Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

 February 13th – 17th.

**The theme for February is “Kindness.”**

**“It’s cool to be kind.” ~ Unknown ~**

**“Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.” ~ Maya Angelou ~**

**This week is Staff Appreciation week:** There is a tremendous amount of work that is done by all staff: teachers, EA’s, bus drivers, custodians and administrative assistants. We want to recognize that. This week is a celebration to share in and recognize all the important work that goes on to support our students and the school community. The PSSC, Administration and the Swellness Committee will be providing, gifts, snacks, and lunches to all our “fabulous” staff. Please enjoy! We appreciate you!

From February 13th -24th is the **Take Me Outside Winter Challenge!** This is to promote learning outdoors. Students with their teachers will have classes outside and can learn in a winter wonderland.

We always take the opportunity to highlight our students on the great things they are doing here at school. This week we are sharing information about grade 8 O’Brien/Arbeau. This class has been learning about media bias and are working hard on the first edition of “Barnhill Times.” In Phys. Ed. the students have been learning how to dribble, ball handle, pass and shoot. This group of students have been amazing in class, and everyone is always working at their best. Mr. O’Brien would like to extend to the class the very best as they transition to their new homeroom teacher, Madame Arbeau and he says he will miss the class.

February is Black History Month: The theme for Black History Month is “Ours to Tell.” This month is a time to learn more about Canadian stories and many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their community have made to the history and continued growth of our country.

National Flag of Canada Day is this Wednesday, February 15th. This marks 58 years of the Canadian flag! We want our students to learn about the fascinating history behind the Canadian flag. Dress in red and white on Wednesday and take the opportunity to learn more about our flag that is characterized by a maple leaf. To learn more information, please ask questions at jourdudrapeau-flagday@pch.gc.ca

The “Barnhill Blitz” is going very well. We will continue to focus on positive behaviour throughout the school day and the students will have opportunities to win prizes on a weekly basis for doing the right thing. The focus is on “preparedness”, being on time for class, with your writing utensil and books.

We have a breakfast program every morning, students can retrieve a healthy food item to start their day.

We have a student led Canteen on Fridays at lunch. All items are sold for $1.00 - $2.00.

All students in middle school are completing a science project: **All projects are due on Monday, February** **13th, 2023**. Students have a choice of a trifold, Power Point or display of their choice. We are sure that with all the hard work the students put into their science projects the results will be fabulous. Students who do very well, will have the opportunity to enter in the District Science Fair.

Art Club is now every Tuesday in the Art Room at lunch.

French Immersion language comprehension enhancement program is available for our students until March 30th. Mr. O’Brien and Mr. Cucinelli will be facilitating the “The Good for Kids” program right here in our school, to support students with their comprehension and understanding of French.

**Athletics and Activities:**

**Basketball:**

**Monday: Girls’ game at MNS.**

**Tuesday: Boys’ game here vs. MNS.**

**Wednesday: Girls’ practice from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Thursday: Boys’ game here vs FHS.**

**All games begin at 4:00 p.m.**

**~ Any questions, please ask Mrs. Graham.**

**Ms. Dennis would like to take the opportunity to thank all the talented students who auditioned for the production of “Alice.” Casting will be given out on Monday at lunch in Room 30.**

**On the Horizon:**

**Pink Shirt Day: We will be selling T-shirts. Pink shirt day is on Wednesday, February 22nd. It is an anti – bullying day, a day to inspire kindness, empathy and understanding. We will be selling T-shirts next week for $5.00 each.**

**On Friday, February 24th there will be a full assembly for the school to celebrate Black History month, the Barnhill Blitz and some students will be awarded prizes from the Legion poster and essay contest.**

**Please encourage your child to listen to announcements for all updates. Have your child write in their agenda the things that are important to them.**

Thank you,

From all the staff at Barnhill Memorial School