Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

 February 6th – 10th.

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

**“Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give.” ~ Unknown ~**

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 7 Allen. In Personal Wellness students are researching and presenting strategies to support their mental health.

In Science the students have been working on their Science Fair projects which are due on Monday, February 13th.

February is Black History Month: The theme for Black History Month is “Ours to Tell” which represents an opportunity to engage in open dialogue and a commitment to learning more about stories in the black communities of Canada. To share in information about the histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs. These stories shape our Canadian history.

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. On Friday(s) they receive a free canteen treat!

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: Students have been working very hard on their weekly tasks for their science projects since December 6th. Ideally students should be gathering and interpreting results in the schedule at this point, as projects are due on Monday, February 13th, 2023. Students have a choice of a trifold, Power Point or display of their choice. Please see Microsoft Teams for weekly assignments /resources session or speak to your science teacher for any additional details.

Art Club is every Wednesday in the Art Room at lunch.

Auditions for Barnhill’s production of “Alice” will be taking place on Tuesday for Grade 8, Wednesday, for Grade 7, and Thursday for Grade 6. If you didn’t pick up an information & permission sheet from Ms. Dennis, please do so before audition day!

The Valentine’s Day Dance is this Thursday, February 9th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. It is $5.00 at the door. Students may sign in a guest from another middle School with administration at lunch or breaks.

* We always appreciate having volunteers here at our dances for chaperoning and helping with the canteen. Thank you.

Grade 8 High School registration: All grade 8 students will receive their high school registration form on Monday, February 6th. The form is to be returned to the homeroom teacher by Thursday, February 9th, 2023, no later than 12:00 noon. More information about the registration process can be found in the High School Registration handbook found on the ASD-S website.

**Staffing:** Madame Holland is out for the next 6 weeks; we have Mr. Alexander Cucinelli who will be teaching all these classes.

Madame Arbeau is completing her maternity leave and will be re-joining us on Monday, February 13th. We are going to take the opportunity to say goodbye to Mr. O’Brien on Friday, February 10th.

**Athletics and Activities:**

**Basketball:**

**Monday: Girls’ game here vs PES.**

**Tuesday: Boys’ game @ PES.**

**Wednesday: Girls’ game here vs. Bayside.**

**Thursday: Boys’ game vs Bayside at TD Station.**

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

**On the Horizon: February 13th – 17th is “Staff Appreciation Week.”**

**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.**

**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