



## *Lightning News for February 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

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

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

“Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.” ~ Jesse Jackson ~

We certainly hope that everyone is enjoying their Family Day and we will see you all back to school tomorrow. There are only 9 days of school until March break, let’s make every day count.

We are just so excited and proud of our boys’ and girls’ basketball teams! The boys won Provincials this weekend! They played well all weekend, they pushed themselves and they succeeded. The girls played with passion and heart and came in third place. Please see pictures of the happy teams on our website.

On Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> we had Mark Black present to the entire school; everyone really enjoyed this presentation. His message was on “resilience.” He asked some really good questions and challenged everyone in the audience to really think about what they want to accomplish in their life. The following are some examples of his questions:

- What would you do if you had a year to live?
- What would be important?
- What wouldn’t matter?
- Do you want to DO more?
- What would you do more?
- What would you do less?
- How would you use your time?

Mark suggested that everyone answer these questions, write them down and put them where you would look every day. The answers to these questions will help you to stay on track and remember what really matters in your life. Mark made the statement to be your own hero. This presentation was very impactful and appreciated by all.

### Hot lunch

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. If there is a storm day and you had ordered hot lunch, it will be refunded on Cashless Schools.

In partnership with Brilliant Labs, Barnhill has started the first Lego League Club for grade 6 and 7. This club challenges students to think like scientists and engineers. Teams design, build programs and test autonomous robots using LEGO MINDSTORMS technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game.

- Please mark your calendar for the upcoming events:
- Grade 7 Social Studies: some classes will be going on a tour of the Saint John Port on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The other classes will be going on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **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. **All students, please ensure you have your Science Fair projects in to your Science Teachers by Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- Our next Parent School Support Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Room 30.
- Drum workshop with Christine Metallic will be on February 28<sup>th</sup> for some of our grade 6 Social Studies classes.
- 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>.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> we have team members from the **Riptide** coming for a whole school assembly. They will be presenting on team building and good health.
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> there is NO SCHOOL for students, this is a professional learning day for all staff.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> we have the Code Mobile Squad coming to train our grade 6 students on coding.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> we have a whole school assembly with Dave Hamilton from Ontario, presenting “Kindness Changes Everything.”
- 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 about High School registration and all of the Open Houses are now completed...**

**~ 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.**

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For all of those grade 8 students going on the Quebec Cultural trip in June, there will be a very important meeting for the students on March 1<sup>st</sup> last class of the day to discuss rooming and expectations for the trip. After March break, the students will know who they are rooming with and who their chaperone will be.

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 next 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:**

**Basketball**- The boy's team won Provincials! The girl's team came in third place. The basketball teams are wrapping up their regular seasons.

**Musical** - Treasure Island – this production is really coming together. The student actors know their lines and the practices are going very well. The sets are starting to be made and costumes are being created. This spring production is sure to be very entertaining.

**Student Council** – **Valentine's Day Dance will be on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.** We re-scheduled this dance due to the Open House for SJHS being on the 14<sup>th</sup> due to a storm day. The dance will be 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 on Tuesday and Wednesday. We always welcome parents/guardians to chaperone, work in the canteen or work the front door. We always appreciate the help. Thank you. As you can see from our magnetic calendar's our next dance will not be until May. However, SRC will be planning some exciting events in April for **Spring Fling** – stay tuned for details in our weekly Lightning Newsletter.

Anti-Bullying – Pink Shirt Day will be on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. You still have time to purchase a pink shirt for this day! The pink shirts are being sold at lunch for \$5.00 a shirt. Inventory is running low, so if you want a shirt, please purchase one soon.

We are also selling pink smoothies for \$2.00 each. Please pre-order before February 27<sup>th</sup> and pay your homeroom teacher.

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)

“Always stop to think whether your fun may be the cause of another’s unhappiness.”  
~Aesop~

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson