Lightning News for January 18th – 22nd.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that’s real power.” ~ Clint Eastwood ~

We are still in the orange phase of COVID – 19. What can we do to get back to the yellow phase?

* Wash your hands, physical distance, wear a mask in public.
* Follow public health guidelines and stay in your single household bubble.
* Get a test if you have even one of these symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, headache, new fatigues, new muscle pain, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell.
* Download and activate the anonymous COVID Alert app on your phone.
* While at school follow the operational plan with strict measures and follow adult instruction.
* Even though we cannot meet face to face with parents/guardians at this time, it is still very important to communicate! Please if you have a question/concern or if you need to take your child for an appointment or if you need to drop something off at the school; call or email us. We want to make every effort to communicate in a positive way and ensure your children, our students are always safe.

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.

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Jr. day – Martin Luther King Jr. believed in a world absent of poverty, war and violence. To celebrate this day is to celebrate his vision of a unified community. To celebrate giving back to others…please take the opportunity to mirror the humility that Martin Luther King Jr. displayed and aim to give back to others. In Foundations class the teachers will be sharing some videos and information regarding Martin Luther King Jr.

On the lighter side ~ tomorrow January 18th is also National Winnie the Pooh Day. This national day commemorates the birthday of the creator of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne – who was born on Jan. 18,1882. This creator brought the adorable, honey-loving bear to life for all of us to enjoy! Teachers do have some videos that they may share with their class during Foundations.

PSSC meeting will be Tuesday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting since we cannot meet during the orange phase face to face.

We have a new competition for our students – from January 18th – January 29th we have a competition for the students 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.

Our Physical Education classes are completing the dance unit during January. In February, the plan is to go outside in order to cover different areas of the curriculum: two such areas are snowshoeing and sledding. We have purchased 25 crazy carpets for the students to use in class. **Helmets must be worn.** Therefore, we are requesting that your child bring a helmet in order to participate in the sledding component of the class. **No helmet = no** **sledding**.

The Phys. Ed. teachers will inform the students when they will be doing these activities for the class to be prepared. We will certainly need snow and the students need to be dressed for the weather with their helmets!

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

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

**On the horizon…**

**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>

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!

Details and information will be included in next week’s Lightning News about our Yearbooks for this year. We are coordinating with Harveys and will have yearbooks in June. Once we have the details, we will post the price of the Yearbooks on Cashless Schools. Thank you.

**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… Early in February, you will be notified of important dates and deadlines as well as a link to the High School Handbook will be available on the ASD-S website. All tours of the high schools will be virtual this year.

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

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson