



Lightning News for November 12th – 15th.
Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of November is citizenship.

“Education promotes equality and lifts people out of poverty. It teaches children how to become good citizens. Education is not just for a privileged few, it is for everyone. It is a fundamental human right.” ~ Ban Ki-moon ~

We want to welcome Mr. Evan MacDonald back after his paternity leave; his twins are happy and healthy. Welcome back!

Due to many variables, we are unable to put a float in the West side Santa Clause Parade. Thank you so much to everyone who was willing to try to make this happen!

~**Colder Weather:** As we move into late fall and then winter, we ask that parents/guardians make sure that children come to school with proper clothing to withstand the colder weather. It can be very chilly in the mornings and children do to go outside at lunch. Please ensure that your child has hats, mitts, winter jackets etc. to keep warm while being outside.

~ **Drop Off and Pick Up:** Please be reminded to use the island to drop off and pick up for your children. There is a sign posted on the big tree in front of the school with regard to the hours. Please do not come up to the front of the school during the hours that are on the sign. It is very dangerous when cars come up to the front of the school when students are walking into the yard and leaving the yard at the end of the day. We also have buses that use that area and it can become very congested and unsafe for your children our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

~ **Home Reports and Parent/Guardian/ Teacher/Student Conferences:** Your child will be receiving a home report for first term on Monday, November 18th. This report will indicate progress from September until November 7th. Please keep in mind that assessment is reported using the 1-4 scale. The conferences are on Thursday, November 21st from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm and Friday, November 22nd from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. We will be setting up conference appointments on line. There is no school for students on November 22nd it is a professional learning opportunity for staff in the afternoon as well as the conferences in the morning. We would like everyone to know that we will have Barnhill swag for sale in the lobby during the conferences – there will be cinch bags, hoodies, T-shirts, water bottles etc. for sale using cash only.

~ **Friendly Reminder:** Please be aware that we give students permission to take another bus in emergencies only. We get many requests for students to accompany other students on buses for homework, parties, dances, sports etc. We cannot accommodate these requests, as it is against the ASD-S transportation policy.

~ **Canteen:** We have a student run canteen available at lunch. The canteen has healthy snacks and drinks available for our students. All of our items are \$1.00.

~ **Breakfast:** In the mornings, we will have breakfast items available for all of our students in the Student Lounge. Studies have shown that breakfast improves student focus and reduces absenteeism. We want all of our students to start the day in the right way with a healthy breakfast in their bellies.

Grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip information: The second payment of \$100.00 is due on November 25th. Cashless Schools will be open from November 12th until midnight on November 25th in order for you to make your second payment of \$100.00. We need to remind all parents/guardians that we pay an outside travel company and therefore we need to abide by the payment schedule.

Hot lunch:

Monday – Remembrance Day – no school for students.

Wednesday – Chicken poppers with parmesan bread sticks and a fresh apple/orange for \$5.00

Friday – Pizza by the slice \$3.00

The SRC hands out the hot lunches based upon the list provided to them from Cashless Schools. Please remind your child that if there is ever a problem with the hot lunch to always come to the office. We never want a child to go hungry throughout the day.

Save the date...

Monday, November 11th is Remembrance Day – there is no school.

“Movemberfest” is from November 12th – 15th. What is Movember? It is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men’s health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men’s suicide. Since most of our students are unable to grow a moustache; we would love if you could donate toward the prevention of cancer. We are going to donate from our staff “Dress Down” day on Friday and we ask that students donate when they go to enjoy intramurals. All events will be organized by our Student Representative Council. Listen to the announcements daily for trivia and activities.

Ten of our grade 8 students will be going to Harbour View High School on Thursday, November 14th for a day of engagement in Humanities. We will be sending permission slips home with the ten students tomorrow.

On Monday, November 18th the first home report cards for the year go home with your child.

There are NO classes for students on Friday, November 22, 2019. This is a day for Parent/Guardian/Student interviews in the morning and Professional Learning for staff in the afternoon.

Jersey Day in Canada is on Thursday, November 21st, 2019! It is a national day to show support and love for sport by wearing a jersey.

- **Please always listen to announcements for any and all updates. We also post our announcements on our website.**
- **Athletics and Activities:**
 - ~ Badminton Club – on Monday evenings for grade 6 students from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm with Mr. Stuart.
 - ~ Badminton is this week, the schedule is posted or ask Mrs. Graham, Ms. Pattison or Mr. Stuart.
 - ~ The school musical this year will be *Aladdin* – casting will begin this week.
 - ~ The Ski/Snowboard Club will begin the first week of January, 2020. Any questions or concerns, please ask Mr. Stuart.
 - ~ This Friday we will have our first Open Gym after school from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm for all students. Please ensure you are here to pick your child up at 4:00 pm. If there are any questions, please ask Ms. Ferguson. This will be a great way to stay active over the winter months.

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

“We pay a price when we deprive children of the exposure to the values, principles, and education they need to make them good citizens.” ~ Sandra Day O’Connor ~

