Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

**Lightning News for the week of October 12th – 15th.**

 **The theme for the month of October is “communication.”**

“Communication works for those who work at it.” ~ John Powell ~

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday Monday; we will see all our students back to school on Tuesday for a short week.

Students are now becoming very familiar with the established procedures and routines at Barnhill Memorial School. It is evident that they know the importance of following rules and regulations as they pertain to stopping the spread of the COVID -19 virus. None of us can let our guard down!

The policies regarding COVID-19 can change very quickly so it is critical that families follow the instructions and announcements sent from Public Health, the District and the school. Please ensure that the school has your most up to date contact information and email on file, this information is essential in delivering information to our families/ community of Barnhill Memorial.

It is very important for all students to have their login ID’s and passwords at home with them. If in the event of a school closure, students will require this information. Every student has been given their login information, however, if they have lost it, they need to be sure to get this information from Mr. Stuart and keep a copy somewhere safe at home.

This month is Library Appreciation Month. We have a librarian that comes to our school every Monday; Mrs. Amy Duguay is always willing to help our students in our Learning Commons on Monday. Every one of our ELA teachers have a class library with books in their rooms for students to use. We also have a very nice community library; the West Side Branch is in the Lancaster Mall and has many different books to lend. It has been proven, if we all read even 20 minutes a day, we increase our literacy skills.

A warm welcome to Mrs. Nicole Henderson as the new .2 teacher who will be here at Barnhill Memorial school every Tuesday to teach Music and Personal Wellness.

**Socktober!** Barnhill Memorial School is celebrating Socktober. Thank you for your support! Already many socks have been donated to the school. We will continue to collect socks throughout the month of October, and we want to thank everyone for making a difference in our community. The shelters always appreciate receiving the socks before the weather becomes colder!

We have a student led Canteen on Fridays at lunch. All items are sold for $1.00 - $2.00.

We have PIZZA FRIDAY – every Friday at lunch. Students may purchase cheese pizza for $2.00 a slice.

**Fundraiser:** We have been selling Kiwanis Calendars. Please ensure that all your money and calendar stubs are brought into the school on Tuesday, October 12th.

This week we will be awarding the following prizes:

* There will be a prize awarded to the one student who sells the greatest numbers of calendars.
* There will be a prize awarded to the grade level who sells the greatest number of calendars.
* There will be a prize awarded to the one homeroom in EACH grade level who sells the greatest number of calendars.

We want to thank everyone who contributed to this fundraising campaign.

**Athletics and Activities:**

Girls Soccer **– Wednesday:** Bayside vs Barnhill @ Forest Hills Field – 4:00 p.m.

Boys Soccer – **Tuesday:** Bayside vs Barnhill @ Barnhill Field – 4:00 p.m.

 **Thursday:** Barnhill vs Millidgeville North @ Millidgeville North Field – 3:30 p.m.

Cross Country – Please, if you have not returned your jersey, make every effort to give it to Mrs. Graham this week.

Student Council: This group is organizing Oktoberfest for the week of October 25th – 29th for the school.

**On the Horizon:**

***School Bus Safety Week October 17 – 23, 2021***

**Passing a stopped school bus is against the law.**

School Bus Safety week is the perfect time to talk to your child about school bus safety. Tell your child that when getting on and off the bus to always watch for oncoming traffic. While on the bus; always sit in your seat and do not distract the bus driver with loud noises or disruptions.

Parents/guardians should be able to trust that when their child gets on the school bus, there is no need to worry about their safety. If everyone follows school bus safety rules, every child will stay safe.

(PSSC) Parent School Support Committee – our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 19th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please call 658-5971 or email me jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca , and provide your email information to receive an email invitation. We hope you can join us!

What does PSSC do? A Parent School Support Committee ensures that the parent voice is heard in setting education priorities and planning improvements in the school. The committee addresses broad issues related to the education of all children in the school, with the goal of enhancing student learning.

We are organizing an outdoor presentation with Goat Works, an interactive drumming session for all our students. This will take place on Wednesday, October 20th. The presenter arrives at our school with authentic, handmade African drums in tow. Classes visit at their scheduled time all day long. Each class consists of learning the history, construction and proper sounds of the drums.

**Put your Smile on! Picture Day** will be October 20th. Retakes will be completed by the end of October.

Thank you,

Jill Ferguson 658-5971 and all the staff at Barnhill Memorial School.