Lightning News for October 5th – 9th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of October is “respect and responsibility.”

“We don’t need to share the same opinions as others, but we need to be respectful.” ~ Taylor Swift ~

This week is Disability Awareness Week: This year’s campaign is **“Accessibility is the Future!”**

~ The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program offers many educational resources for all schools in both English and French. At Barnhill we will be utilizing these resources to educate our students on disability awareness in order to better understand the challenges faced by more than 125,000 persons with disability living in New Brunswick. We will also be conducting a Walk and Roll throughout the week with all our students in their Phys. Ed. Class. Each class bubble will walk in the neighborhood using a walking route to promote awareness of this year’s campaign.

This week is also Fire Prevention Week. ~ Please review your fire escape plan with your family and check to see if all the smoke detectors are working in your home. Prevention saves lives.

Breakfast Program: We are continuing with our student led breakfast program, however, with COVID – 19 it does look a little different. Students no longer walk to the Student Lounge to get a healthy breakfast item; the breakfast items are now delivered to every classroom bubble each morning in a basket. The items are available to every student in the bubble. The fact that we must have individualized packaged items is getting very expensive… we want to thank some of our donors for the breakfast program such as Guardians of the Children, the Kiwanis Club and the Brewer Foundation. If you would like to become a donor to our program that would be wonderful and very beneficial to all our students. Just let us know! We are looking for healthy breakfast options that coincide with our nutrition policy – Policy 711.

Parent School Support Committee:Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 13th from 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.** –it will be a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join us, please email Mrs. Muise at liza.muise@nbed.nb.ca and we will invite you to the meeting. Thank you.

Pictures: The proofs will be given to the students this week – students may order a picture from the proofs they receive, or re-takes will be on Monday, November 2nd.

The Student Fee is $25.00 this year and is to be paid online with Cashless Schools. If you have not paid your student fee, please take the opportunity to pay it by going to <https://asds.schoolcashonline.com/>

Starting on Friday, October 16th we will have our first hot lunch for this year. We are going to start with Pizza since it is so popular with the students. The pizza will be one slice for $3.00 or two slices for $5.00. These options will be available on Cashless Schools, you are able to order from Tuesday – Sunday the week prior. Therefore, the order must be put in by Sunday, October 11th. The pizza will be delivered to students in their class bubble at lunch.

Immunization for grade 7 students will be on Tuesday, October 13th. This will take place in the gym. Thank you for returning your forms.

On Friday, October 16th we will have a very special presentation in our Music program for all our class bubbles: Goatworks is an African Drumming company from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Drumming is one of the oldest forms of team building. The Goatworks uses a unique, hands on approach (literally) to teambuilding, learning and motivation that draws parallels between what it takes to create music and how it relates to working together. All our class bubbles will really enjoy and learn from this experience.

We have had Goatworks at our school in the past as an assembly format and it has always been very popular with the students ~ this year due to COVID -19 we have created a schedule for the day in which each class bubble will have a mini-lesson of playing drums and team building in their Music class.

**Enjoy your Holiday on Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving.**

I am sure it goes without saying, please keep in mind that we are under the direction of NB Public Health because we continue to be in a pandemic situation. Schools will remain open if we follow the very strict guidelines that have been developed.

The students continue to do very well with wearing their masks outside of their bubbles in common areas, please ensure your child has a clean mask to wear daily. We take the students outside to get fresh air as often as possible. With the weather changing and there is a chill in the air, we suggest that students bring a sweater or jacket to school. It can get very cold being outside for an hour-long class.

With our school-based Health and Safety team will update our Operational Plan on a monthly basis and post it on our website to keep everyone informed.

Thank you.

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