Lightning News for May 10th – 14th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

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

“Fair means everyone gets what they need. And the only way to get what you need is to make it happen yourself.” ~ Rick Riordon ~

Congratulations to Mrs. Liza Muise! She is our official Vice – Principal for the next 5 years. I know we will all benefit from working with Mrs. Muise to make Barnhill Memorial School the best it can be.

We are still in the Yellow phase of COVID -19, and we certainly hope everyone had a wonderful and safe weekend. To all our “moms” in our school community we certainly hope you were spoiled.

There is No school for students tomorrow it is NBTA branch Meeting and Professional Learning for staff.

We have just a few reminders for you and our students; the weather is getting nicer and there are a lot of class bubbles that go outside for instruction; therefore, we suggest that students wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and bring a hat for the outdoors. We also need to remind everyone that we do have a dress code and we do abide by it. Please monitor what your child wears to school. We ask that all clothing is appropriate. Parents/guardians will be contacted if student clothing is considered inappropriate or offensive.

Lost and Found – Please have your child check the lost and found in the office. We have been announcing this daily, however, there are many items in the box. We just want students to claim their items. We donate to charity at the end of the school year, any of the items that have been left behind.

Grade 6 Provincial Assessment – From May 25th to June 4th. The students will be assessed on English Reading, Math, French Reading and Science. We always ask that students try their best! This assessment is part of a system of assessments in Literacy, Math and Science throughout elementary, middle and high school.

**Year – End Events –** Many parents/guardians and students have been asking about year-end events for our students, especially the grade 8 students. Due to COVID -19 we are unable to offer a traditional “Moving Up” ceremony, however, we are working with our PSSC, SRC and our Core Leadership Team to plan Covid -friendly activities for the end of the year. These activities will be offered during the school day. For students to participate, they must attend school on a regular basis, complete all schoolwork and assignments and of course behave in all classes with all teachers.

Information sheets outlining the expectations for school activities will be sent home soon for parents/guardians to sign.

 **This month is Asian History Month, from May 1st – May 31st.** This is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn more about the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian descent. The theme this year 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 how to “treat” it. We will be conducting information sessions with all our classroom bubbles on this information throughout the month.

**On the Horizon –**

Monday, May 17th – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

Tuesday, May 18th – PSSC meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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!

“Play fair. Don’t hit people. Say sorry when you hurt somebody.” ~ Robert Fulghum ~

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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