



## *Lightning News for February 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.*

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

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

“Being nice to someone you dislike doesn’t mean you’re fake. It means you are mature enough to tolerate your dislike towards them.” ~ Erin Jennings ~

- Even though February is a short month with only 28 days, it is a very busy month. In February we are going to focus on Black History, Internet Safety, Valentine’s Day, Teacher/Staff Appreciation and Anti-Bullying with our Pink Shirt Day.

#### 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://asd-s.schoolcashonline.com/> to order hot lunch.

~ **Please note the in-class presentations for Heritage Fair begin on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Heritage Fair** – The theme is Our Living History: Exploring our Cultural Heritage – Notre histoire vivante: Explorons notre patrimoine culture. The Barnhill Memorial Heritage Fair will be **Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. This will be from 8:45 a.m. until noon in the gym. The participants will be from grades 7 and 8. Parents and guardians are invited to attend.

**Science Fair** – Barnhill Memorial School will be having a Science Fair on **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Participants are from grades 6 – 8. This will be from 8:45 a.m. until noon in the gym.

Internet Safety week is the week of February 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be information provided to all of our students in Foundations class during the week. We all need to be SAFE! Safer Internet Day will be on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – this day will be celebrated globally with the theme – Together for a better internet. \* Always ask for consent before posting anything on line.

We would like to thank Brilliant Labs for donating kits of Mindstorm Robot Lego to our school.

Take the time to say “thank you” to a teacher or staff member! Appreciation week is the week of February 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 will teach our students about black history of Atlantic Canada.

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. For 2019, the theme of the Government of Canada’s Black History campaign is Black Canadian Youth: Boundless, Rooted and Proud.

Mark Black an inspirational speaker will be coming to Barnhill Memorial School the afternoon of February 15<sup>th</sup> for a whole school assembly on “Resilience.”

~ 5 Tips to Boost Resilience ~

1. Find meaning in adversity. Every pain contains a lesson.
2. Build a community of support. Equally important, decide the support you’re currently getting is good enough. Be grateful for it.
3. Be Hopeful. Hope, like hopelessness is actually a choice. Choose hope.
4. Focus on Gratitude. Keep a gratitude journal.
5. Accept and anticipate change.

A presentation for our grade 7 students about the Port here in Saint John will be on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Drum Workshop on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for two of grade 6 classes. Christine Metallic is a Mi’kmaq drum – maker and drummer from the Listiguj community in the Gaspé, Quebec. Christine will share with our grade 6 students her knowledge of how to construct a drum, the significance of the drum, how it is used in ceremony, and how it is cared for in the Mi’kmaq culture. The drums will be assembled and decorated by our students.

**Grade 8 News: All grade 8 students will be 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.**

**~ This is very important – the High School Registration form must be returned to your homeroom teacher by Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, no later than noon.** Any registrations received after that time will be treated as a late registration.

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

For all of those grade 8 students going on the Quebec Cultural trip in June, 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 for Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – we are going to have Harvey's studio here to take all of the group and athletic photos for our Yearbook. Groups and teams will be called down to the stage for their photo throughout the day. Thank you.

Basketball- The boy's team had fun this weekend and enjoyed the tournament. The girl's team did very well this weekend in the Hoops Classic. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bravo!!

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. All guest sign –ins are to be completed at break in the office 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.

~ Our next Celebrate assembly will be on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> right before lunch. It will start at 11:08 a.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Anti-Bullying – Pink Shirt Day will be on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have pink shirts 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 – all the details will be on the announcements.

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)

“Follow three rules: Do the right thing, do the best you can, and always show people you care.”  
~ Lou Holtz ~

Thank you.

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