



Lightning News for May 13th – 17th.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Barnhill Mothers.

– We certainly hope you had a fabulous day

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for May is "Physical Fitness."

"Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have." ~ Winston Churchill ~

On Friday, May 10th we had 13 of our grade 7 and 8 students go to UNBSJ for the Math competition with Madame Murrant. The students had a fantastic day, working on math problems and attending various enrichment experiences at the university. The awards ceremony was particularly exciting when one of our students' Alex Peterson was called up for the top 12 in grade 7. Ultimately, Alex was named as 2nd place at the UNBSJ Math Competition. Way to go Alex! What an accomplishment! We are all just so proud.

Talking about being proud, we have to say that we are so proud of our students who were involved in the Entrepreneurial Fair. The students certainly worked very hard and had many diverse items for sale at the fair. We had baking, bath bombs, earrings, bird houses, necklaces and so much more for sale. Even through the rain, we had the support of many community members. That certainly means a lot to our school. Thank you!

[Grade 6 Provincial Assessment:](#)

From May 27th to June 7th, grade 6 students will be writing the Provincial Assessments. The students will be assessed on English Reading, French, French Reading, Math and Science. This assessment is part of a system of assessments in Literacy, Math and Science throughout elementary, middle and high school.

The month of May is Food Allergy Awareness with May 29th being **Purple Day** in order to increase awareness about Food Allergies. A food allergy occurs when the body's immune system sees a certain food as harmful and reacts by causing symptoms. Allergic reactions can involve the skin, mouth, eyes, lungs, heart, gut and brain. Mild and severe symptoms can lead to a serious allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. For further information, you may find it on the ASD-S website or Sweet Caroline Foundation website.

~ For the Science Olympics that is coming up in June we need your help, we are collecting toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls and gift wrap rolls. Please donate! We require a lot of paper rolls in order to accommodate students when they participate in a STEM activity for the Science Olympics on June 11th.

Hot lunch: All of our hot lunches are served with fruits and vegetables.

Monday – Pasta - \$4.00

Wednesday – Chicken poppers and parmesan bread sticks - \$4.00

Friday – Cheese Pizza - \$3.00

Barnhill Beautification Group: The yard is already starting to look colourful and beautiful. This group is doing a wonderful job.

PCAP – Pan Canadian Assessment Program: The grade 8 class of Mr. Edgecombe has been selected to be the class to represent Barnhill in PCAP. What is PCAP? It is an assessment that measures the knowledge and skills of Grade 8 Canadian students in three subjects: mathematics, science and reading. This assessment had to be re-scheduled due to technical difficulties to May 16th. For more information about PCAP, please visit <http://www.cmec.ca>.

Athletics and Activities:

Volleyball – If you have not paid your fee, please complete that payment on cashless schools.

Flag Football: Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. The fee to play in this tournament is \$20.00, please pay Ms. McShane. Athletes are to bring both their mouth guards and cleats to practice. The Fundy Minor Flag Football Tournament is the weekend of May 24th and 25th at Shamrock Park. Schedules will be given out the week before the tournament.

Track and Field: This sport will be starting this week – please listen to the announcements and check out our website for information. The Track and Field meet will be at UNBSJ on Thursday, June 6th with a rain date on the 7th. Letters will be sent home with the athletes.

Rugby: Madame VanSteege and Mr. Kyle have organized an in-house league for students to learn and enjoy the basics of the game. The practices will be announced on our announcements and the athletes are to wear cleats while on the field.

Best Buddies: The year – end field trip will be on Wednesday, May 22nd. All the students in this group will have a letter of information, outlining the details of the day.

Save the date:

Tuesday, May 14th we will have Denim Day for support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The final Engagement Day at Harbour View High School for 12 of our grade 8 students is on Wednesday, May 15th.

Our “Spring Swing” dance is on Thursday, May 16th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. It will be \$5.00 at the door. For any students who want to sign in a student from another middle school, they may do so at break with Madame Carleton or Ms. Ferguson in the office.

Monday, May 20th – No School – This is the Victoria Day Holiday.

May 29th – Purple Day for Food Allergy Awareness.

May 27th – May 31st is Disability Awareness Week.

May 31st – “WALK and ROLL” a whole school walk to support Disability Awareness.

Snider Mountain French Camping trip is now from **May 29th – 31st for grade 6 and 7 French Immersion students. This camp is \$160.00 in total. The students will be leaving for the camp on Wednesday and returning on Friday before the end of the school day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our FI students since this camp is a totally French speaking camp. Any questions or concerns, please contact Madame VanSteege or Madame Murrant.**

The PBIS – Phys. Ed. Enrichment day is going to be on Wednesday, May 29th. The students are going to be going to the Aquatic Center and the Irving Nature Park. A letter of information will be sent home for those students who will be attending.

On May 29th we have our Spring Lego competition. Students will be involved in this competition with other schools at District office with Madame Taylor and Mrs. Blagden as the faculty advisors.

The grade 6 Cultural Fair is being organized by Madame Taylor for Tuesday, June 4th. More details are to follow.

We are going to be having an Outdoor Field Day for all the students and staff of Barnhill on June 5th.

Science Olympics is being organized by Madame Murphy for June 11th.

Quebec Cultural Trip for grade 8 students will be from June 12th – 15th. Those who are still waiting for their Vesey Seed orders – Madame Landry has been informed that the rest of the orders will be here within two weeks.

Our year end school field trip is to New River on Tuesday, June 18th. This trip is for the entire school. The rain date will be Wednesday, June 19th.

~ Please stay tuned with regard to other year end events that will be happening in our school.

Our Moving up Ceremony for grade 8 students will be on Thursday, June 20th at 5:00 p.m. The final dance of the year for the entire school and guests will be from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Entrance will be \$5.00 at the door.

Friday, June 21st will be the last day for students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 658-5971 or jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson