



Lightning News for September 9th – 13th. Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of September is communication.

“Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity, we can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.” ~ Yehuda Berg ~

We are starting our second week of school with our students, please remind your children to always listen to the morning announcements, so they stay informed at school.

We certainly hope that everyone is safe after the storm on Saturday! We, unfortunately lost three of our trees in our school yard. The ground crew are working very diligently to clean up the trees and we will have our Barnhill Beautification group plant some new trees. In the meantime, please remind your children that they are not to play on the trees and branches that are on the ground. It is very unsafe!

Student Fee and Lockers: Cashless Schools is up and running for all grade levels - please take the opportunity to pay the student fee of \$35.00 to help cover the cost of co-curricular events, presentations, supplies for special projects and transportation for field trips. Please make your payment on cashless schools. All students who attend Barnhill Memorial School are to use a school issued lock on their locker. Please encourage your child not to share their combination, lockers are for the students to keep their personal belongings. All grade 6 students, and new to the school students, will be issued a school lock with the student fee. All other students are to have their lock in order to lock their locker and keep their belongings safe. If a student does not have their lock; it is \$7.00 to get a new lock.

Attendance Matters:

- Students who attend school regularly...
 - ~ Do better academically.
 - ~ Feel more connected to their school.
 - ~ Develop work habits that last a life time.
- Being on time also makes a huge difference...
 - ~ If a student is 10 minutes late every day, they miss approximately 30 hours of instruction in a school year.

~ School starts at 8:20 a.m. Supervision in our school yard starts at 7:50 a.m.

If your child will not be attending for the day due to illness etc. please follow the ASD-S program below. Thank you.

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

Picture Day ~ Smile ~ all students and staff will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on Wednesday, **September 18th**. Retakes will be in October, we will certainly let you know the exact date when we get closer to the month of October.

Hot lunch: Please pack a lunch for school until September 30th. Hot lunch will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, it is to be purchased through cashless school.

Canteen: We have a student led canteen that is open every day at lunch – from 12:10 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. This canteen is available for all of our students; we sell healthy snacks and healthy drinks. All items are \$1.00.

Electronic Devices: Students are only to use their electronic devices before school, at lunch and after school. They are not to use them during instructional time. When your child is using their device, they are not to take pictures or videos of other students or staff in the school. Please if you have to contact your child, call the office 658-5393. Students are to have their phones locked in their locker and not with them during the instructional time.

Breaks and being prepared for class: Students have breaks between every class in which they have time to go to the washroom, socialize and get their belongings for the next class. The only items students are to bring to class are writing utensils, books, paper and items requested by the teacher. Students are NOT to bring their electronic devices, outside jackets/coats, toys, backpacks or cinch bags. Students may bring a cinch bag to Phys. Ed. Class to keep their gym clothes and sneakers in.

All students are expected to be in their class and ready to learn once the bell has rung for each and every class.

- **Grade 7 Immunization:** The immunization will take place on Thursday, September 26th with our nurses from Horizon Health. Please return the forms to your grade 7 homeroom teacher this week.

- The first **P.S.S.C. Meeting** will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Room 28, our new meeting room. Thank you to everyone who signed up for volunteering in our school, we love having volunteers to help out with all of our students.

Athletics and Activities:

~ Our first dance for the school year will be on Thursday, September 19th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. It is \$5.00 at the door. We love having parent volunteers to come help with the canteen during the dance, to take the payments at the door and to even chaperone. You can call or email Ms. Ferguson and let her know that you would like to come to the dance to help out. If Barnhill students would like to sign a guest in from another middle school, they are to do this with either Ms. Ferguson or Madame Carleton in the office at breaks or at lunch. Thank you.

~ The first girls soccer tryout will be on Monday, September 9th after school from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The first boys soccer tryout will be on Tuesday, September 10th after school from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please ensure your child has a way home at 4:30 p.m.

Any questions or concerns contact Madame Vansteeg kaitlin.vansteeg@nbed.nb.ca for the girls team and Mr. Kyle tom.kyle@nbed.nb.ca for the boys team.

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