Lightning News for March 15th – 19th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.” ~ Thomas Jefferson ~

We are so excited that we are still in the yellow phase of this pandemic and that has certainly loosened up some of the restrictions at school. We can now have meetings in person, by physically distancing and maintaining a certain number of people. We are re-instating our SRC meetings and our GSA meetings. We will be completing our interactive lessons on allergy and anaphylactic awareness in all our class bubbles.

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. The students have been very excited about this initiative.

This is a short week for students. There is NO school on Friday, March 19th. Friday is a Professional learning Day for all staff and Report Card preparation.

We have an important request ~ could you please drop off and pick up your child down at the loop and be very careful and conscientious of other drivers. We do request that No-One come up to the front of the school. We are getting our sign on the tree changed to state this! We are asking that everyone be very careful outside. It is icy and wet! Parents/guardians, we are all in a hurry, however and more we have classes outside during instructional time and students are always outside during lunch. Thank you, we appreciate your cooperation.

As a staff we donated $600.00 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters from our “dress down” Friday’s. Big Brothers/Big Sisters are unable to complete their Bowl for Kids Sake campaign due to COVID – therefore as a school community, we just wanted to help.

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM) takes place March 1 to 31. We have purchased some new and beautiful books on the following topics:

1. Composting
2. Bugs
3. Sustainable food practices
4. Taking care of animals
5. A career in farming/agriculture
6. Gardening

Students and staff, please take the opportunity to read these books this month.

**Wednesday, March 17th is St. Patrick’s Day – Why do we celebrate St. Patrick’s?** The day commemorates Saint Patrick in Ireland and observes the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. It is a global celebration. Celebrations usually involve public parades and the wearing of green attire and shamrocks. So, staff and students pull out your green clothing and celebrate!

No hot lunch this week since there is no school for students on Friday.

**March is Nutrition month!** Healthy eating looks different for everyone. We all struggle with providing healthy, diverse bagged lunches for school…here are some suggestions.

* Pita with lettuce and grilled chicken and mayonnaise, baby carrots, and an apple.
* Tomato and cucumber salad with olive oil and vinegar.
* Tuna salad on pita with slices of cheese, carrots and cucumber on the side.
* A bagel with cream cheese and an assortment of berries on the side.
* Soup in a thermos with cheese and crackers.
* Cold pizza with vegetables and ranch dip.
* Hard boiled eggs with a green salad.

~ Almost anything you eat at home can be brought for lunch, such as leftovers and even cereal.

Enjoy and stay healthy!

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.

**Yearbooks:** This is very important! If you want a yearbook, please have your payment and your form in by Tuesday, March 16th. We work with Harvey’s Studio and if there are any orders past the deadline there is a $5.00 late fee.

Important information for grade 8 students: Hello grade8s! It is time to send in your yearbook write up. 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 by Monday, March 21st 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.

**On the Horizon:**

Moving forward we want to organize another campaign with our staff/students and school community to donate to the food bank. In the spring their cupboards are becoming bare again. Now with SRC up and running we are going to come up with some ideas and share them with you. As always, we thank you for your support and generosity.

**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