

Lightning News for May 9th – 13th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for May is "integrity."

"We learned about honesty and integrity – that the truth matters...that you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules...and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square." ~ Michelle Obama ~

- ~ This is a short week for students on Monday, May 9th there will be no school for students. All staff will be attending NBTA Branch Meeting.
- ~ Grade 8 year-end trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia. The trip is a go!! Students in grade 8 and chaperones will be going to Halifax from Thursday, June 16^{th} Saturday, June 18^{th} .

We received a donation of Basketball merchandise in which we will be selling tickets until June 3rd.

Other fundraisers on the horizon are a craft fair and a Summer Social.

Any questions regarding the grade 8 trip, please contact Mrs. Muise ~ 658-5972

Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed since 1949. This year Mental Health Month is all about "Empathy." Empathy is the capacity we share as human beings to step into each other's shoes. We need to understand where people are coming from and how they are feeling; to listen and refuse to judge. It is also a significant way to reduce and resolve conflict.

In Athletic News:

Volleyball: Tuesday, May 10th there will be a boys' volleyball game @ FHS.

Wednesday, May 11th there is a girls' volleyball practice from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12th there will be a girls volleyball game @ FHS.

Flag Football: Practice on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Intramurals: This past week we did 4 Square, and it was so popular the students want to have it again this week. Please ensure you participate if you are attending intramurals at lunch. Intramurals is a very popular way for students to spend their lunch!

- Every Wednesday at noon, Madame Lise hosts "Mandela colouring hour." While enjoying the creation of wonderful and colourful Mandela, each member of the group will be enjoying their lunch, listening to French music and participating in French conversation.
- ~ The Powerplay Young Entrepreneur Fair was a huge success on Thursday, May 5th. Thank you to Madame Beyea and the Grade 7FI students.

Student Council News:

The SRC are organizing a "RETRO" week of activities.

There will be a "BOLT Assembly" on Monday, May 16th. This will also be a 60's Theme Day.

Tuesday – May 17th – dress like you came from the 70's.

Wednesday – May 18th – 80's Theme.

Thursday – May 19^{th} – 90's Theme. The school dance is from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. \$5.00 at the door. Students may invite one guest from another middle school to this dance. Sign – ins are to be completed with Mrs. Muise or Ms. Ferguson.

Friday – May 20th – from the 2000's.

~ This is sure to be a fun filled week.

On the Horizon...

Tuesday, May 17th is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia. * This is a worldwide celebration of Sexual and Gender Diversity.

SRC will be hosting a school dance on Thursday, May 19th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

There is NO school for anyone on Monday, May 23rd ~ this is the Victoria Day holiday.

May 24th, 25th and 26th Grade 6 Science - Huntsman Ocean Discovery Trip – A Permission Slip/Information Letter will be sent home. The cost for the buses and the trip is \$8.00. Those students who paid their student fee will NOT pay this \$8.00 fee.

At Barnhill Memorial School we always support BIG Brothers Big Sisters, this year it is the 50-year celebration from 1972 – 2022 of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Bowl for Kids" Sake is just around the corner, so create a bowling team and register. To confirm your team registration, call Laurie Collins at 635-1145 or by emailing: lauriecollins@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

On June 7th we will have the Harbour View Band here to perform for all our students. The concert will start at 11:15 a.m. in our gymnasium.

June $16^{th} - 18^{th}$ – Halifax Grade 8 Trip.

June 16th – Grade 6 will be going bowling at the Bowlarama.

June 17th – Grade 7 will be going bowling at the Bowlarama.

~ Please note letters of information will be sent out by the end of May.

June 20th – "Outdoor Day", this event will take place at the school and will be for all students.

June 21^{st} , Tuesday, all students and staff will be going to New River for the day. Rain date will be Wednesday, June 22^{nd} .

Thursday, June 23rd we will be having an assembly at 1:00 p.m. for the entire school for Citizenship, Sports and other awards, also our "Moving Up Ceremony" for all grade 8 students and their guests. This will start at 5:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. The final dance of the year will be at 7:00 p.m. the same evening for all students. The cost will be \$5.00 at the door. More information will follow as we get closer to June.

The final day for students will be Friday, June 24th. The final day for staff will be Tuesday, June 28th.

Thank you from all the staff of Barnhill Memorial School.

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