Lightning News for January 25th – 29th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of January is “self - discipline.”

“Self-discipline begins with the mastery of your thoughts. If you do not control what you think, you can’t control what you do.” ~ Anonymous ~

We are still in the red phase of COVID – 19. Please take the opportunity to read the updated operational plan; all the changes for the red phase have been highlighted in blue.

With the COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to have visitors in the school. If you do need to come to the school in order to pick your child up or drop something off; we do ask that you call the school to inform us. Please call the main office at 658-5393 and speak with Mrs. Stevenson to make any arrangements. We are taking every precaution, to keep our school open and our environment safe for our students and staff.

 We suggest all families regularly practice logging on to TEAMS – every student has their username and password – just check to ensure it works. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. The only platform that teachers will be using to keep students and their families up to date with assignments is Microsoft TEAMS, therefore it is very important that all students can access this information. Should we ever go to complete virtual learning in education, we certainly want all our students to be comfortable with this platform.

We have a new competition for our students, and we are going into our second week! There have been many submissions for this competition. The students have an opportunity to create a sign for the outdoor classroom the “Lightning Dome.” Students are to submit their creations to Ms. Ferguson. The winner will have their creation professionally made into the sign for the “Lightning Dome.”

The criteria are to have the title Lightning Dome, a picture or design and the words written est.2020.

Good luck, we know we have so many creative students here at Barnhill and it would be wonderful to have the talent of the winner displayed on the sign that will be on our front lawn in front of the outdoor classroom.

Every Friday we have hot lunch available for our students. Pizza is sold on cashless school for $5.00 for two slices.

We have reversible/re-usable masks for sale in the office for only $5.00 each.

**Bell Let’s Talk Day:** Is on Thursday, January 28th – this is an awareness campaign created by Canadian telecommunications company, Bell Canada, in effort to raise awareness and combat stigma surrounding mental illness in Canada. <https://letstalk.bell.ca/en/toolkit>

On Thursday, during Foundations class the teachers will be reviewing some lessons on the significance of Bell Let’s Talk Day and the importance of mental health.

 Please see some attached posters for your children. These posters are compliments of ASD-S to help during these stressful times.

**On the horizon…**

The PBIS initiative for the month of February will be the Oscar Award. With all of us having to keep our items in the classroom bubble we are making every effort to keep the environment clean and this does need to be a group effort. Therefore, the students are to keep their bubble clean and the custodians will judge the class environment every evening. At the end of the month there will be winning classes! Please keep your class bubble clean! Keep it extra clean and you could win a prize!

**2020/2021 Yearbooks:** Yes, we will be selling yearbooks again this year and the cost will be $18.00. We work with Harveys Studios to create a very professional and memory creating book. Details on how to purchase these books through Harveys will be outlined in next week’s Lightning News.

**Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week:** This year it is the week of February 7th – 13th, 2021. We certainly appreciate all the dedication that teachers & staff have displayed as we navigate through COVID -19.

The slogan for this year is: “Thanks for making our school year bright!”

**Science Fair:** The due date is Wednesday, February 10th. This year due to COVID -19 restrictions all students will be completing individual projects and will be presenting them in their individual class bubble.

**Family Day:**  Monday, February 15th this will be a holiday for everyone.

**Pink Shirt Day:** Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 24th. The pink shirts will be on sale starting the first of February and they will be $5.00 each.

**High School Registration:** This message is for our grade 8 students and their families… Please find attached the High School registration handbook for 2021. The Virtual Open House for grade 8 students will be from February 8th – 12th on each high school website.

We want to welcome a new staff member who will be starting with us in February; Ms. Sara Marr will be our new “Behavior Intervention Mentor.” Ms. Marr will work closely with our ESST team and she will be working in conjunction with our SIW, Ms. Adrienne Melanson. Welcome Ms. Marr, we look forward to having you as part of the Barnhill Lightning Team.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 658-5971 or jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson