Lightning News for March 29th – April 1st.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“Integrity is telling myself the truth, and honesty is telling the truth to other people.” ~ Spencer Johnson ~

It is Spring and we are still in the yellow phase of COVID -19 which provides us with a little more freedom. Even with masks and plexiglass barriers we can still enjoy the power of celebration. Behavioralists have discovered that this power can be used as a way of pulling people out of dark and lonely places when the future seems dim. With the Heritage Fair on the horizon and the Science Fair finalists announced, plus this week’s events for “Eggstravaganza” even the small moments of accomplishments and camaraderie can inspire celebration. Let your creativity bloom as you join in everything that is positive. Have fun this week dressing up and participating. It has been a tough year to celebrate, however, the days are getting longer and warmer and hopefully with the vaccinations and everyone following the rules and expectations we will achieve additional freedom and have more to celebrate. After Easter weekend, we plan on continuing with our construction of the outdoor classroom the “Lightning Dome.” We all need to find our own reasons to celebrate!

**Heritage Fair:** We have students who have been working hard on their projects this month. These students have selected their own research topics, developed inquiry questions, and identified reputable sources of information. Collaboration, communication, and innovation are key competencies throughout this process. Barnhill Memorial School finalist will be announced next week. The four finalists will be invited to the Online Virtual Fair that will take place in May 2021. Good luck to all our participants.

Our 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. We have had many of our class bubbles win prizes for being prepared and accomplishing the correct thing. Way to go Lightning!

**March is Nutrition month!** We present to you an excellent dessert to be enjoyed this Easter weekend, this dessert is healthy and includes every flavour on the spectrum including a garnish of cleansing mint.

Blood Orange Mousse

3 cups of plain yogurt

3 Tbsp of raw sugar

1 Tbsp of orange zest

1 tsp of Chinese five-spice powder

Pinch of salt

2 blood or navel oranges

2 Tbsp of toasted flaked coconut

¼ cup of fresh mint

~ In a bowl whisk yogurt with sugar, zest, five-spice powder, and salt. Set aside. Over a bowl to catch the juices, cut and peel the oranges. Thinly slice into wheels. Add excess juice to yogurt and stir to combine. In serving dishes, line up the orange wheels against the sides of the glass, dolloping flavoured yogurt into middle of the glasses to hold the wheels in place. Sprinkle with toasted coconut, and mint. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Easy – and yummy!

We have a student led breakfast program here at school; there are nut free, healthy, individually wrapped breakfast items and snacks available. This program is open to all students. The breakfast items will be available in the Student Lounge starting at 8:10 a.m. until 8:40 a.m.

**Report Cards:** The second home report will be issued on Wednesday, March 31st. Parent/guardian/student/teacher conferences will be virtual. There will be a letter of explanation in with the report cards. 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.

It is a four-day week with tons of “eggciting adventures” please see the attached information from our Student Council. There is NO hot lunch this week, however, we will have the canteen open at lunch on Thursday for students to purchase different snacks for $1.00 each.

Thursday is April Fool’s Day – this day is celebrated on the 1st of April and has been celebrated for several centuries, some of the traditions include playing pranks and practical jokes. Enjoy the day!

“Honesty saves everyone’s time.” ~ Murray Newlands ~

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing Easter weekend and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday, April 6th.

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.

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