



*Lightning News for September 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.*  
Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of September is development of citizenship

“...we all have an obligation as citizens of this earth to leave the world a healthier, cleaner, and better place for our children and future generations.” ~ Blythe Danner ~

**The school day starts at 8:20 a.m. Supervision in the school yard begins at 7:50 a.m.**

**Dismissal is 3:00 p.m.**

**Please remember we are a closed campus. Students are not permitted to go to stores and fast food establishments unless they are signed out in the office and accompanied by a parent/guardian.**

We work very diligently to keep our school environment safe for everyone. Please remind your child if they are having a problem at school to either talk to a teacher or an administrator in private. It is always best to use your words in order to work out any conflicts. We cannot have students hitting each other, even in self-defense. There will be consequences for this kind of behavior; therefore we strongly suggest that students and parents/guardians work with the staff to ensure the safety of everyone.

~ **Communication with Staff:** All staff members attempt to be accommodating and as accessible as possible. There are times in which both administrators and teachers are not available to speak to you immediately. First thing in the morning is usually very busy and not an opportune time to speak. We ask that you call the school to book an appointment, main office is 658-5393.

Ms. Ferguson 658-5971

Madame Carleton 658-5972

Another option is to email the staff member in which you would like to speak with. In your child's agenda is a list of all of their teachers with the emails.

~ **We will be practicing a Fire Drill this week. We review all of our emergency procedures such as lock downs and evacuations with our students to ensure they are always safe and prepared.**

~ **Attendance Matters:** Being present and on time impacts positively on learning. Good attendance helps to build habits that will last a lifetime and transfer to life beyond public education. We want your children here so they can learn.

~ **We are a Scent Free School:** We are asking all families to be sensitive to the fact that both students and staff are affected by strong scents. These scents can trigger a severe allergic reaction. Students and staff are not to wear cologne, perfume, hair products, cream, etc. that emit a strong scent. We do not want anyone having an allergic reaction because of someone having and or using a strong scent.

~ **We are also Nut Free:** We have students and staff who are severely allergic to nuts and nut products. Barnhill Memorial School will attempt to make the school as allergy safe as possible, however, we need your help! Please do not send these foods to school.

~ **Agenda:** We are asking that you as the parent/guardian support the use of agendas. This is a wonderful life skill that will teach your child to become more organized. It is also a brilliant communication tool. Students are expected to write their homework and other special events in their agenda. We ask that parents/guardians sign the agenda, therefore, we are aware that you at home have been informed as to what is going on with your child at school. Teachers will review the agenda and daily expectations with our students in our Foundations class.

~ **Homework is important:** All students have homework every day. Please read every night for at least 20 minutes. Practice your Math skills, watch French T.V. to practice your oral skills. Also complete any and all assignments that have been assigned to you by your teachers. These assignments will be listed by the student in their agenda. If you are struggling, teachers have tutoring sessions at lunch. Students need to communicate with their teachers.

~ **Bolt:** Barnhill Memorial School will continue with our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) called BOLT. Each of the letters in BOLT are components of this plan.

B = Being respectful

O = Owning your learning

L = Living safely

T = Taking responsibility

Students will be reminded of the expectations in our school community. We want to focus on the positive with our students and catch them doing the right thing. Students will be given Bolt Ballots by the staff and have the opportunity to win prizes on a weekly basis.

## 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](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)

We have a lost and found bin outside the front doors of the gym. This bin is starting to fill up! Please remind your child to take a look in the bin if they are missing an item. We always remind our students to use their lockers and locks to ensure that all of their personal belongings are kept safe.

Picture Day ~ Smile ~ all students and staff will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on Wednesday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** retakes will be in October. We are using Harvey's Studios for our pictures and our year book.

**Hot lunch:** Please pack a lunch for school until October. In accordance with Policy 711 the provincial policy regarding healthy eating habits at school we will be organizing our hot lunch program. To purchase hot lunch, cashless school will be the only method utilized. There will be no exchanging of cash.

~ **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/>

### Save the date...

- **Grade 7 Immunization:** The Nurses from Horizon Health will be in on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to administer the immunizations to our students. Grade 7, please get your forms in. Just give them to your homeroom teacher.
  - The first P.S.S.C. Meeting will be tonight, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Room 30.
  - **Terry Fox Walk:** This very important event will take place on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. our entire school will walk for Terry. This walk has been organized by our Best Buddies Team. In order support the on going research in cancer and the Terry Fox foundation; we are asking for donations. If every student could bring in a toonie for Terry that would be wonderful. Just give the toonie to your homeroom teacher. Thank you for the support.
- **Athletics and Activities:**  
~ Fall sports have begun...the girls soccer team has been posted and the team members have met with Mme. Van Steeg to get their schedule for the season.

~ The third and final try-out for boys soccer will be on Monday from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

~ Cross country practices will be Monday and Wednesday for this week. The practice will start right after school and end at 3:45 p.m.

~ If you are interested in becoming a cadet, there will be an information session on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after school in room 28.

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)

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson

“You are a citizen, and citizenship carries responsibilities.” ~ Paul Collier ~