Lightning News for November 15th – 19th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.” ~ Walt Disney ~

Welcome back, we are so happy that we will be seeing all of you students in person. Hope you are ready to learn!

We are very proud of our students not only in learning about online learning, but also how they have conducted themselves here at school with the COVID-19 protocols. As we return to school in order to continue to combat COVID -19 we need to follow the principles and protocols that have been set out since September. Everyone needs to wash and sanitize their hands and their environment. We must wear face masks properly over the nose and mouth while in the building, unless eating or drinking. Please bring a re-usable water bottle to school for you to use. All students need to be respectful of one another as well as following adult instruction. We know in working together we will continue to be safe.

This is a short week for students ~ there is NO school for students on Friday, November 19th it is a report card preparation and Professional Learning Day for staff.

Since there is no school on Friday there will be no hot lunch.

This week is “Respect and Diversity” week. This week gives our students an opportunity to learn more about inclusiveness and for all our students to feel safe when they come to school. The students will be learning more about this topic during their Foundations class.

We are a nut free and scent free environment. As a school in ASD-S we recognize and remember the importance of food allergies and safety all year long!

Food allergies are one of the leading causes of potentially life-threatening anaphylactic reactions, especially among young people. In Canada approximately 4% of children have food allergies, with the most common being peanuts! Eggs, milk, tree nuts, wheat, soy, sesame seeds, and seafood are also very common. Since there is no way of predicting how severe an allergic reaction may be and there is no known cure for food allergies ~ The best way to keep children and anyone safe is by avoiding the food that causes the reaction. Therefore, we are asking that everyone be very diligent when packing lunches and bringing any food in to the school. Please remember we are nut free and nuts can be in so many things…cookies, chocolate bars, granola bars etc.

We certainly appreciate your cooperation with making our school environment safe for all our students and staff. Please help us to reduce the potential risk for those with allergies, including keeping our schools’ nut free and scent free. For more information, including resources and tips, visit: foodallergycanada.ca or call 1 866 785-5660.

PBIS initiative for the remainder of November is “do and dash” – we check on classes, to ensure they are prepared and ready to learn. If the entire class is prepared with their books, agenda and writing materials, the class will win a prize.

Big shout out to Anneke in grade 8 and Shawna in grade 6, their essays on “Kindness” were in the Telegraph Journal on Saturday for the Empty Stocking Fund. Beautiful essays girls, well done. Go Lightning!

Please listen to announcements in the morning, we want everyone to be up to date with all the activities and athletics going on at Barnhill. We also post the announcements on our website.

Badminton try-outs were to start November 2-5, we will now re-schedule those try-outs for this week.

**Pictures: Re-takes are this Wednesday, November 17th.** In speaking with Harveys Studio; all the pictures will be ready before the holidays.

**On the horizon…**

**PSSC meeting** will be on Tuesday, November 23rd from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in our meeting room; Room 28. Everyone is invited.

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Monday, November 29th all students will be receiving their Report Cards. This report card will indicate progress from September until November 18th. 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 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 3rd 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. We will be sending out information soon on how to book a conference with your child(s) teachers.

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