



## *Lightning News for February 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.*

### Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of February is “Caring.”

“It is vital that when educating our children’s brains that we do not neglect to educate their hearts.” ~ Dalai Lama ~

### This week is teacher/staff appreciation week.

~ We want to take the opportunity to “thank” all of our teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers, custodians and of course our administrative assistant for the great job they do throughout the year! The PSSC, SRC, Wellness and Administration are going to take this week to show our appreciation with some cards, gifts and treats, just to say thank you to all of you.

#### Hot lunch

Monday – Pasta with fruit/vegetables - \$4.00

Wednesday – Baked Chicken Poppers with fruit/vegetables - \$4.00

Friday – Cheese Pizza with a side of fruit and vegetables - \$3.00

~ **Cashless schools**- we encourage parents/guardians to register at <https://asds.schoolcashionline.com/> to order hot lunch.

- Please mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

**Heritage Fair – Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.** This will be from 8:45 a.m. until noon in the gym. Parents and guardians are invited to attend. We have also invited the grade 5 students with their teachers from all of our elementary feeder schools. We want to give these grade 5 students an opportunity to be involved in events at Barnhill. We have several special guests that will be attending our Fair including the Mayor of Saint John, Mr. Don Darling.

**Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day!** All students are encouraged to wear **pink** and/or **red**. There will be a prize awarded to the homeroom class with the largest number of students wearing one or both colours.

This week the grade 6 Social Studies classes have a workshop on Palestine Culture being presented to them by representatives from the Saint John Multicultural Society.

Diversity “Talk and Tour” presentations for grade 6 students will be on the morning of Feb.13<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Kids on the Go bus tour with representatives from PRUDE – Pride of Race, Unity and Dignity through Education and their teachers, the students will learn about black history of Atlantic Canada. For 2019, the theme of the Government of Canada’s Black History campaign is Black Canadian Youth: Boundless, Rooted and Proud.

[Mark Black – Helping You Thrive in Challenging Times. The Guy Who Gets Teens Thinking: Our guest speaker will be here on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, his presentation will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the gym.](#)

Mark Black was only 24 when he found himself lying in a hospital bed clinging to life, praying for a life saving heart and double lung transplant.

Three short years later, he was crossing the finish line of his first of four marathons.

Mark has spoken to more than 100,000 people in more than 400 presentations. He has also written a book titled “Live Life from the Heart.”

Mark will talk about helping us to build resilience so we can thrive in challenging times.

Please remember that parents and guardians are always welcome to attend our assemblies.

- Next Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is Family Day, there is no school, this is a statutory holiday in New Brunswick.
- Science Fair is Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, this event will run from 8:45 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the gym. Parents /guardians are invited to attend.
- March Break is from March 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> with all students and staff returning on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Home Report Cards will be issued, we will have Student/Teacher and Parent/Guardian conferences on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in the evening and Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Please note that this is the first time our school will hold the conferences in the morning rather than the afternoon. It is our hope that this new time frame will increase the number of parents/guardians who will be able to attend. Students will not have school on April 5<sup>th</sup>, as staff will be attending professional learning activities in the afternoon and conferences in the morning.

**Grade 8 News:**

All grade 8 students have been given a package of information on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, to bring home and share with their family in regard to high school registration. There was a purple form and a white form with all of the information.

~ This is very important – the purple High School Registration form must be returned to your homeroom teacher by Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, no later than noon. Please take the opportunity to attend the Open House information sessions with your parents/guardians.

Information sessions for the high schools are as follows: All sessions are from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

February 11, 2019	Simonds High School
February 11, 2019	Harbour View High School
February 12, 2019	St. Malachy's Memorial High School
February 13, 2019	Saint John High School
February 14, 2019	Snow Date

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For all of those grade 8 students going on the Quebec Cultural trip in June, we will be having a meeting with the students on March 1<sup>st</sup> last class of the day to discuss rooming and expectations for the trip, every student who will be going on the trip has signed a Pursuit of Excellence and we will be abiding by this contract.

Please keep up to date with your payments. The payments are to be made on Cashless Schools. The fourth payment of \$130.00 is due on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and the final payment of \$130.00 for the trip is due on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. **The total for the trip is \$690.00.** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Athletics and Activities:**

Please get your smiles on, we have re-scheduled the group and team photos for Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – we are going to have Harvey's studio here to take all of the photos for our Yearbook.

Basketball- The girls team are 5-1 in regular season games! Next weekend they are off to Provincials in Miramichi. The basketball teams are wrapping up their regular seasons within the next two weeks. There will be a couple of make-up games due to snow days. During the last week of this month, the teams will be participating in City and Districts.

Musical - Treasure Island – lunch time practices will be announced. Friday practices are in the gym on the stage, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Student Council – **Valentine’s Day Dance will be on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. It will from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and it will be \$5.00 at the door. If a Barnhill student would like to sign –in a guest from another middle school this is to be completed at break in the office from Monday until Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents/guardians are always welcome to chaperone, work in the canteen or work the front door. We always appreciate the help. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying – **Pink Shirt Day** will be on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. **Pink shirts** are available to purchase for \$5.00 each at lunch in the front foyer.

The WE group will be selling tickets on two Valentine gift baskets. All the proceeds will go to Hestia House and Coverdale House. The WE group will also be selling Valentine Love Bugs – at lunch in the front foyer.

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)

“We teach our students how to *behave* by what we *allow*, what we *stop*, what we *ignore*, and what we *reinforce*.” ~ Anonymous ~

“We rise by lifting others.” ~ Robert Ingersoll ~

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson