



Lightning News for October 22nd – 26th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of October is “The Energy of Respect.”

“Respect for the truth comes close to being the basis for all morality.” ~ Frank Hebert ~

We want to keep everyone safe! Therefore, we are practicing an “Evacuation Drill” on Tuesday, October 23rd. The students will be very safe as they walk over to St. Mark’s Church since we have created a RAINBOW crosswalk on our school property for the students to walk on. This crosswalk was an idea that came from our Health and Safety Committee due to the fact that cars and buses were not always aware of students as they walked across the driveway to the school. The painting was completed by members of our Best Buddies Group.

Teal Pumpkin Project: This project is about raising awareness of food allergies and promoting inclusion for all trick-or-treaters throughout the Halloween Season. At Barnhill since we are an inclusive school, we are part of this project and we have pencils to give out to our students.

The WE group is running a sock drive called **Socktoberfest:** We want to support our local shelters by providing socks to people in need as they prepare for winter. It is really easy to contribute! All you have to do is donate a new pair of socks (adults, children’s or even infants) to Barnhill Memorial School. Students can give the socks to their homeroom teacher. In the hall by the gym, we have a display case that we want to fill with socks. Once that display is filled, the WE group will bring all the socks to the local shelters here in Saint John.

Grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip: You have four days left for the fundraiser of the Kiwanis Calendars. Students are reminded that they must return their money and the slips for calendars to Mrs. Stewart during Foundations class. Please remember if you cannot sell your calendars, bring them back to Mrs. Stewart before Thursday, so another student may sell them. This fundraising event will be completed on Thursday, October 25th. **The first payment for this trip will be due on Monday, October 29th this payment will be \$200.00.** Any questions or concerns, please contact Madame Murrant at erin.murrant@nbed.nb.ca

Enrichment Day at Harbour View High School: We have a group of grade 8 students who will be attending the Phys.Ed. Enrichment day on Tuesday.

This year we are organizing for a group of our grade 6 and 7 students to go to Snider Mountain Ranch which is a French Second Language Camp. Madame VanSteege and Madame Taylor will be having a meeting this Wednesday at lunch for any students who are interested in going in June. Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Hot lunch: Do not forget to order for Monday, Wednesday and Friday on Cashless Schools.

Save the date...

October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Please note that we have changed our P.S.S.C. meeting to Tuesday evening, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in Room 30.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- Nominations and voting for our positions of chair person and secretary.
 - School Improvement Plan.
 - Communication between home and school.
 - November report cards and parent/student/teacher meetings.
 - Principal's report – upcoming events.
- ~ Adjournment~

October 24th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. 3 weeks of Wednesday classes - the Babysitting Course for \$45.00 plus HST. Register at www.lifestarttraining.com or see Mrs. Muise on Monday.

October 25th 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. Students are allowed to wear costumes to the dance, however, they are not allowed to wear masks. If they wear make-up they must still be identifiable to staff. The same expectation applies for guests. Student may sign in guests with Madame Carleton and/or Ms. Ferguson on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at breaks.

November 19th – The first report cards for the school year goes home.

~ Education is a joint venture between school and home. As we work with our students to help them learn about the world around them through the prescribed curriculum, we very much appreciate the support that parents and guardians give their children at home as they strive to reach their learning goals. The foundation of a school is the cooperation between the students, staff, parents/guardians and community. In our Foundations class we will check to ensure that students have their agenda; this is an excellent form of communication between home and school. Students are responsible for writing in their agenda; any upcoming events and or assignments. They are also to write down what they need to complete at home on a daily basis. While at home it is always great to check with your child to see if they have any homework (most teachers have homework websites), if your child does not have assigned homework get them to read, even read aloud to you or any other family/friends, have children go to

<http://www.french-games.net/> or PBSKids.org. Also a lot of our students love CoolMath. There are tons of fun and free educational websites for kids, just complete a google search and you will find plenty of resources. Happy learning.

Athletics and Activities: ~ We want to take this opportunity to celebrate and thank all of those involved in our fall sports; coaches, parents/guardians and our athletes.

~ Cross Country: Mrs. Graham and Mr. Edgecombe.

~ Soccer: Madame Van Steeg and Mr. Kyle.

* As we finish up the fall season, we want to remind everyone that we announce all games and events on our morning announcements and they are posted on our website.

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the cross country team on finishing second in the province at provincials this weekend. A shout out to Felicia Mortimer who finished first in the grade 6 girl's division. Way to go Lightning!!!

Ski and Snowboard Club: The deadline for returning the permission forms is November 2nd. In order for the club to run we need to have 30 participants. Over 40 permission forms were handed out; therefore, if you want to be part of the club, please return the form to Mr. Stuart. If you are interested in the club and have not received a form, please see Mr. Stuart. The deadline for paying the fees for the club is December 7th.

Badminton Club – This is for grade 6 students on Monday nights. The cost is \$2.00 a night for the first five nights. If you require a form, please see Mr. Stuart.

* **On Thursday, October 25th and Friday, October 26th**, I will be attending the Provincial Principals meetings in Fredericton. While I am gone, Madame Carleton, with the support of Mr. Edgecombe and Ms. McShane, will maintain the positive culture of the school.

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

“Respect is thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself or others.” ~ Unknown ~