Lightning News for March 22nd – 26th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of March is “honesty.”

“The first step toward greatness is to be honest.” ~ Proverb ~

Saturday, March 20th was the first day of Spring. We look forward to spring weather, and we encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. There are more classes going outside for outdoor instruction throughout the day, therefore, we ask that parents and guardians park down at the horseshoe in front of the epitaph. It is becoming increasingly dangerous when cars are driving up and around the school throughout the instructional day.

Today as I write this newsletter, I realize that it is “World Down Syndrome Day” – this day is annually on March 21st – it is officially ratified by the United Nations. It allows communities around the world to recognize and celebrate contributions from people with Down syndrome. In our class bubbles we focus on awareness, acceptance and celebrating Down syndrome. Please find attached some further information regarding talking about Down syndrome.

When you look at our website you will see pictures of Madame Beyea and Mr. Kyle, each of them is holding a trophy. The silver trophy is “Casey the Caring Cat” for the most caring teacher of the month. The blue trophy is “Indra the Inspiring meditative Frog” for the most inspiring teacher of the month. You can see from the other pictures that these awards are monthly and presented at our staff meeting. Madame Arbeau and Mr. Stuart won for February. Congratulations!

Our new PBIS initiative for the month of March is called “Do and Dash” we go into the class bubbles and catch the entire class doing the right thing and they win prizes. Some of the things we have caught the students doing “right” is to know the theme of the month, to have their agendas on hand and ready to use, and to NOT be wearing their outside clothing in the class. We certainly do not want the student being cold when they go outside since they have been wearing their jacket or big boots while inside. We have had a couple of our class bubbles win prizes. Keep up the good work.

This message is to all students: If you have not completed assignments or tests, please talk to your teacher either tomorrow or Tuesday. Teachers cannot mark nothing, and all marks are due on Wednesday, March 24th for the second report card that goes home on Friday, March 31st.

**March is Nutrition month!** What is it they say? Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!

**RISE-AND- SHINE YOGURT**

Preparation time: 10 minutes – 4 one cup servings

Ingredients

½ cup milk.

1 cup of quick oats not cooked.

2 cups of plain or vanilla yogurt.

2 apples, diced.

1 cup of fresh or frozen blueberries.

Ground cinnamon, to taste.

Preparation

In 4 bowls, mix 2tbsp of milk with ¼ cup of rolled oats.

Let the oats absorb the milk for a few minutes.

In each bowl add ½ cup of yogurt, then mix.

Divide the apple cubes into the bowls.

Divide the blueberries into the bowls.

Sprinkle with cinnamon and enjoy.

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Always remember we have a student led breakfast program here at school; there are nut free, healthy, individually wrapped breakfast items and snacks available. While we are in the yellow phase of COVID -19 the breakfast items will be available in the Student Lounge starting at 8:10 a.m. We do not want any students going hungry; therefore, they can come to the Student Lounge and receive a healthy food item.

Important information for grade 8 students: Tomorrow, Monday, March 22nd is your final day to get your write up for the yearbook into Mrs. Muise. This is the opportunity to share with your classmates your final thoughts, and how you want to be remembered at Barnhill. Please email your submission to Mrs. Muise at liza.muise@nbed.nb.ca

If you have any questions regarding your submission and what you need to write, please speak with Mrs. Muise.

Friday is hot lunch; we hope you had the opportunity to order on cashless schools – 2 slices for $5.00.

**On the Horizon:**

Over the next month every student will be completing the “Tell Them From Me” survey this will be completed in Technology class.

**Report Cards:** The second home report will be issued on March 31st. Parent/guardian/student/teacher conferences will be virtual. The invites for the virtual conferences will open on April 1st and the conferences for parent/guardian/teacher and student, this term will be on Tuesday, April 13th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 14th in the morning from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. In the afternoon, all staff will be participating in a professional learning program on outdoor instruction.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 658-5971 or jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson