Lightning News for May 17th – 21st.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“Win or lose, do it fairly.” ~ Anonymous ~

We want to welcome two Educational Assistant students who will be here at Barnhill starting tomorrow and for the next three weeks. We are sure that during their practicum they will learn a lot from our very professional Educational Assistants.

Monday, May 17th is International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. This day was created in 2004 to draw attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by people who are LGBTQ+ all over the world.

The date of May 17th was not chosen at random. On this date in 1990 the World Health Organization reached the decision that being non-heterosexual was to no longer be classified as a mental disorder. This became a huge important change for human rights.

This International Day unites millions of people in over 130 countries as they raise funds, awareness and promote the rights of LGBTQ+ community members.

Tuesday, May 18th, we have our PSSC meeting from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

We continue in the Yellow phase of COVID -19, and we certainly hope everyone had a wonderful and safe weekend. The sun was shining, and it was beautiful. We are all going to be prepared for the Victoria Day, long weekend next weekend. All students and staff have next Monday, May 24th off for the holiday.

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.

**The month of May is Asian History Month:** The theme is Recognition, Resilience, and Resolve.” Student will be learning more daily in Foundations.

**May is Brain Tumour Awareness Month in Canada. Help Us # Turn May Gray in 2021 and together we can # End Brain Tumours.** National Day of Gray is Thursday, May 27th.

May is also **Food Allergy Awareness Month in Canada.** This year’s theme is “Know it, Treat it.” The theme of this campaign is about demystifying anaphylaxis and empowering all to “know” what the signs and symptoms are, and how to “treat” it.

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 –**

Monday, May 24th – No school – Victoria Day Holiday.

Wednesday, May 25th – Grade 6 Academic Assessments begin.

Thursday, May 27th – Virtual “Breakout.” This will be presented to the grade 8 homeroom bubble classes by Breakout Saint John. This is also our day of wearing “gray” to support Brain Tumour Awareness.

Friday, May 28th – Virtual Regional Fair. Good luck to all students representing Barnhill Memorial at the Regional Heritage Fair. We know you will do great!

June – Over the next couple of weeks; we will be highlighting many year-end events.

Just so everyone is informed, there is one year – end event that we have organized for all students, it will take place on Monday, June 21st, Tuesday, June 22nd and Wednesday, June 22nd. We have organized with the company “Drop Zone”, for all 15 of our class bubbles to have the opportunity to play laser tag. The cost per student will be $6.00 and this has been added to Cashless Schools. 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](mailto:jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca)

Thank you.

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