Lightning News for June 7th – 11th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of June is “Perseverance.”

“Education is something we have to keep pursuing day after day.” ~ Premier Brian Gallant ~

It is that time of year again that we are starting to plan for the next school year and completing this school year in a positive manner (please note the year -end activities at the end of this newsletter). This has certainly been a unique year with many opportunities for being creative; as we move forward, we have an artistic challenge for our students. We are ordering new agendas for the 2021-2022 school year, and we would like student artwork on the cover. Therefore, we are setting up a competition for the students ~ to discover their artistic side and design an agenda cover. Please create a cover for the agenda, submit it in the envelope in the office. Mrs. Stevenson will have the envelope! The Core Leadership team will judge the entries and a **“winner”** will be announced by the end of the day on Monday, June 14th. Good luck to everyone, we look forward to your entries. It will be wonderful to have the artwork of a student on our agendas.

We strongly encourage everyone to bring a water bottle to use at school. With the warmer weather and outdoor activities, we want everyone to stay hydrated. We have numerous water coolers and fountains in the school for students and staff to use to fill their water bottles.

June is Pride month in Canada. This is a time when we celebrate diversity and LGBTQ communities, acknowledge their history, the hardships they have endured, and the progress that has been made. We want to thank Ms. Sloat, Ms. Harris and Madame Murphy for providing opportunities for the GSA to meet in person on Friday mornings during Foundations. It has been an interesting year, and with your resilience and determination you have kept this group thriving.

This Friday, June 11th and next Friday, June 18th we will have hot lunch, we will not have hot lunch available the last day of school on June 25th. The pizza is $5.00 for two slices, please pay on Cashless Schools.

We just want to take the opportunity to say that both the breakfast program and the Friday canteen program are student led and student run. These programs would not operate in our school if it were not for the leadership of our students! Thank you to our student leaders who do get involved as a school community, we appreciate you!

**Lost and found:** The lost and found box is in the office and it is filled with jackets, sweaters, hats, shoes etc. We just want everyone to know that whatever is left in the box at the end of June is donated to the “clothes closet” at Hillcrest Church for charity.

**Wednesday, June 9th is “Student Appreciation” Day**. We want to thank Madame VanSteeg for all her hard work in organizing and scheduling this day. We want all our students to be able to participate in a safe manner. Each class bubble will be involved in outdoor field day events and activities. There will be celebrations and refreshments for the students! This is sure to be a fun day of outside adventure! Do not forget your sunscreen, hat and sunglasses.

**On the Horizon:**

On Monday, June 21st we will have the Honorable Dorothy Sheppard at our school as a guest, she will be presenting the 15 Citizenship Awards to our 15 deserving students, from each class bubble. Congratulations!

On Wednesday, June 23rd we will be presenting 5 different prestigious awards to our grade 8 students. The awards will be presented to students for their leadership, citizenship, resiliency and school spirit. Parents/guardians of the recipients will be informed prior to the presentation. This event will be videotaped and shared with our school community.

Hats off to the grade 8 class of 2021! We will be having our “Moving Up” ceremony on Thursday, June 24th. The ceremony will be celebrated by class bubble. Each student leaving Barnhill Memorial School and moving up to high school will walk across the stage and receive a **Moving Up** certificate and can enjoy some refreshments and sign each other’s yearbook, while enjoying the interpersonal interactions in their class bubble for the end of the 2021 school year.

Year-end activities! We will continue with academics and academic outcomes until the final week of school…

Class Bubbles have organized different mini-trips and adventures, such as going to the Pumpkin Patch, going bowling or having a picnic in the park. The students in each class bubble have been organizing with their class bubble teacher what year-end activity they would like to complete the school year of 2021 in a fun and positive manner.

We have also hired the company “Drop Zone” to have all class bubbles play laser tag. This will take place on Monday, June 21st, Tuesday, June 22nd and Wednesday, June 23rd. To hire this company was a costly venture, yet one we felt was worthwhile; in order to augment the cost, we are charging each student $6.00, and this has been added to Cashless Schools. We do not want any students missing out on year-end events, so please return your slip and please abide to the criteria on the permission slip. Thank you.

June 25th is the final day of school. Students will receive their report cards on this day.

On June 25th there will be many opportunities for the class bubbles to view different videos that have been created. We will have the “Moving Up” ceremony, The awards for grade 8 and the Citizenship awards and of course the year-end video.

Over the next three weeks before school ends for summer vacation, we encourage and want to inspire our students to take action to promote kindness, self-care and to work at being wise. Try some of the following suggestions:

~ Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself.

~ When you feel you cannot do something, add the word “yet.”

~ Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times.

~ Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh.

~ See how many different people you can smile at today. Yes, we can certainly see smiles behind our masks – just look at the crinkles of our eyes!

In preparing for next year, we will be providing you with information and opportunities in our weekly Lightning Newsletter…

We will be sharing videos and PowerPoints of welcome for our elementary feeder schools and new students to Barnhill. It is our sincere hope that we return to more freedom in which we can gather in person in the Fall and celebrate our school and all we have to offer for the middle school experience.

Next week, we will provide you with information about Bus Planner and Student Busing information online for September 2021.

**International Host Families wanted:** Every year students from all over the world choose New Brunswick for a cultural and academic experience. Our school and home-stay program is a well-respected and well recognized program. Take the opportunity to become a host to an international student.

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Thank you.

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