.

Save the date:

Our student leaders with Mrs. Blanchard and Madame Arbeau are going to the Horizons conference for the day on Wednesday, April 17th.

- **No School on either Friday, April 19th – Good Friday or Monday, April 22nd – Easter Monday.**

April 30th is Blue Day for Autism Awareness.

Saturday, May 4th is Big Brothers/Big Sisters –Bowl for Kids’ Sake – *it’s not about the bowling...it’s about helping kids be the best they can be!* Get a team of 4-6 together, raise some money and come bowl at the Fairview Bowling Lanes. The theme is “Star Wars”, so dress up like a Storm trooper or a Jedi Knight and have a great time bowling while helping out kids. Contact Big Brothers/Big Sisters and enter your team of buckaroos. www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/saintjohn or call Laurie Collins the Executive Director at 635-1145. If you cannot get a team together and would like to donate, please donate to the school office. Barnhill will have a team participating. We bowl from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Friday, May 10th is our Entrepreneurial Show in the gym for the afternoon. There will be over 25 tables with different crafts and gifts for sale that have been created by our students.

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

“It doesn’t matter what others are doing. It matters what you are doing.” ~ S.S. ~

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson