



## *Lightning News for January 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.*

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of January is self-discipline and perseverance.

“Your level of success is determined by your level of self-discipline and perseverance.” ~  
Anonymous

We want to take the opportunity to welcome all our students back to school on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy New Year! We trust that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. As we start the New Year, we would like to provide you with some school reminders:

~ **The school day starts at 8:20 a.m. Supervision in the school yard begins at 7:50 a.m.**

~ **It is chilly outside and all of our students start the day by being outside, please ensure you are dressed warmly for this winter weather.**

~ **Dismissal is 3:00 p.m. Walkers are to walk home and those students taking the bus, are to take the bus they are assigned.**

~ **Please remember we are a closed campus. Students are not permitted to go to stores and fast food establishments unless they are signed out in the office and accompanied by a parent/guardian.**

**We work very diligently to keep our school environment safe for everyone. Please remind your child if they are having a problem at school to either talk to a teacher or an administrator in private. It is always best to use your words in order to work out any conflicts. We are a restorative school and feel it is very important to own your own behavior. We cannot have students hitting each other, even in self-defense. There will be consequences for this kind of behavior; therefore we strongly suggest that students and parents/guardians work with the staff to ensure the safety of everyone.**

~ **Communication with Staff:** All staff members attempt to be accommodating and as accessible as possible. There are times in which both administrators and teachers are not available to speak to you immediately. First thing in the morning is usually very busy and not an opportune time to speak. We ask that you call the school to book an appointment, main office is 658-5393.

Another option is to email the staff member in which you would like to speak with. In your child's agenda is a list of all of their teachers with the emails.

~ **Attendance Matters:** Being present and on time impacts positively on learning. Good attendance helps to build habits that will last a lifetime and transfer to life beyond public education. We want your children here so they can learn.

~ **We are a Scent Free School:** We are asking all families to be sensitive to the fact that both students and staff are affected by strong scents. These scents can trigger a severe allergic reaction. Students and staff are not to wear cologne, perfume, hair products, cream, etc. that emit a strong scent. We do not want anyone having an allergic reaction because of someone having and or using a strong scent.

~ **We are also Nut Free:** We have students and staff who are severely allergic to nuts and nut products. Barnhill Memorial School will attempt to make the school as allergy safe as possible, however, we need your help! Please do not send these foods to school.

~ **Agenda:** We are asking that you as the parent/guardian support the use of agendas. This is a wonderful life skill that will teach your child to become more organized. It is also a brilliant communication tool. Students are expected to write their homework and other special events in their agenda. We ask that parents/guardians sign the agenda, therefore, we are aware that you at home have been informed as to what is going on with your child at school. Teachers will review the agenda and daily expectations with our students in our Foundations class.

~ **Homework is important:** All students have homework every day. Please read every night for at least 20 minutes. Practice your Math skills, watch French T.V. to practice your oral skills. Also complete any and all assignments that have been assigned to you by your teachers. These assignments will be listed by the student in their agenda. If you are struggling, teachers have tutoring sessions at lunch. Students need to communicate with their teachers.

~ **Electronic devices:** Students may use their electronic devices before 8:20 a.m. They can use them again at noon, however are reminded that they are not to take pictures or videos. Students may use their electronic device again at the end of the day. While the students are not using their electronic device, they are to be kept locked in their locker. The details of the expectations are in the school agenda.

~ **Bolt:** Barnhill Memorial School will continue with our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) called BOLT. Each of the letters in BOLT are components of this plan.

B = Being respectful

O = Owning your learning

L = Living safely

T = Taking responsibility

Students will be reminded of the expectations in our school community. We want to focus on the positive with our students and catch them doing the right thing. Students will be given Bolt Ballots by the staff and have the opportunity to win prizes on a weekly basis.

### ASD-S Safe Arrivals Program

Report your child's absence by using any of these easy methods:

- Call toll free: 1-833-219-9065
- Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
- Mobile app: SchoolMessenger  
~ For more information visit: [www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)
- We would like to take the opportunity to wish Mrs. Gunter all the best and great success in her new position at Fairvale Elementary School. We are in the process of finding a new teacher for Post Intensive French and Science. In the meantime we will have a Supply Teacher in to teach our students.

**Hot lunch:** We will resume our hot lunch program on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> with Chicken poppers and parmesan bread sticks. Please note the cost for this lunch is now \$4.00 due to inflation and the price of fruit and vegetables. On Friday the hot lunch will be Cheese Pizza, this will remain at \$3.00. To purchase hot lunch, cashless school will be the only method utilized. There will be no exchanging of cash. We encourage parents/guardians to register at <https://asds.schoolcashionline.com/>

~ Please remember that we always have healthy snacks and drinks for sale at our student lead school canteen.

**Save the date...** There will be ten grade 8 students going to Harbour View High School for the English Engagement Day – this will be on Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our “Welcome to 2019 School Dance” will be on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. It will be \$5.00 at the door.

The second payment of \$130.00 for the Quebec Cultural Trip will be due on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The P.S.S.C. meeting will be Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

There will be NO classes on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> this is a professional learning day for all staff.

- **Athletics and Activities:** Please take the opportunity to listen to the morning announcements and refer to the school website for information on what is happening in our school.
- Basketball will resume with practices after school.

- We have numerous lunch time activities for our students to be involved, whether it be intramurals, Café Francais, Best Buddies, the WE group, games room, learning commons, hanging out in the Student Lounge, practising for our school play or the G.S.A. group.
- Student Council meets on Mondays after school – the next big event for our S.R.C. is the January school dance.

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)

“With self-discipline, most anything is possible.” ~ T. Roosevelt

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson