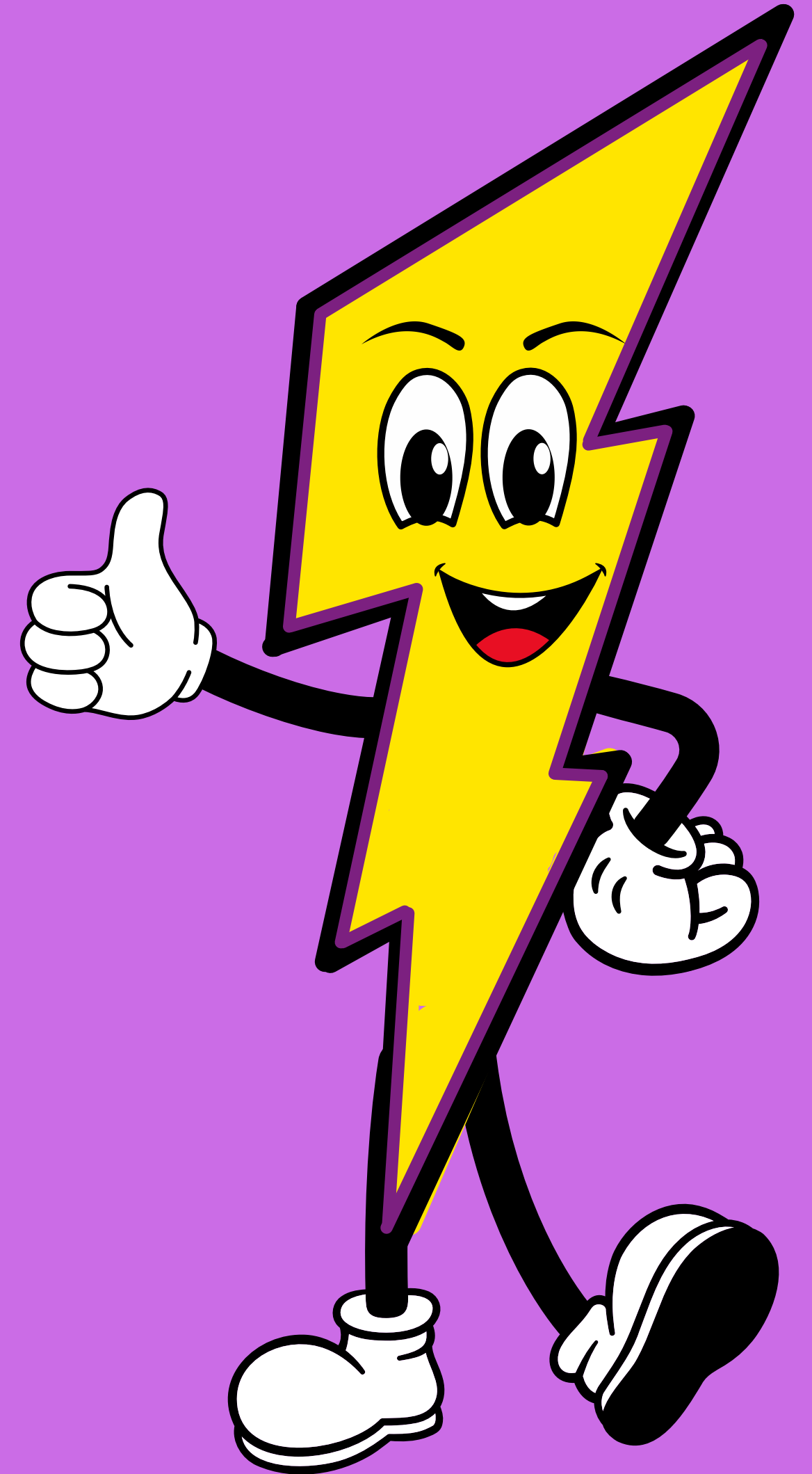


# LIGHTNING NEWS

February 10th- 14th



# SCHOOL WIDE INFORMATION

Through the month of February, we are tracking student preparedness.

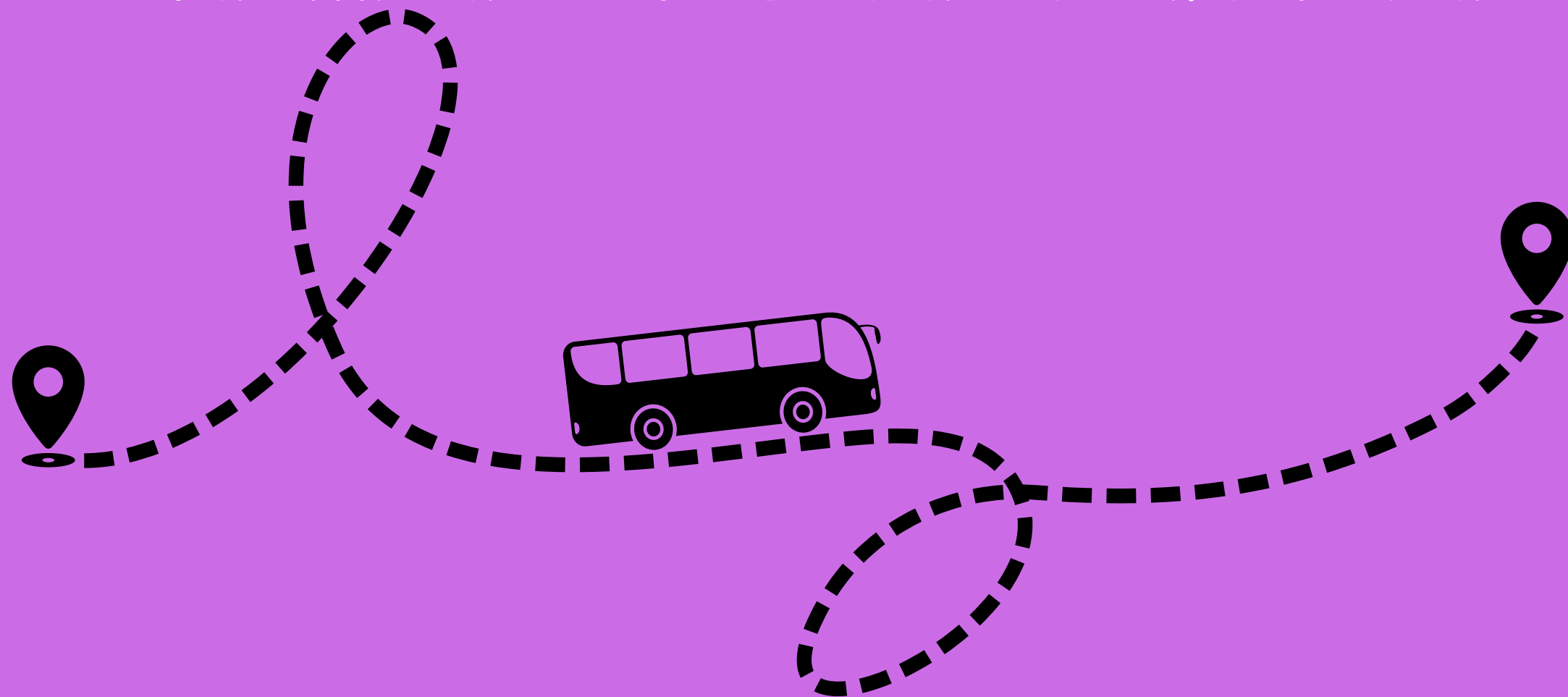
The expectation will be that students have their materials for their class and are prepared to learn at the bell. This will look different for each teacher and their routines. Each teacher will go over their expectations and have a list outside their class of materials students will need.



# VIRTUAL INFORMATION MEETING FOR GRADE 8 QUEBEC TRIP

A reminder to Grade 8 parents, there will be a virtual information meeting on Wednesday, February 12th at 6pm regarding the Quebec Trip in June.

An email invite will be sent out this weekend.



HAPPY

Valentine's  
Day



# ELECTRONICS POLICY

Barnhill has a strict no electronics policy at our school. Students are not to have their phones on them or out while on school property. Parents and guardians, can you please support us with this policy so your children can learn.



# SCENT POLICY

There is a scent reduced policy in all Anglophone South Schools. This means there should be no scents sprayed or used within the school environment unless it is a deodarant stick.



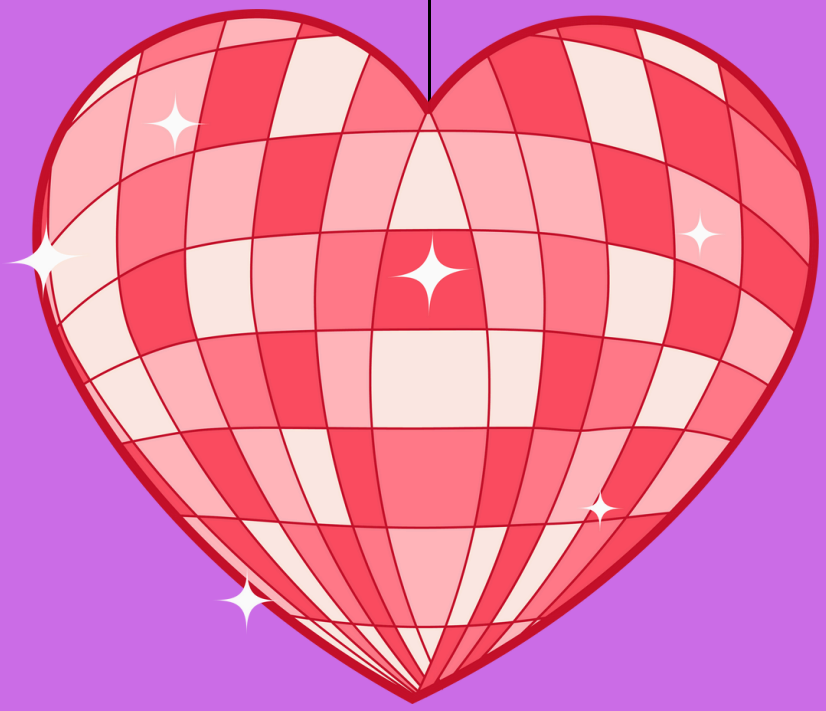
# STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK



This week, in all Anglophone South Schools, is Staff Appreciation Week!

Every day in education settings, teachers and school staff positively impact the lives of millions of children every day, and their work and impact extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

This week, remember to let a staff member at Barnhill know how much they mean to you.

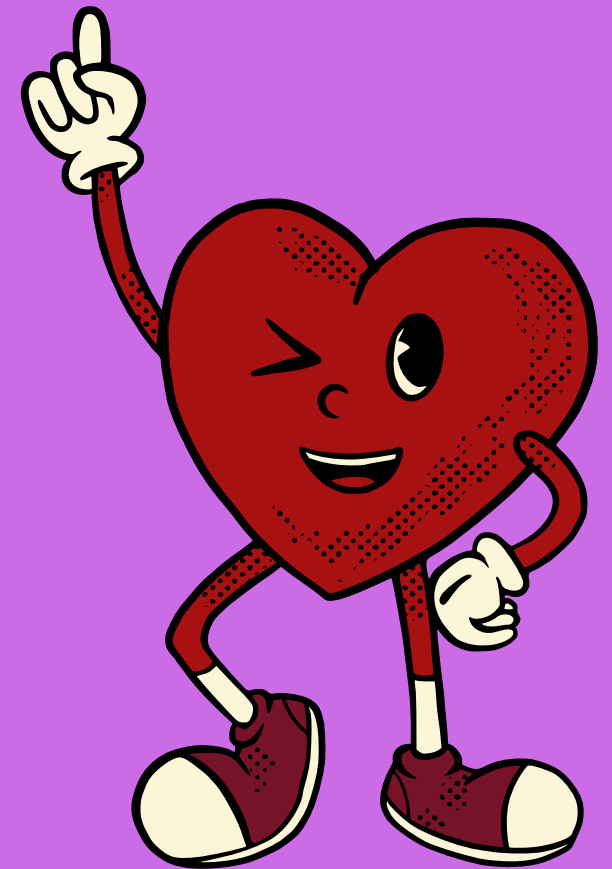


# VALENTINES DANCE

The school Valentine's Dance will be on February 13th from 6:30 - 8:30pm.

The cost is \$5 and there will be a canteen available.

If you want to sign in someone, please do so with Ms. Ferguson before noon on February 12th.



# SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

**Are you struggling and need someone to talk to?**

**Call 9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline offers 24/7/365 support.**

**KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868 or Text CONNECT to 686868**

**For information on other resources available in your region,  
call 211 or visit the website [bridgethegapp.ca](http://bridgethegapp.ca)**





