



Lightning News for September 24th – 28th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for September is “Development of Citizenship.”

“Citizenship is a tough occupation which obliges the citizen to make his/her own informed opinion and stand by it.” ~ Martha Gellhorn ~

September is just flying by and we want to encourage all of our learners to remain focused. Enjoy the events and activities. Develop yourself holistically, appreciate the journey and create opportunities to achieve your goals throughout this school year.

Foundations class is our first class in the morning. This is a time for all of our students to become organized and on track for the day. In October we will be commencing with both interventions and enrichment opportunities for our students.

Mobile Library with our Librarian, Mrs. Wendy Ricketts we have set up a library that is mobile, and this library will go from one class to the next with the latest editions of novels, graphic novels and non-fiction books for our student’s enjoyment and education.

You will hear both students and staff talk about Barnhill Memorial School being a WE school, a PBIS school and a restorative practice school...the following are the definitions, just to ensure everyone knows what we are talking about when we are describing our school.

WE school program provides educators and students curriculum, educational resources and a full calendar of action campaign ideas. Through WE schools students gain an understanding of the root causes of pressing issues like hunger, poverty and access to education, as they explore how they can make positive impacts. As a WE school we plan and carry out at least one local and one global action to improve our communities and the world. Madame Taylor and Madame Arbeau head up our WE school campaigns; just before the holidays we have our “Dodge Hunger” campaign in which all of our students have an opportunity to be involved in a tournament to support our local food bank. The students and staff will also be working on other campaigns, we will always provide you with the details so that you may become involved in our WE school.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in school to achieve, social, emotional and academic success. PBIS include preventative and responsive approaches for students to understand the expectations within their school environment. Our BOLT matrix supports our PBIS journey.

What are restorative practices? Restorative practices focus on the quality of relationships between all members of the school community. As a result, a more supportive learning environment enables healthy relationships and promotes positive mental health and responsible behavior. Restorative practices are rooted in restorative justice. They emphasize repairing the harm done to people and relationships, rather than punishing people.

By building more supportive learning environments and focusing on social-emotional learning, restorative practices can:

- Reduce social barriers to learning
- Engage more students
- Create a context for understanding and valuing diversity
- Nurture a sense of belonging
- Promote positive mental health

Hot lunch: Starting October 1st which is next Monday we would like to offer the convenience of hot lunch choices for \$3.00 per meal:

Monday will be pasta primavera with vegetables.

Wednesday will be chicken poppers, parmesan sticks and sliced apples.

Friday will be cheese pizza with a side of vegetables.

To obtain these hot lunch items, you are required to order online.

~ **Cashless schools-** We encourage parents/guardians to register at <https://asds.schoolcashionline.com/>

Athletics and Activities:

Cross Country with Mr. Edgcombe and Mrs. Graham has begun, the students have already been in one meet and did very well. The cost for being on the cross country team is \$10.00 and this includes one of our Barnhill water bottles. This fee can be paid in cash or online. We encourage our athletes to stay hydrated. The next meet is on Wednesday, September 26th at Forest Hills School.

Soccer with coaches Madame Van Steeg for the girls team and Mr. Kyle for the boys team has begun with practices and games. The girls played on Friday and won! The cost to be on the

soccer team is \$50.00 for the season, this fee covers tournaments, the officials, an upgrade to jerseys and of course water bottles for all of our athletes. This fee can also be paid online.

Student Council has already begun to organize for the Halloween Spook Trail and Dance for October 25th. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Best Buddies will have their first official meeting on Monday, September 24th at noon hour in the games room. The Best Buddy group is organizing our Terry Fox walk for Thursday. Best Buddies also runs our recycling program here at Barnhill. We encourage everyone to always put their cans and bottles in the appropriate container at school in order to recycle.

The teachers are now setting up their noon hour tutoring programs for extra help for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school to contact the teacher or email your child's teacher. In the agenda all teachers and schedules are listed, your child was strongly encouraged to fill out this information so there is no confusion as to who your child has educating them.

News and information for our grade 8 students:

Our students have a very exciting and enriching opportunity of attending high school for a day. ~ On Tuesday, September 25th we have ten grade 8 students going to Harbour View High School. This will be a full day of education based upon the Science curriculum. The students were selected through an interest survey process and other grade 8 students will have opportunities to attend based upon their survey and the curriculum being covered for the month at Harbour View throughout this school year.

We are organizing to have our first information evening for the Quebec trip in early October. We will discuss the itinerary and fund raising opportunities. Stay tuned for the exact date in October.

Save the date:

Monday, September 24th is student vote day. All students of Barnhill will be participating in a mock election. The students will have an opportunity to vote for one of the five candidates in the Saint John Lancaster riding.

On **Wednesday, September 26th** our grade 7 students will be administered vaccinations. Parents/guardians must return their child's immunization form even if they do not wish for their child to be vaccinated. There are two places on the form for a signature. Nurses from Horizon N.B. will be set up in our lunch room.

Please return your envelope for pictures on **Wednesday, September 26th**. If you would like to have a re-take, the photographer will be back on Wednesday, October 17th.

Terry Fox Walk is **Thursday, September 27th at 11:30 a.m.** this is being organized by our Best Buddies group. We encourage everyone to bring in a "toonie for Terry" to support cancer research.

Friday, September 28th is **Orange Shirt Day**. This day commemorates the residential school experience, it honors the healing journey of the survivors and their families. This day is a commitment to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

Thank you to all the volunteer who attended our September P.S.S.C. meeting, our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Please refer to your fridge magnet for all holidays and school events. If you do not have a magnet, you can certainly pick one up in the office.

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

“We have created a society where individual rights and freedoms, compassion and diversity are core to our citizenship. But underlying that idea of Canada is the promise that we all have a chance to build a better life for ourselves and our children.”

~ Justin Trudeau~

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson