



## *Lightning News for December 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.*

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of December is “Generosity.”

“Generosity –kindness, honesty, humor – makes us truly rich.” ~Waylon Lewis ~

~ Our grade 6 Science classes have been busy preparing for our trip to “The Huntsman” in St. Andrews, as part of our unit on “Diversity of Life.” We have planned a day of learning, and fun at the Huntsman Marine, Blockhouse, and the Bay of Fundy shoreline. Students are to bring their lunch and wear warm clothes. This is a co-curricular event. Four of our grade 6 classes have already gone and enjoyed themselves. Ms. Stout and Mrs. Blanchard’s homeroom classes will be going on **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### Grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip news update:

The 12 Days of Christmas Fundraiser is a raffle in support of our Quebec Cultural trip. All grade 8 students who are going on the trip have been given the opportunity to sell tickets for this event in order to raise money for their trip. We are now into the prize phase of this fundraiser. Daily tickets will be drawn and the winner will be announced. We want to thank those who donated to this fundraiser. The twelve prizes include Seadogs tickets, gift cards for Circle K/Irving, Buccaneers restaurant/pub, Sobeys grocery store, movie passes, dinner for two at the Route #1 Restaurant, a golf pass at the Westfield Golf and Country Club, plus other mystery prizes and gift cards.

The two payments in a total of \$300.00 for this trip should now be completed. Please keep up to date with your payments in order for your child to retain their spot for this trip. Please pay through <https://asds.schoolcashionline.com/>. We do pay an outside travel company for this trip, and we do need to be up to date with our payments. The online system for this payment will be closed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The third payment is not due until February.

We will be having a Pizza Party for all of the grade 8 students who participated in the Kiwanis Calendar fundraiser. **This Pizza Party will be on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at lunch.**

### Hot lunch:

Monday – Pasta with alfredo sauce this will be served with a side of fruit and vegetables.

Wednesday – Baked chicken poppers and parmesan sticks, served with fruit and vegetables.

Friday – Cheese Pizza with fruit and vegetables.

All hot lunch meals are \$3.00 each.

Please make your payment on <https://asds.schoolcashonline.com/>

~ Please note there will be NO hot lunch for the week of December 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

~ Attendance does matter and does make a positive difference to your child's education.

Please ensure your child attends school on a daily basis in order to learn. There will be regular classes up until the 20<sup>th</sup> of December at which time we celebrate with our generosity of organizing a "Dodge Hunger" tournament in order for our students and staff to be generous and give to the West Side Food Bank.

### Save the date:

Thursday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>** is the Christmas Dance from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 at the door. Students may sign in one guest from another middle school. The sign ins need to be completed with administration by Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. **Parents/guardians we always welcome you to our dances – to help in the canteen or to help chaperone. You may either turn up to volunteer at 6:15 p.m. or if you require further information do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you in advance for your support.**

The week of **December 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** is Winter Carnival week – there will be many activities and events this week. SRC will be sending out a calendar of events.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Dodge Hunger Newcomb Ball Tournament.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** - Last Day of First Term – this is a full day of school.

### Athletics and Activities

Best Buddies meet in the Games room on Mondays at lunch. This group would like to extend a big "thank you" to everyone who has made donations to the family they are helping out for the holidays. Best Buddies is working very hard to ensure that this family has an enjoyable holiday.

S.R.C. meet on Monday after school. This group is very busy with organizing for Winter Carnival and the dance. They also plan to have a breakfast for all students and staff on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – this breakfast will be a **Continental** breakfast with muffins, croissant, fruit, cheese and juice. The cost will be \$2.00 for a full continental breakfast!

G.S.A. meet on Tuesday at lunch. The WE group meet on Thursday at lunch.

The WE group with the support of S.R.C. and the rest of Barnhill School is organizing a “**Dodge Hunger**” campaign. The students and staff will be creating teams to play Newcomb ball in a tournament on December 20<sup>th</sup>, with the finals being December 21<sup>st</sup>. All individual players on the team are to donate \$3.00 or three non-perishable food items. We donate the money and the food to the West Side Food Bank.

We ask students to always listen to announcements in the morning this will help everyone to know what is going on in their school. The announcements are also posted daily on our website.

Practices for the musical “Treasure Island” will be conducted this week, again please listen to the announcements.

Basketball try-outs will be this week – we start with the boys try –out on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Please listen to the announcements this week so you know what day your try-outs are. Madame VanSteege will be coaching the girl’s team and Mr. Scott Underwood with Ms. Pattison as Faculty Advisor will be coaching the boy’s team.

Good luck to the badminton team who are off to City and Districts this week. Singles are Monday, doubles are Tuesday and mixed doubles are Wednesday. All games will be held at Millidgeville North School. Thank you to Mrs. Graham, Mr. Stuart and Ms. Pattison.

### Travel the Road to Success

Once upon a time a King had a great highway built. Before he opened it to the public, he had a contest to see who could travel the highway best. On the appointed day the people came. Some had fine chariots, some used their feet. But no matter what vehicle they used, all of them complained that there was a large pile of rocks just on the side of the road in one particular spot, which hindered their progress.

At the end of the day a lone traveler crossed the finish line and wearily walked over to the King. He was smudged with dirt but he spoke with respect as he handed the monarch a bag of gold. “I stopped along the way to clear a pile of rocks,” he said. “And under it was a bag of gold. Can you find the rightful owner?”

Solemnly the King replied, “You are the rightful owner. You have earned the gold by winning the contest. For he who travels on the road best is he who makes the road smoother for those to follow.”

So it is with life. While people scramble to outdo each other, every now and then a leader comes along to pave the way for the rest of us. To these leaders are given the rewards – the sacks of gold called fame and fortune. ~ Author Unknown ~

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Thank you.

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