Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

**Lightning News for the week of October 18th – 22nd.**

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

“…effective communication requires more than an exchange of information. When done right, communication fosters understanding, strengthens relationships, improves teamwork, and builds trust.” ~ Anonymous ~

During the school year, students will be learning lessons about what is ‘fair’ and ‘equitable.’ Fair treatment means people receive non-discriminatory attitudes regardless of their personal conditions. Equitable treatment means people receive the same opportunity to reach a specific objective while specific considerations are in place. We are a “Restorative” school and a “PBIS” school. The last eighteen months have been difficult, and we continue to work together and be mindful of our interactions with one another. We encourage everyone to be kind and respectful, lessons are taught during Foundations. These lessons are part of our Bolt Matrix on becoming good citizens. Jay Remer, Canada’s Etiquette guy says it best; “Practice kindness, respect, and human decency wherever you go…Civility is not out of our reach. Go grab it!” We know and believe that every one of our students can attain this goal!

October is International Dyslexia Awareness month. This week we will be learning more about Dyslexia in Foundations class. On Friday all staff and students are encouraged to wear red in support of Dyslexia awareness. Dyslexia is a learning disability that affects a students’ reading comprehension skill. Dyslexia is the most common cause of problems with reading, writing, and spelling.

**Socktober!** You may have noticed it is getting colder outside and before we know it, it will be winter. Not everyone has the opportunity or the means to stay warm; we want to help! Barnhill Memorial School is celebrating Socktober. For the entire month of October, we are collecting new socks to give to the local shelters. Please bring your socks to your homeroom teacher and on Friday October 29th, SRC representatives will collect the socks from all homerooms and bring them to the shelters. We want to “thank” you for your generosity.

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.

**Thank you for your support with our fundraiser. We have raised over $5000.00 thus far, for our school.**

We are still waiting on the return of some of the calendars, money and prize stubs! Once we have collected all this information that was due last Tuesday, we will announce 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.

Good luck to all our prize winners!

**Athletics and Activities:**

Girls Soccer **– Monday:** There will be a game here at Barnhill versus Millidgeville North. Come and cheer on the girls!

Boys Soccer – **Tuesday:** Play against Forest Hills, here at our field. Good luck team!

**On the Horizon:** Student Council: This group is organizing Oktoberfest for the week of October 25th – 29th please see the attached poster for all the exciting activities and events for next week.

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***School Bus Safety Week is this week!***

Please obey posted speed limits within school zones and remember ~ **passing a stopped school bus is against the law.**

The following are some students stay-safe tips for the bus:

* Enter and exit the bus in a single file.
* Only walk – never run when you are around a school bus.
* Once on the bus, please take your seat and remain seated, sit quietly and do not disturb the bus driver.

  **~** ***Stay Safe ~***

(PSSC) Parent School Support Committee – 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!

During COVID -19 students have spent more time learning outside. Last year through the support of different grants we built an Outdoor classroom, this year we are working at enhancing this environment. We are going to build more picnic tables and benches for our students. We are also going to plant trees this week! This will help with the sound barrier around the classroom. We want to thank ACAP Saint John with their support for this project.

Wednesday is national *Take Me Outside Day.* All classes will be spending a portion of the day learning outside. For more information here is the link <https://takemeoutside.ca>

On Wednesday, Chris Kennedy from The Goat Works will be here all day to do drumming presentations with each one of our classes outside in our Outdoor Classroom. All students will have the opportunity to learn the history, construction and proper sounds of the drums.

**Put your Smile on! Picture Day** will be October 20th. We have created a schedule for every class; we certainly want every student and staff member to have the opportunity to have their picture taken. Retakes will be completed by the end of October.

Thank you,

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