Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

**Lightning News for the week of January 29th – February 3rd.**

**The theme for the month of January is “Mindfulness.”**

**“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” ~ Aristotle ~**

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

**“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.” ~ The Dalai Lama ~**

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 6 Blanchard. In Music the students have been enjoying matching the sounds to the instruments and even guessing the sounds of a few instruments that they have never heard before, for example, the Didgeridoo. They have been having fun and are learning more about different instruments by playing Instrument Bingo and Instrument Charades.

In Science the students have not only been working on their Science Fair project but also learning about light. How light is extremely useful for all areas of life and how we use light to see visual information.

Very important information for parents/families of grade 8 students who are going on the Quebec Cultural Trip in June. Mrs. Muise has sent out a letter of information. We had a meeting last Tuesday and provided all those present with many details regarding the trip. Remember if you have an idea about fundraisers and would like to help out, or if you have any questions regarding the trip, please contact Mrs. Muise at liza.muise@nbed.nb.ca

 The PBIS (Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports) initiative called the “Barnhill Blitz” is going very well despite the two days we had for storm days. We are continuing the initiative in Homeroom and Personal Wellness we will be focusing 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.

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.

This Thursday at lunch there will be an important information session for students interested in this year’s Drama Production. Please meet in Room 30 at 12:10 p.m. and please bring your lunch.

Student Council will meet on Friday in Mrs. Seales classroom at 12:10 p.m. Please bring your lunch.

**February is Suicide Prevention Month in New Brunswick.** Let’s rally together on Friday, February 3rd and wear yellow in support of suicide prevention.

**Athletics and Activities:**

**Basketball:**

**Monday: Girls’ basketball game at Sam de Cham.**

**Tuesday: Boys’ basketball game here versus Sam de Cham.**

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

**Thursday: Boys’ practice from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Reminder to parents/guardians that payment to play on either team for the basketball can be made on cashless school. $60.00 for girls’ team and $100 for the boys, this payment is due immediately.**

**On the Horizon: The Valentine’s Day Dance will be Thursday, February 9th. It will be $5.00 at the door and students may sign in guests from another middle school.**

**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 let you know when the shirts are available to purchase. Thank you.**

**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