



## *Lightning News for April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.*

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

~Winston Churchill ~

This week is our Spring Fair week and we have many exciting events and activities for our students. Please see the attached poster of information. Tomorrow is neon colors day. On Thursday we have organized some outdoor activities. On Friday, we have a Spring Fling – a sock hop last class of the day!

We teach our students every day, to be responsible for their own personal choices. To respect each other’s differences, ideas and opinions. To treat everyone fairly. To not tolerate bullying of any kind and to report bullying. To treat school property and the property of others with respect. Please ensure your children come to school on a daily basis, are completing their assignments and behaving to the best of their abilities.

April is World Autism Month, this month is dedicated to conversations about autism spectrum disorder. Autism touches more than 70 million people globally. Approximately 1 in 66 children and youth are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Canada and this number continues to grow. We need to increase our understanding and acceptance of people with autism. Therefore, Barnhill will have the conversations and will be organizing an awareness day – “A BLUE DAY” on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will keep you posted with the details...

**Science Fair:** Congratulations to Makayla Merrick and Charley McLaughlin in grade 7, they won at the Regional Science Fair at UNBSJ on March 15<sup>th</sup> and now they will represent Barnhill Memorial School at the Provincial Science Fair in Fredericton on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Way to go girls!

The second payment of \$50.00 is due today for Snider Mountain. All students going on this trip have a letter and a payment plan. If there are any questions or concerns, please call the school or email Madame Vansteeg and/or Madame Murrant.

**Hot lunch:** Monday – Pasta with fruit/vegetables - \$4.00

Wednesday – Chicken Poppers with parmesan sticks and fruit/vegetables for \$4.00

Friday – Cheese Pizza with fruit/vegetables - \$3.00

~ **Cashless schools**- we encourage parents/guardians to register at <https://asds:schoolcashionline.com/> to get an account set up and become familiar with the site. Information is also on our website for purchasing all items at our school.

The weather is certainly getting nicer as we head in to spring and summer, we want to remind everyone of our dress code. If you are uncertain as to what to wear to school, please check in the front of your agenda. The expectations are outlined. Thank you.

**Social Media:** Please be reminded that the Province of New Brunswick has very strict regulations when it comes to social media and student privacy. Some students feel the rules do not apply to them and will take videos or photos at school and post them on social media. There are consequences for this behaviour. We remind students on a daily basis that they are to respect each others' privacy as well as the privacy of the adults working in this building. Students may have their electronic device before school, after school and at lunch. At lunch students are to use their electronic device in a respectful and responsible manner. Thank you.

#### Athletics and Activities:

**Volleyball** – The teams have been selected and there have already been games and competitions. As per our Pursuit of Excellence all athletes on the team are to pay their fee. Please pay on cashless schools or call the school 658-5393.

**Flag Football:** This is a co-ed sport, the last try-out for the students who made the first flag football cut is on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Ms. Bethanie McShane will be coaching the team.

**Musical** – Treasure Island – The practices for April are every Tuesday and Thursday at noon in the gym. We are also organizing Saturday practices – the second Saturday practice is this Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The last practice before the performance will be on April, 27<sup>th</sup>. It is really important for our young actors and actresses to be here for the entire practice. ~ If you are available to volunteer, enjoy being creative and know how to paint, please contact Mr. Kyle, Mrs. Blanchard or Madame Cullinan to organize to come in to the school to help with the sets.

**Save the date:**

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> we will be having a CELEBRATE Assembly at 2:00 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.**

**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - Try -A - Trade** - Skills Canada is offering an opportunity for students to attend NBCC for the morning in order to have hands on experience in trying a trade. We have 42 students attending this event.

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - Horizons Conference:** This conference is a nationwide project of the Canadian Student Leadership Association. **We have 44 students and two Faculty Advisors attending this event at KVHS.**

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> is Talk with Our Kids about Money Day – this information is for all of our students, from grades 6-8.** During the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> the students will be learning about financial literacy.

**April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – this is a holiday – no school.**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Monday – this is a holiday – no school.**

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

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – District Heritage Fair at the NB Museum** – Madame Arbeau and some of our students will be attending this fair.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Subject Council for all staff – No school for students.**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – Bowl for Kids’ Sake in support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.** Barnhill has a team and they are collecting donations. If you would like to make a donation, please send it in to the school office. Thank you. This fundraiser is one of the most important events of the year for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, because every dollar raised helps to match kids with a mentor. Research shows that children who have been mentored have higher self-esteem and are more likely to stay in school- empowering them to succeed, give back and realize their true potential.

**May 6<sup>th</sup> – NBTA Branch Meeting for all staff – No school for students.**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – Barnhill Memorial Entrepreneurial Show in the gym from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. You could certainly find a great spring craft.**

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)

“Goodness is about character, integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is how we treat other people.” ~ Dennis Prager ~

Thank you.