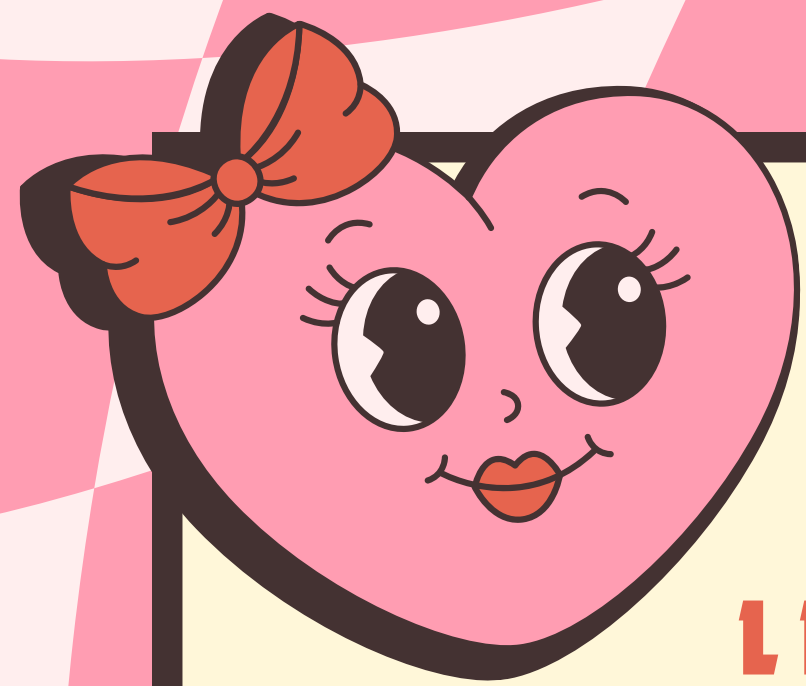
Canada



Mathieu DaCosta

## The First recorded Black man in Canada became a National Hero

- Back in the 1600s, an intelligent young man arrived on the shores of Canada. Well, what someday would be known as Canada. This man spoke and understood at least five different languages!
- He was also the first recorded Black person, or person of African heritage, to visit and live on this land.
- Mathieu's language skills were valuable and in demand. He worked with well-known French explorers like Samuel de Champlain and Pierre Dugua de Mons. Which meant he was part of many trade and exploration expeditions (or journeys).
- As an interpreter, he would translate languages for explorers and First Nations people in New France (Quebec).



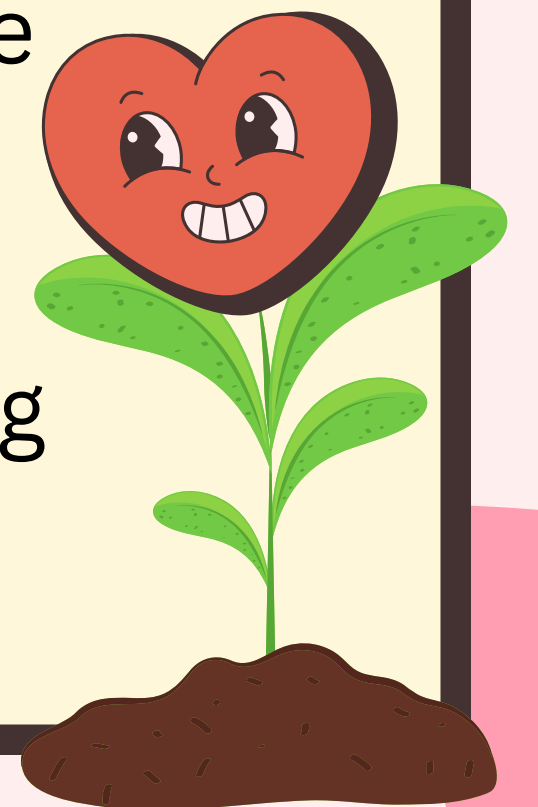
# PINK SHIRT DAY

**LET KINDNESS GROW ON FEBRUARY 26TH**

Just like tending to a garden, together we can each help nurture a sense of belonging where we live, work, and go to school.

It all starts with small gestures— a kind word, an offer of support or understanding. If we plant enough, pretty soon, more will be sprouting up all around us!

We will be selling Pink Shirts during lunchtime everyday leading up to Pink Shirt Day!



# ATHLETICS

## BASKETBALL

Monday, February 10th: Boys Practice 3-4:45pm

Tuesday, February 11th: JV Home Game vs. Sam de Cham

Wednesday, February 12th: Boys Home Game vs. Beaconsfield

Friday, February 14th: Boys Away Game @ QMS

Girls game will be announced next week.



# EXTRA CURRICULAR LUNCHTIME

## MONDAY

- Books & Board Games in Learning Commons
- GSA in Room 36

## TUESDAY

- SRC in the SRC Room
- Grade 6-8 Study Hall  
in Room 38

## THURSDAY

- Books & Board Games in Learning Commons
- Culture & Diversity Club in Room 32
- Grade 6-8 Study Hall in Room 38

# EXTRA CURRICULAR

## AFTER SCHOOL

### MONDAY

- Choir Practice in Room 36  
from 3:00 - 4:15 -  
CANCELLED!

### TUESDAY

- Grade 8 FI Math Support in  
Room 32 from 3:00 - 4:00
- Drama Production in the  
Learning Commons  
3:00 - 4:30

### THURSDAY

- Drama Production in the  
Learning Commons  
3:00 - 4:30

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Position: Academic Support

Teaching Experience: 9 years

Years at Barnhill: 2 years

What middle school did you attend: River Valley Middle School

Favorite teacher you had and why: Mrs. Mageriety, she was kind to everyone and was funny too.

Favorite subject in school: Math and ELA

Interests: Kayaking, hiking, baking and reading

Interesting fact: I lived in Saskatchewan for 10 years

Family: I have 2 children, a dog, cat and a bunny



MRS. LYDIA SMITH



# ON THE HORIZON

- Staff Appreciation Week - February 10th - 14th
- Family Day - February 17 (No School)
- Pink Shirt Day - February 26th
- Winter Carnival Week - February 24th - 28th

