Lightning News for May 25th – 28th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of May is “fairness.”

“Fairness is giving all people the treatment they earn and deserve. It doesn’t mean treating everyone alike.” ~ John Wooden ~

We hope everyone took the opportunity to enjoy the Victoria Day holiday. This is the final long weekend for this school year. This week is a short week with only four days. We have four full weeks of school that remain after this week. We encourage everyone to stay on task, work hard and attend school. Academics are the priority; however, we also want the students to have different engaging learning experiences and to become good citizens. Therefore, within the confines of COVID-19 we are working very diligently to provide safe, educational and engaging experiences for all students.

Right after the holiday and starting on Tuesday, May 25th we have our Grade 6 Provincial Assessment – Please ensure your child is well rested, well fed and ready to complete this assessment to the best of their ability. All the grade 6 students brought home an information sheet for parents/guardians. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 658-5393.

We want to send out to everyone a very “huge” SHOUT OUT to Krisana MacLeod, a grade 8 student here at Barnhill Memorial School, who has won “silver” in the Canadian wide Science Fair! Way to go Krisana! You certainly confirm that Barnhill does do their Best! Better Every Single Time!

With this short week we are having a colour week! Colour week is being encouraged by our Student Representative Council. We would like everyone to participate and wear the different colours on the different days to honour and bring awareness to a variety of events in the month of May.

Tuesday, May 25th – Purple Day. This is in honour of allergy awareness and the Sweet Caroline Foundation. Caroline was a young student from the community of Rothesay who sadly passed away due to an allergic reaction to dairy. Caroline’s favourite colour was purple, so every year the community honours her by wearing purple in order to spread awareness regarding allergies.

Wednesday, May 26th – Red Day. This is to honour Asian Heritage Month. Red is one of the most popular colours in Asian Heritage. Red is often used to represent luck, happiness and good fortune.

Red is also the colour used to represent mental health awareness. Mental Health Awareness takes place across Canada in May for Canadians to learn about mental illnesses and how it affects people’s lives in different ways. We all want to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.

Thursday, May 27th – Gray Day. This is to bring understanding to Brain Tumour Awareness month. Go gray in May!

Friday, May 28th – Rainbow Day. This is to bring awareness to the International Day against transphobia, homophobia, and biphobia which was celebrated last Monday, on May 17th.

Wearing the colours on each of the days creates a visible display of solidarity. As a school we want to show support in having an inclusive environment that values and honours all citizens.

This year with COVID- 19 many of the local charities have struggled with fund raising for their charity and would really appreciate all donations. We have set up a “donations” account on Cashless Schools in order to help support the different local charities. Thank you.

On Thursday, May 27th we have a very special event for our grade 8 students – In the afternoon, all grade 8 students will be engaged in a “breakout” session brought to them by Breakout Saint John. This will be a virtual event and all class bubbles will be safe as they “breakout” virtually! It is sure to be a fun filled afternoon of adventure and cooperation within the class bubble.

We want to say “goodbye” to Monsieur Andre Blondell ~ His last day here at Barnhill Memorial is Friday, May 28th. Monsieur Blondell has been working with our FILA students to enhance their understanding of the French language program. Au Revoir, Monsieur Blondell, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

We have hot lunch every Friday with Pizza for $5.00 for two slices, please pay on Cashless Schools.

The student led breakfast program is every morning for all students.

Every Friday at noon we have a canteen in which all students may purchase items.

**On the Horizon –**

Disability Awareness Week 2021. DAW (May 30th to June 5th) – The theme is “Let’s Talk Ability!”

On June 1st we will have a Virtual Guest Speaker at 10:30 a.m. The guest is Robert Hampson who has learned to adapt to the world without sight. His story is about the importance of kindness, overcoming adversity as well as the importance of an inclusive and accessible world.

Walk & Roll – Students and staff as well as the community are invited to participate in walking to show support for persons with disabilities. Here at school, we are going to do this walk in Phys. Ed. Class between May 30th and June 5th.

On Wednesday, June 2nd we all get the opportunity to wear red again, this time it is to recognize National Access Ability Week.

Wednesday, June 9th is “Student Appreciation” Day. We are organizing a fun-filled day of activities and events for all students. Details will be outlined in next week’s Lightning Newsletter.

Pre – COVID -19 we have had field trips in which we have brought the entire student body on a trip. Unfortunately, we now have many rules and health regulations in which we must keep our class bubbles separate, yet we want the students to have fun and be entertained. We hired the company “Drop Zone” to have all class bubbles play laser tag. This will take place on Monday, June 21st, Tuesday, June 22nd and Wednesday, June 23rd . To hire this company was a costly venture, yet one we felt was worthwhile; in order to augment the cost, we are charging each student $6.00, and this has been added to Cashless Schools. Thank you.

“We cannot choose how others treat us. We can only choose how we treat others.” ~ Shawn Ahmed ~

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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