Lightning News for September 28th – October 2nd.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of September is “health and safety.”

“We believe in keeping you safe.” ~ Anonymous ~

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

“Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect. We must respect others even as we respect ourselves.” ~ U. Thant ~

As we go into this fourth week of school and first week of October, we just want to say that the students are doing very well regarding all the new rules surrounding COVID – 19. However, we certainly do not want them to forget the rules that have already been established; staff and students review the Bolt Matrix daily. Weekly in each class bubble we have prizes for students who have been awarded with a Bolt Ballot.

With COVID – 19 we do have just a few reminders ~ We are a closed campus. That means that even at the end of the day students cannot leave the school property and then come back to the school property. Students who walk, ride a bike or are picked up by a parent/guardian are let out of class 5 minutes earlier than students who take the bus for staggering purposes. These students are to leave school property immediately and not return until the next school day.

Students who take the bus are to exit the school at their designated door and go directly to the bus loading zone. They are to line up in their bubble while wearing a face mask and wait to hear their bus number being called. The students walk to their bus, get in their assigned seat while keeping their face mask on. While on the bus they are to sit quietly in their seat and not move around, the students can certainly listen to music, however, with earphones on. No one is to play music loudly on the bus since this is a distraction to the driver. The bus is an extension of school and it is a privilege for your child to ride the bus, therefore students must abide by the rules set out by the bus driver.

We did send out a voice message as a reminder, however we feel we need to remind all parents/guardians of the following: As per our Operational Plan ~ Parent/guardian access will be restricted to the building by appointment only except when a child is unwell or an emergency. When you come to the school you need to wear a face mask, come to the front door and press the buzzer. We will bring your child to you at the door. We are really trying to cut down on the number of people coming into the school. We will ensure that your child is properly signed out in the office. When a student returns to school from an appointment they are to come into the school by themselves with their facemask on/sanitize and sign in at the office. Please remember you can always call the office if you require any information ~ 658-5393. Thank you.

Parent School Support Committee: **How can I get involved in my school’s PSSC?** 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.

Smile~ Picture Day will be on Tuesday, September 29th. Harvey Studios will be at Barnhill Memorial School for our picture day. Harvey’s has presented their Operational Plan to us to outline how they will conduct this day in a safe and orderly fashion. We invite all students to participate within their classroom bubbles to have their picture taken. The pictures will be taken throughout the school day in our gym.

**Orange Shirt Day ~** The annual Orange Shirt Dayis Wednesday, September 30th as stated on the website, [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org) This day opens the door to global conversations on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussions about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind, Students at Barnhill will be learning about Residential Schools and are encouraged to please wear an Orange Shirt because Every Child Matters.

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/>

For grade 7 students: please return your Immunization forms as soon as possible, we require the forms prior to the clinic so that the nurses have the correct information.

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