Lightning News for May 2nd – 6th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for May is “integrity.”

What is integrity? The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles: to be accountable for your own actions.

“There is no higher value in our society than integrity.” ~ Arlen Specter ~

~ This is a short week for students – there is no school for students on Friday, May 6th. All staff will be attending Subject Council. Next week is also a short week; on Monday, May 9th there will be no school for students and all staff will be attending NBTA Branch Meeting.

~ Our students have been busy writing the Provincial Assessment this past week. This year all assessments are being completed on a virtual platform and so far, there have been very few glitches. The assessments continue until Thursday, May 5th for those students who have been absent. The expectation is that every student writes the assessment, and we do have make up times available this week.

~ Grade 8 year-end trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia. The trip is a go!! Students in grade 8 and chaperones will be going to Halifax from Thursday, June 16th – Saturday, June 18th. We have many fundraisers for May. The first fundraiser is for a Mother’s Day basket. The students already have tickets to sell.

We received a donation of Basketball merchandise in which we will be selling tickets until June 3rd.

* This Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Muise and Barnhill students will be at Rhoda’s selling tickets for the Mother’s Day Basket and the Basketball merchandise.

Other fundraisers on the horizon are a craft fair and a Summer Social.

* Any questions regarding the grade 8 trip, please contact Mrs. Muise ~ 658-5972

In Athletic News:

Volleyball: Boys’ practice on Monday from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

There will be a boys’ game on Tuesday @ Sam de Cham.

Girls’ practice on Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

There will be a girls’ game here at Barnhill on Thursday against Sam de Cham.

Flag Football: Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Intramurals: This past week we did 4 Square, and it was so popular the students want to have it again this week. Please ensure you participate if you are attending intramurals at lunch. Intramurals is a very popular way for students to spend their lunch!

* Every Wednesday at noon, Madame Lise hosts “Mandela colouring hour.” While enjoying the creation of wonderful and colourful Mandela, each member of the group will be enjoying their lunch, listening to French music and participating in French conversation.

On Wednesday, May 4th the PSSC is presenting a very important presentation at Simonds High School ~ “It Takes a Village.” Please see the attached poster if you are interested.

All grade 7FI classes are participating in the Powerplay Young Entrepreneur Fair on **Thursday, May 5th.** The students will be showcasing their creative business ideas and selling their products. What an exciting opportunity for the students learn about business! The fair will be from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the gymnasium ~ families and the community are welcome to attend and can purchase some fabulous products.

Every Friday we have a student led canteen and pizza for lunch.

Cell Phones – please remember and respect the fact that when you have your cell in your possession here at school during non-instructional time, you are NOT to take videos or pictures. The phones are only to be used for texting/talking and playing games. If this cannot be achieved, we will request that cell phones be left at home for the remainder of the year. Thank you.

Alternate Bus Requests – Please be advised that students do not take alternate buses unless it has been approved by the Transportation Department at District Office. Students and parents/guardians will have to make other arrangements for your child to go to a friend’s house for a project, sleepover, etc. Sorry for the inconvenience.

On the Horizon…

There is NO school for students on May 6th and May 9th. These are NBTA and Subject Council days for staff.

Friday, May 17th is International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia. \* This is a worldwide celebration of Sexual and Gender Diversity.

SRC will be hosting a school dance on Thursday, May 19th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

There is NO school for anyone on Monday, May 23rd ~ this is the Victoria Day holiday.

May 24th, 25th and 26th Grade 6 Science - Huntsman Ocean Discovery Trip – A Permission Slip/Information Letter will be sent home. The cost for the buses and the trip is $8.00. Those students who paid their student fee will NOT pay this $8.00 fee.

On June 7th we will have the Harbour View Band here to perform for all our students. The concert will start at 11:15 a.m. in our gymnasium.

June 16th – 18th – Halifax Grade 8 Trip.

June 16th – Grade 6 will be going bowling at the Bowlarama.

June 17th – Grade 7 will be going bowling at the Bowlarama.

~ Letters of information and pricing will be sent out by the end of May.

June 20th – Outdoor Day for all students, a schedule will be developed by our Physed. Teachers.

June 21st, Tuesday, we will be going to New River as a school for the day. Rain date will be Wednesday, June 22nd.

Thursday, June 23rd will be our “Moving Up Ceremony” for all grade 8 students and their guests, this will start at 5:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. The final dance of the year will be at 7:00 p.m. the same evening for all students. The cost will be $5.00 at the door. More information will follow as we get closer to June.

The final day for students will be Friday, June 24th. The final day for staff will be Tuesday, June 28th.

Thank you from all the staff of Barnhill Memorial School.

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)