



## *Lightning News for April 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>.*

~ We certainly hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing weekend and are ready to get back to school. This week is a short week, however, like every week it will be a busy week here at Barnhill Memorial School.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“One isn’t necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can’t be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.” ~ Maya Angelou ~

**Homework:** Students should expect to have homework on a regular basis. Homework is an extension of what was learned during class. Students will be given class time to work, however, most students will have to take their homework home to complete. In reading, students are expected to read an independent reading book nightly for a minimum of 20 minutes. Those students who are in French Immersion should also be reading French books to further enhance their second language skills. All students, please practice your times tables up to and including 12 x 12. Never expect more than an hour of homework nightly. When absent it is the responsibility of the student to get the information missed from their teacher. All assignments/projects and in-class work is to be completed upon the return of the student to school.

We have a team participating in “Bowl for Kids’ Sake” on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> who will be representing Barnhill. If you would like to make donations to Big Brothers/Big Sisters for children in Saint John, please drop it off to the office. The donation will be given to Laurie Collins the Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Thank you.

April is Autism Awareness Month. On Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> we would like everyone to wear **blue** in support of Autism Awareness month. Daily we will be sharing information about Autism on our announcements and on our website.

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

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

Friday – Cheese Pizza - \$3.00

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

We also have a student led canteen that is available at breaks for all of our students, this canteen has various healthy snacks available for a \$1.00 each.

**Barnhill Beautification Group:** The faculty advisors for this group are Ms. Melissa Fawcett and Mrs. Jessica Blagden. This group will be doing some cleaning and planting in our yard in order to make it beautiful. The marigolds are all sprouting and will be ready to plant outside within the next two weeks. We are looking forward to making our yard beautiful as we come into nicer weather.

#### Athletics and Activities:

Weekly we have many opportunities for students to be involved in groups and activities, either after school or at noon. We have Best Buddies, intramurals, Student Council, Café Francais, GSA, Barnhill Beautification Group, drama, WE Group and many more. We always want our students to be involved with their school.

**Volleyball** – We have the schedules posted on our bulletin board outside the gym. Always listen to the announcements if there are any changes in the schedule.

**Flag Football:** This is a co-ed sport. Ms. Bethanie McShane and Ms. Becca Harris will be coaching the team together. The next practice is on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the gym. The Fundy Minor Flag Football Tournament is the weekend of May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. All details will be provided to our athletes.

**Hockey:** Our hockey team will have their end of the year party on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in the gym from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Musical** – Treasure Island – There will be a practice tomorrow Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> after school. The performances will be on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

*On Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Save the date:**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> is Blue Day for Autism Awareness.**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> - P.S.S.C. Meeting at 6:30 - .m.**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – The performance of “Treasure Island.”**

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Regional Heritage Fair at the New Brunswick Museum.**

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – No classes for students – it is Provincial Subject Council Day for all staff.**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is Big Brothers/Big Sisters –Bowl for Kids’ Sake.**

**Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – No classes for students – this is the day for Branch meetings for all staff.**

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is our Entrepreneurial Show in the gym for the afternoon. All are welcome.**

**Our next dance is on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. It will be \$5.00 at the door.**

**Snider Mountain French Camping trip is from May 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> for grade 6 and 7 French Immersion students. All students who are going on the trip have a letter of information with their payment plan. Any questions or concerns, please contact Madame Van Steeg or Madame Murrant.**

**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – No school – it is the Victoria Day Holiday.**

**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – CELEBRATE Assembly.**

**Quebec Cultural Trip for grade 8 students – this trip is from June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. All payments are to be completed at this time.**

**Our year end school field trip is to New River on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. This trip is for the entire school.**

**Today as I write the Lightning News, we are very aware that it is Earth Day. We as a school would like to do something special for our community...therefore on Friday we are going to do a community clean up in the afternoon with all of the staff, students and community involved.**

**We also want to take the opportunity to extend our condolences to the schools, families and friends of the victims of this weekend's accident in the Miramichi. These young students attended two different high schools in this area. Therefore, there are so many people who have been impacted by this tragedy. Our hearts break for the four teenagers, the families and their community.**

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)

Thank you.

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