



Lightning News for December 17th – 21st.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“Choose generosity! Sometimes when we are generous in small barely detectable ways it can change someone else’s life forever.” ~ Margaret Cho~

~ Please note there is NO hot lunch for this week.

We are a nut-free environment, so please do not send any food items to school with nuts in them. Thank you for the safety of our students, your children we appreciate your co-operation.

We have a fun filled week organized! The following is our Winter Carnival Schedule:

~ Students who wish to wear Santa/ Elf or Festive Christmas hats at school may do so on Thursday, December 20th and Friday, December 21st.

Monday, December 17th – * Flannel Day - There will be Christmas trivia during Foundations class. We will start the Christmas door decorating competition. Candy O Grams will be on sale in the front lobby at lunch for \$1.00 each. Purchase your gift for the Yankee Swap –it will be held in Madame Arbeau’s class at lunch on Friday, December 21st – the price limit for the gift is \$5.00

Tuesday, December 18th – * Red and Green Day - Christmas Trivia in Foundations class. The door decorating competition continues. Candy O Grams for sale at lunch - \$1.00 each. Do not forget the Yankee Swap at lunch Friday.

Wednesday, December 19th – * Ugly Christmas Sweater Day - Christmas Trivia in Foundations class. The door decorating continues. Candy O Grams are still for sale at lunch for \$1.00 each. Two Days away from the Yankee swap at lunch on Friday.

Thursday, December 20th – * Team Colour Day - Dodge Hunger Newcomb Ball Tournament all day. The Christmas Trivia will be during Foundations class. Today is the final day to purchase Candy O Grams at lunch for \$1.00. The Yankee Swap will be tomorrow at lunch in Madame Arbeau’s classroom. Price limit for the gift is \$5.00.

Friday, December 21st - Christmas Sock Day - Candy O Grams will be distributed during Foundations class. There will be a Continental Breakfast in the lunch room . This will start at 8:45 a.m. and it will be \$2.00 per person. Santa is even going to make a guest appearance.

The finals for the Dodge Hunger Newcomb Ball tournament will start at 9:30 a.m. The winner will be announced after the tournament and the trophy will be displayed in the New Year with the winning team name for 2018 on the trophy.

Yankee Swap is today at noon in Madame Arbeau's classroom.

There will be a Pizza Party lunch in the Learning Commons for all of the grade 8 students who participated in the Kiwanis Calendar Fundraiser. Madame Murrant and Mrs. Stewart will be organizing this party.

Last Day of First Term – this is a full day of school. In the afternoon we will have a Christmas movie in the gym and the canteen will be open with popcorn, drinks and other healthy nut-free snacks. We will also have a sock hop.

Athletics and Activities

Best Buddies will have a Christmas celebration lunch on Monday at noon.

S.R.C. will be having a Christmas Pot luck party on Monday after school.

The **Dodge Hunger** tournament is this Thursday and Friday morning. 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.

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

Basketball try-outs will continue this week try –outs will be from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Please listen to the announcements and check the bulletin board outside the gym - so you know what day your try-outs are. Madame VanSteeg with Ms. Harris will be coaching the girl's team and Mr. Scott Underwood with Ms. Pattison as Faculty Advisor will be coaching the boy's team.

On Tuesday, December 18th we have 10 of our grade 8 students going to Harbour View for a day of enrichment with students from River Valley and Beaconsfield schools. This enrichment is based upon the English curriculum.

Also, on Tuesday, December 18th we have a full day visit from Code Mobile, they will be in the Learning Commons for the day. All of the grade 6 students are scheduled by class to attend a session. Code Mobile is an organization supported by the federal governments Can Code initiative. For more information: <https://www.canadalearningcode.ca/codemobile/>

It is our hope that the Holiday Season ahead be peaceful and enjoyable for everyone. As students leave us at the end of 2018 we trust they can be encouraged and inspired by the spirit of selflessness and generosity. Enjoy your time off and we will see you in the New Year.

- Please note that all students return to school on Tuesday, January 8th.
- Please find attached a gift for you...a very inspirational article on how to ensure our children become more resilient.

Happy Holidays and all the best from,

Ms. Jill Ferguson and all the staff of Barnhill Memorial School

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