Lightning News for November 23rd – 27th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

Courage is the quality of being ready and willing to face negative situations involving danger or pain.

“It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.” ~ E.E. Cummings

Now that we are in the Orange phase of COVID-19 ~ Everyone must always wear a mask, even while outside and especially on the bus. The exception is while you are sitting eating or working silently at your desk and engaging in anysupervised physical activity in the gym or outside.

Please take the opportunity to read the following information: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/SiteAssets/Pages/COVID-19/ORANGE%20LEVEL%20FINAL.pdf>

As we complete the last week of November and head into December, the weather is getting colder and we take every opportunity to have the students learning while outside, therefore, please ensure your child has outdoor warm clothing on when they leave the house in the morning. We also suggest that students dress in layers, since while inside the students are NOT to wear their outdoor clothing, however some students do get cold and it is advisable to have a hoodie or sweater to put on while in class.

At Barnhill we are taking the initiative of ensuring all our students are safe – therefore we are completing Allergy awareness seminars to all 15 of our class bubbles. Barnhill Memorial School is a scent free and nut free environment. Please ensure when packing snacks and lunches you do not include anything with nuts. Please remember not to wear anything scented to school for example, scented creams, perfume, cologne etc.

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! This week is the last week for this initiative – keep up the great work – the classes are certainly a lot cleaner every day!

We recognize that this fall has had its challenges and there is certainly a lot more information/policies that we all must abide by… We just want to take the opportunity to remind everyone of Policy 703: Positive Learning and Working Environment. This means that everyone has the right to work and learn in an environment that is safe, productive and harassment free. For more information on this policy, please visit the Department of Education’s website: <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/policies.asp>

Big “SHOUT OUT” to the following students for being winners of the West Branch Library Scary Stories – Writing Contest.

Grade 6 Jamielyn Williams in Mrs. Blanchard’s class bubble

Grade 7 Sophie Corey in Mrs. Carleton’s class bubble

Grade 8 Abigail Merzetti in Ms. McShane’s class bubble

Great job and all recipients win a prize from the library.

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Hot Lunch is Pizza on Friday for 2 slices $5.00

**On the horizon…**

**National Jersey Day is November 26 &27th.** Show your support for School Sport across Canada and wear a jersey on the 26th and 27th. We are supporting this national day(s) to show love and support for sport by wearing a sport jersey to school, work or play.

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 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

As mentioned previously in the Lightning News, schools across the province will be holding virtual Parent/Teacher meetings this year via Microsoft Teams.

A letter will go out to all Barnhill families on Monday, November 23rd with details regarding this format.

The website to book Parent/Teacher meetings will open at noon on Tuesday, November 24th, 2020.

Appointments are limited to 10 minutes each. Please consider only speaking with teachers in which you have specific questions or concerns. The discussions need to be limited to academic / schoolwork concerns only.

Teachers can also reply to quick inquiries via e-mail. The Barnhill Memorial website has a full list of our teacher’s names and their email addresses.

If you do not have access to a device to take part in a virtual Parent/Teacher conference, please contact the school 658-5393 and we will make arrangements to book a time that you can speak with your child’s teacher via phone.

For a quick video overview of the online booking process, see here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lGbSBvZwbL0>

For more detailed instructions on booking the virtual meeting, watch this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bX1zdTpwXvM>

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](mailto:jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca)