



Lightning News for October 15th-18th.
Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

Hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving weekend. As was stated last week in our Lightning News, the enrollment in our English Prime classes has grown and we hired a new teacher. We want to welcome Ms. Kim Pattison. Some of the English Prime students will have this new schedule for Tuesday, October 15th 2019; this was so we could create smaller classes in order for the students to be more engaged in their learning. We know that change can be disruptive and ideally, we do not want any students to change classes after we have already started school, however, in this situation, it was necessary due to the increase in enrollment and the present classes were too large to continue. Thank you for your understanding and we will support your child during this change of schedule. If you as a parent/guardian of a child in these classes have any questions or concerns, please either email me jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca or call me at 658-5971. Thank you.

The theme for the month of October is respect and responsibility.

“Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that’s real power.” ~ Clint Eastwood ~

Please always be aware of school buses on the road with our very precious cargo. We will be reviewing with the students the expectations on and around the bus in order to keep them safe. We want our students to be able to ride the bus to and from school in a safe manner.

WE Day Atlantic: Madame Arbeau, Mrs. Blanchard and 25 of our student leaders will be attending WE Day in Halifax on Wednesday, October 16 – what an incredible experience for these students. Please see attached.

Robotics Club – This group of students with Mrs. Blagden will be attending a competition on Wednesday, October 16 – all the students participating have their permission slips.

We will be collecting socks for the entire month of October to donate to those in need. Our **Socktoberfest** display is really growing! Thank you for your support. These donations will certainly keep many feet warm throughout the winter months.

~ **Questions about homework and academic support** – Students have homework every night! Homework is an extension of what you have learned during the school day, it also gives you an opportunity to complete the schoolwork you did not complete. If as a student you have an assignment or project you need to complete, work on it, so it does not become an overwhelming task. Students need to read for at least twenty minutes every day either fiction or non-fiction, just to be engaged in the written word. Please practice math facts and the times table just so you know the basics. Review notes from your daily classes, so you are familiar with them and understand the content when it comes times to work on an assignment or write a test. If you are a student in French Immersion, watch French videos, read some French literature even watch a sports game in French. Every day of the week, we have interventions during our Foundations class. Teachers will be working with small groups of students in order to help them meet curricular outcomes throughout the entire school year. Check out our website, teachers have homework assignments listed. Teachers also provide academic help at lunchtime. All students are aware of this and always eligible to participate in this program with their teachers. If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

~ **Café Français:** October 25, 2019 at lunch in Madame Lise's class, this program gives students the opportunity to participate in the rich French culture by participating in French conversation, French cuisine and French history. There is one rule – you only speak French!

~ **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. We do not want any of our students hungry throughout the day.

~ Attendance is very important and we want your child here at school to learn, however, if your child is ill or does have to miss a day of school for any reason, please use the safe arrival program:

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

~ **Smile** ~ Picture re-takes are Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

Grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip information: The sale of the calendars are going very well, the students have really taken to this fundraiser, and we ordered 1000 calendars and all the calendars are in circulation. If we require more calendars, we can certainly get them once we have all the money and ticket stubs from the students for the calendars they have sold. The deadline for this fundraiser is October 28, which is when the first payment \$200.00 is due for the trip.

Payment schedule: It is preferred that you make your payments on Cashless Schools.

First payment of \$200.00 on October 28 – Cashless will open on October 15 and close at midnight on October 28. You have that window to make the payment.

If you prefer to make the total payment of \$690.00, you may do it before October 28. If you choose the pay in installments, please follow the payment plan.

Second payment – November 25 - \$100.00, Cashless will be open from November 12 to midnight on November 25.

Third payment – January 20 - \$130.00, Cashless will be open from January 7 – 20 at midnight.

Fourth payment – February 24 - \$130.00, Cashless will be open from February 10 – 24 at midnight.

Fifth and final payment – March 30 - \$130.00, Cashless will be open from March 16 – 30 at midnight.

We use an outside travel company for this trip therefore; we have to abide to the payment schedule. The trip is a wonderful and enjoyable opportunity/adventure for the grade 8 students. We go from June 10 – 13, 2020. We will be having another meeting in the spring to provide you with more details.

Hot lunch:

Please pay on cashless schools...

~ **Cashless schools:** Barnhill Memorial School is a cashless school for many expenses that families incur during the school year. Payments will be made electronically for hot lunches, school fees, athletic fees, Barnhill swag such as shirts and hoodies, school trips, etc. We encourage parents/guardians to register at <https://asds.schoolcashionline.com/>

Monday – Pasta with a fresh apple/orange for \$4.00

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

The students really like the chicken poppers and parmesan bread sticks, we are going to stick with this lunch item for the time being. Thank you.

Friday – Cheese pizza with a fresh apple/orange for \$3.00

Save the date...

Babysitting Course – The dates for the course are October 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The students will begin at 3:10 p.m. and end at 4:55 p.m. Families are responsible to pick their children up at the school at 4:55 p.m.

October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. We will have our second P.S.S.C. meeting. All are welcome.

October 24th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. We will have our Halloween Dance \$5.00 at the door as well as our Spook Trail for \$2.00 a ticket.

- **Please always listen to announcements for any and all updates. We also post our announcements on our website.**
- **Athletics and Activities:**
 - ~ Soccer: Both teams have their schedules; the girls are playing here at Barnhill against River Valley Middle School. The boys are playing at Millidgeville North.
 - ~ Cross Country: There is a City and Districts meet at River Valley Middle School on Wednesday, October 16 – the meet starts at 4:00 p.m. All athletes are to be there by 3:40 p.m.

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Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson

“Respect is a two-way street, if you want to get it; you’ve got to give it.”