Lightning News for November 9th – 13th.

There is no school on Wednesday, November 11th it is a Holiday for Remembrance Day. We will see everyone back on Thursday, November 12th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of November is “courage.”

“Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become.” ~ Steve Jobs ~

Please do not be surprised when you call the school and a student answers the phone, we have three grade 8 students as our student ambassadors: Sawyer King, Erica Pitre and Ben Thomson. These students are working in our office during lunch break and in the mornings, to help make the office more efficient and student friendly.

It is getting colder outside, and we really encourage all students to dress for the weather. We do work to be outside every day. As per our Operational Plan, students are expected to be outside every lunch for 20 minutes (weather permitting). Please ensure your child is properly dressed in hats, mitts, and coats, we all want to keep warm while outside. “Outdoor Learning” is a priority that we want to embed into our school culture. As stated in the November NBTA news ~ Learning outdoors provides many opportunities for risk taking, problem solving, engaging in teamwork, developing social skills, improving behaviour and reducing stress. There is more room outside and of course the fresh air which is a benefit to everyone. The outdoor team of staff and students are working very diligently to create our new outdoor classroom, it is our expectation that the “Lightning Dome” will be in operation for January 2021.

Our November PBIS initiative is going very well, it is working to keep our environment clean and to keep our spirits up ~ the “OSCAR” award program gives the students an opportunity to keep their class bubble clean and win a prize of a movie afternoon at the end of the month.

November is career month ~ in Foundations all teachers will take the opportunity to show their classes videos from National Geographic Best Job Ever. Mrs. Levesque is finalizing the student submissions for the Career Challenge and those videos will be ready for classes to watch and vote on by the end of next week.

Please find an updated copy of our Operational Plan – the school-based Health and Safety Team met on Thursday, November 5th and updated the plan ~ please note that all November updates are highlighted in **pink.**

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be a video that all classes will watch on Tuesday, November 10th.

Our monthly PSSC meeting will on Tuesday, November 10th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All are welcome; there are two options to attend the meeting, either come to the school and attend in Room 28 our meeting room – please wear a mask and we do physically distance or please email Mrs. Muise at liza.muise@nbed.nb.ca and she will send you an invitation to the meeting.

Congratulations to our Hockey Team! They won their first game last night at the LBR against the Milledgeville North Stars 6-3. Way to go Lightning!! The next game is this Friday, November 13th at the LBR from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Good Luck team.

**On the horizon…**

Friday, November 13th is Hot Lunch – we have Pizza – certainly hope you had the opportunity to order on Cashless School. The cheese Pizza is really good and the students certainly enjoy it!

The week of November 16th – 20th is Diversity and Respect week.

Friday, November 20th there are NO classes for students, it is a Professional Learning Day for all staff.

Tuesday, December 1st all students will be receiving their Report Cards. This report card will indicate progress from September until November 27th. Please keep in mind that assessment will be reported using the 1-4 scale. There will also be anecdotal comments from all the teachers, reporting your child’s success in their classes.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, December 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 4th there are NO classes for students, it is a Professional Learning Day and Parent/Teacher conferences from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This year the conferences will be virtual using Microsoft Teams. Further information will be provided on how to book the conferences with your child’s teachers.

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