Lightning News for October 19th – 23rd.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“Respect yourself and others will respect you.” ~ Confucius ~

This week is Bus Safety ~ “This annual observance is a great opportunity for each of us to pause and reflect on the importance of school bus safety as well as recognizing the diligent work of our school bus drivers, especially during these challenging pandemic times” says Kent Orr. “We ask that our students and parents join us in showing our appreciation to the bus drivers who keep our students, your children safe on the ride to school and back home every day.”

Wednesday, October 21st is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

This week is also “Waste Reduction Week.” In Foundations class we will review with our students on how to reduce waste. We are going to celebrate by going blue and green for this week. On our website the classroom bubbles will share their innovative ways of reducing waste – such not using single use plastic utensils and of course not using plastic straws. We are positive the students will be creative and innovative on their journey to reduce waste in their school environment.

We want to remind everyone that staff are not on duty until **7:55 a.m.** The doors of the school will open at this time and students will come in their designated door and go to their classroom bubble.

Student Council will have their first meeting this Thursday during Foundations. We have two representatives from each classroom bubble. The students will be representing their class, this is to keep all students informed of the wonderful and creative events we will have in store for this year.

The students with their faculty advisors will be organizing an “Outdoor Day” for Thursday, October 29th. We will share more details in next week’s Lightning News.

**The Student Fee is $25.00**. If you have not paid your student fee, please take the opportunity to pay it by going to <https://asds.schoolcashonline.com/>

Hot lunch on Friday is Pizza – please order on cashless schools.

Students are reminded to bring a filled water bottle each day. Students can drink from their water bottle all day and can re-fill their bottle here at school. We have numerous water fountains in the school with fresh water.

We also want to remind students to bring clean face masks. The rules around the use of face masks has not changed. Students are expected to wear masks in common areas, the washrooms and on the bus. Please refer to our Operational Plan for details.

Microsoft Teams – this is an online learning platform used by all schools in New Brunswick. Grade 6 -8 students are learning more about this platform in their Technology class. Parents and families can practice using Teams at home:

**Link to tutorials and everything ‘Teams’ including how-to videos at** <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/Teamsinfo.aspx>

**On the horizon…**Next week is only a four-day week for students, Friday, October 30th will be a Professional Learning Day for staff.

For all four days from October 26th – 29th we want to do a “Sock Spirit Week” in which students wear different and original socks, socks of different colors, socks with rainbows, witches, monsters and other designs on them. The students can have fun and show off their original socks! We are also looking for donations of socks for the homeless in Saint John. All the socks we collect at school will be donated to the homeless shelters before it gets cold outside!

Please see the attached information from Mrs. Levesque our Guidance Counselor regarding the Career Fair in November. We would like to do this virtually and we do require your support, please help us out with our “Career Challenge.”

We are very excited – we have a team of staff and students who will be working on our Outdoor classroom and our Greenhouse. We started this project last year before we had to close for COVID – 19. We still have some of our funding and we are working hard to put together an Outdoor Classroom for our students and staff to get outside in the fresh air and learn! It is our plan to build a Greenhouse in the spring. We will keep you up to date with the progress.

Thank you.

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