



Lightning News for October 7th – 11th.
Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

Our enrollment is growing in our English Prime classes; therefore, we are in the process of hiring a new teacher and creating a new class. With this new teacher, it is our expectation that we will no longer have split classes and we will have a smaller composition of students in each class. The outcome will certainly be a positive one. However, in the process, we will have to move students to new classes and they will have a new schedule and some new teachers. The English Prime students will have this new schedule for Tuesday, October 15, 2019. 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.

“A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with freedom.” ~ Bob Dylan

Barnhill Memorial School is a PBIS School. What does that mean to be a PBIS School? Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, is a broad range of systematic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes in school communities while preventing problem behavior. The core principle of PBIS is that behavior is **taught, modelled** and **reinforced**. The PBIS framework strengthens the culture and climate of the learning and working environment of the school.

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

~ **Intervention:** Every day of the week, we will be concentrating on a different subject. Teachers will be working with small groups of students in order to help them meet curricular outcomes throughout the entire school year.

Teachers also provide academic help at lunchtime. All students are aware of this and always eligible to participate in this program with their teachers.

~ **Chess Club:** Wednesday at noon with Mrs. Muise.

~ **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.

~ 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.

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 sticks and a fresh apple/orange for \$5.00 ~
Please note we will monitor how popular this lunch item is at this price (our vendor has put the price up to \$5.00) and if it is not very popular we will change to a less expensive luncheon item.
Thank you.

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

Save the date...

“Into the Woods” – As a school we have been invited to Harbour View High School on Wednesday, October 9th for the showing of “Into the Woods.” The tickets are \$5.00 a student. This is to be paid on Cashless Schools and we will be using student fees to pay for the transportation. It is very important that all students pay their student fees and if they want to attend the play, the \$5.00 for the ticket must be paid. Any student who does not purchase a ticket will not attend. The student will stay at school and do academic work.

October 8th at 5:30 p.m. We will have our first meeting for the Grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip. We encourage all students and their parents/guardians to attend this meeting. This is an extremely important meeting for anyone who plans to go to Quebec in June. We will also introduce our first fundraising campaign for the school year.

October 11th We will have a CELEBRATE Assembly. These assemblies are organized by our Student Representative Council. We will also have an Allergy Awareness at this assembly. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend this assembly will be the last class of the day.

October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. ~ Please note the change of date ~ We will have our second P.S.S.C. meeting. Mrs. Christy Cunningham is our Chair person, we will be voting for a Secretary at this meeting. All are welcome.

WE Day Atlantic – Members of our Student Representative Council have an opportunity to attend WE Day in Halifax at the Scotiabank Centre on Wednesday, October 16th with Madame Arbeau and Mrs. Blanchard. Permission slips have been sent home. The students and faculty advisors will be leaving the school on Tuesday, October 15th by chartered bus, spending the night in Halifax and returning after the WE Day event on Wednesday, October 16th. This will be an incredible experience for these young leaders.

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 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 refer to our school magnet for school functions and holiday/PL days. Every child was given a magnet in September, however, if you do not have one and would like one, we have them in our office.

- In January, 2020 Barnhill Memorial School will be hosting a career day. We are looking for any family members who will be willing to share a glimpse into their career or trade. If this is something that will be of interest to you, please contact Mrs. Muise.

- **Please always listen to announcements for any and all updates. We also post our announcements on our website.**

- **Athletics and Activities:**

~ Soccer: The girls play Monday at River Valley and on Wednesday they play against PES here at Barnhill. The boys play on Tuesday here at Barnhill against River Valley and on Thursday against PES.

~ Cross Country: There is a practice on Tuesday until 3:45 p.m.

~ Best Buddies group will be starting this month. The Best Buddies group recycles, so please put all your containers in the recycle bins, so Best Buddies may return these items for profit. Best Buddies are planning to build a greenhouse in collaboration with our Barnhill beautification group.

~ There are certainly always great things happening at Barnhill. Please if you want to volunteer in any manner, just let us know, you are always welcome.

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

Have a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving, Monday October 14, 2019 is a holiday.

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson

“We don’t need to share the same opinions as others, but we need to be respectful.”

~ Taylor Swift ~