



## *Lightning News for November 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.*

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of November is in three parts: 1. Courage, 2. Mental Fitness, and 3. Movember.

*“The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.”*

*~ Oprah Winfrey~*

We want to take the opportunity to welcome two new staff members, we have two new Educational Assistants starting with us on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to Ms. Rebecca Harris and Ms. Laura Moore- Simpson.

A very huge “thank you” to all of you who have donated to our sock drive, “Socktober” has been a great success, our display case is almost full. We will continue with the sock drive until Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The WE group will donate all the socks to the homeless in Saint John. Thank you again for your generous donations.

*~ Please note – there is no school for students on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> this is a professional learning day for staff. Also, there is no school on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> this is a holiday for Remembrance Day.*

*~ Our school based Remembrance Assembly will be on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30 a.m. We will have a guest speaker and our school choir will be performing. Please take the opportunity to attend our assembly to honour and remember all those who fought for our freedom.*

Please for the safety of our students, your children, abide by the signs posted in the school yard. Please drop off and pick up your child at the student drop off/pick up area. More and more cars are coming up to the front doors and this obstructs the buses in the morning and after school. We would appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

It is chilly outside, especially in the morning! Take the opportunity to ensure your child is dressed properly; a winter jacket, hat, gloves or mittens to keep warm. We do not want anyone freezing while waiting at the bus stop or being outside in the morning and at lunch.

Please remember that we are both NUT FREE and SCENT FREE. Both nuts and scents can send a person with this particular allergy into anaphylactic shock. Students have been

bringing their Halloween candy to school; just remember no nuts please. Every Barnhill student learned about food allergies and anaphylaxis at our Celebrate assembly last month, we all need to be respectful of others and our school environment.

### The Power of Positive Thought!

Positive psychology is the scientific study of what makes us who we are. The strengths and virtues that enable us as individuals and communities to thrive. To put it simply it is a study of what is “Right” with us and working with those strengths.

<http://gr8synergy.com/index.php/positive-psychology/>

The grade 6 Math Benchmarks run from November 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. During this time our grade 6 students will be completing a series of summative assessments in Math.

Home Reports and Parent/Guardian/Student/Teacher Conferences: Your child will be receiving a home report for the first term on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. This report will indicate progress from September until November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep in mind that assessment will be reported using the 1-4 scale. Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. There is no school on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for students – this will be a professional learning morning and conference afternoon. The conferences will be set up by appointment. A letter of explanation will go home with the report card. Thank you.

**Hot lunch:** For this week only order for Monday and Wednesday, for next week only order for Wednesday and Friday.

Monday – Pasta with vegetables.

Wednesday – Baked chicken poppers with parmesan sticks, served with fruit and vegetables.

Friday – Cheese pizza – served with fruit and vegetables.

~ **Cashless schools-** we encourage parents/guardians to register at

<https://asds.schoolcashonline.com/>

### Athletics and Activities

~ Wow the first two months have certainly flown by at school. The students have had and continue to have many opportunities to get involved and stay involved with different clubs and or athletics. On a weekly basis we have Choir/Musical Group, Café Francais, Best Buddies, WE group, Student Council, G.S.A. We also have intramurals every day at noon hour. We have just begun our casting for our musical “Treasure Island” and before you know it, we will be having practices and the actual performance in the New Year. Students need to listen to our morning announcements very carefully in order to know what is going on at school. Studies have shown that students who are involved at some level with their school are much happier and feel more connected to their school community.

Badminton: Try-outs continue this week with our grade 6 students.

Ski and Snowboard Club: If you are interested in being part of this club and going to Poley Mountain on Tuesday evenings, please get your information in to Mr. Stuart A.S.A.P.

Student Council: Are working very diligently on all the activities and events for Movember week which will be from November 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. The students have organized trivia and noon activities.

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)

“Every child deserves a champion-an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”  
~ Rita Pierson ~

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson