



Please find attached a poster we will be putting in all of our classes in order for our students to understand the significance of the BOLT Ballots which are one of our PBIS initiatives here at Barnhill Memorial School. What is PBIS? In 1997, an amendment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) included in the language, “Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports” which described methods used to identify and support desired behaviors in the school setting. PBIS seeks to reduce or eliminate poor behavior school-wide through the encouragement of positive behaviors.

## *Lightning News for January 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.*

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

The theme for the month of January is – Self – Discipline and Perseverance.

“Making your mark on the world is hard. If it were easy, everybody would do it. But it’s not. It takes patience, it takes commitment, and it comes with plenty of failure along the way. The real test is not whether you avoid failure, because you won’t. It’s whether you let it harden or shame you into inaction, or whether you learn from it; whether you choose to persevere.”

~ Barack Obama ~

~ We want to take the opportunity to “welcome” Madame Brittany Beyea, she is our new Science and Post Intensive French Teacher for the remainder of the school year.

#### Hot lunch:

Monday - Alfredo Pasta with a side of fruit and 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.

Just a friendly reminder - we now have some grade 8 Student Ambassadors in the office. These young ambassadors will meet and greet, answer the phones, take messages, complete some paper work and count money. We certainly appreciate the student leadership of our grade 8 student ambassadors.

We want to remind you that we have a Lost and Found bin outside our gym doors. Even after the first week back the bin is filling up. Please have your child look in the bin and reclaim any lost items. We also want to let you know that the school is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. We encourage students to look after their belongings and to keep their personal items locked in their lockers. Many students have been bringing Bluetooth speakers to school, these are very expensive items and do not need to be at school. Especially since students are to use their earphones when listening to music at school, in the school yard or on the bus.

**~ Please note that Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is a professional learning day for all staff. There is NO school for students.**

**Heritage Fair** – All grade 7 and 8 students are required to complete a Heritage Fair project. The theme is Our Living History: Exploring our Cultural Heritage – Notre histoire vivante: Explorons notre patrimoine cultural. Heritage week is February 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. The Barnhill Memorial Heritage Fair will be Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be an all day event in our gym. Parents and guardians are invited. In class presentations will commence on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. All students must be prepared to present at that time. The following website is an excellent resource for our students: <https://www.historiccanadaca/heritage minutes>

**Science Fair** – Barnhill Memorial School will be having a Science Fair on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. until noon. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. The Science Fair is in February to ensure all of our finalists are eligible to enter the ASD-S Science Fair in March at UNBSJ. This opportunity is open to all of our students. Good luck.

This message is very important for all of our Grade 8 families. High School Registration: Early in February, you will be notified of important dates and deadlines for registration; such as the Open House at all the High Schools. A High School Handbook will be available on the Anglophone South School District Website. Letters confirming placement will be mailed to your home address.

~ We are now well into the second marking term. The second home report will be issued on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Student/Teacher/ Parent and Guardian conferences will be scheduled for Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided over the next few months.

#### Athletics and Activities:

**Basketball**- Good luck to the student athletes who will be representing Barnhill Memorial School on the court this season. The fee for each individual athlete to play on the team is \$50.00, please make your payment on cashless schools and ensure that you and your parent/guardian have signed a Pursuit of Excellence form. Both the boys and girls have been registered for the 2019 Provincial Championship tournament with Basketball New Brunswick.

Musical - Treasure Island – practices are on Friday after school, so all the cast can become familiar with the staging. Any questions or concerns, please talk to Mr. Kyle – [tom.kyle@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:tom.kyle@nbed.nb.ca)

Café Francais-On Fridays at lunch in the Technology Lab, student have a chance to discover the cultural side of French History. Students learn French songs, eat French food, watch French movies, have French conversations and make crafts. Everything is done in French. Everyone is welcome! Et Voila!

Student Council – Meeting for SRC representatives after school on Monday with Madame Arbeau and Mrs. Blanchard. The January 2019 Dance is this Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. It is \$5.00 at the door. If you would like to sign in a guest from another school, please go to the office at breaks from Monday – Wednesday.

Grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip – The third payment is due January 21<sup>st</sup> of \$130.00. We are working at finalizing numbers in order to pay our travel company. By the 21<sup>st</sup> everyone going on the trip should have their balance up to date – either \$430.00 or more. If you have not made your payments of \$430.00, please speak to Ms. Ferguson or Madame Murrant – [erin.murrant@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:erin.murrant@nbed.nb.ca)

**The PSSC meeting is Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Room 30 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

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)

*“It’s not that I’m so smart, it’s just that I stay with problems longer.” ~ Albert Einstein ~*

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson