Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

**Lightning News for the week of September 20th – 24th.**

 **The theme for the month of September is “positive attitude.”**

“There is nothing more important than attitude and it’s your choice.” ~ Mike Kryzewski ~

The changes to the masking protocols were quickly adopted by our students and we appreciate their diligence with following the Public Health guidelines. Last week the Department of Education and Early Childhood development issued a memo with updates to the Health and Safety protocols. These changes are a result of the increase in the number of cases of COVID – 19 in our province. We all want to keep your children, our students safe. We want to thank you as we continue to navigate this pandemic together. As always, please reach out with any comments, questions, or suggestions. We would love to hear from you.

Stay safe,

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~ A reminder to all grade 7 students, please bring back your HPV vaccination form tomorrow and give it to your homeroom teacher. This is whether you are receiving the vaccination or not.

~ We are very happy to have the opportunity to work with a Conservation Coordinator from ACAP Saint John. We are going to plant more trees around our school. ACAP Saint John is a community – based non-profit organization that encourages communication, partnership and active involvement with our community to support in managing our local environment.

In working with ACAP, we are going to plan where we want trees in the yard, and we are going to plant these trees which will develop the beautification of our yard and the Outdoor classroom.

~ We have a student lead breakfast program that is available to all students. If you are hungry in the morning, please help yourself to a healthy food item to start the day. This will be set up outside our Student Lounge.

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

 ~ We will have pizza at lunch every Friday. Students may purchase cheese pizza at lunch for $2.00 a slice. This went very well last Friday, and the students enjoyed having the opportunity to purchase their pizza at one of the three different stations.

Fundraiser: We have decided to participate in the Kiwanis Calendar Fundraiser this year. Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization who raise funds to support various groups and activities with the youth being the focus. The calendar sells for $20.00, and our school will get $10.00 per sale. Pre-Covid we had many dances that supported our programs, events and activities for our students. Now we must be creative in our fundraising endeavors in order to continue to have these opportunities for our students. The selling of Kiwanis calendars has always been successful at our school, and we want to thank everyone for being involved in this fundraiser.

The students are to sell each calendar for $20.00. Once the calendar is sold, the student brings the $20.00 to their homeroom teacher, if they would like to receive another calendar to sell, that would be wonderful. Some of our students are already becoming very competitive in their selling.

We have several competitions of motivation for this fundraiser:

* 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.
* **Our plan is to run this fundraising campaign until Thanksgiving weekend.**

**Athletics and Activities:** Effective last Wednesday, September 22nd, students who are eligible to be vaccinated, must be **vaccinated** to participate in athletics, student council and other extra-curricular activities. We just need to see proof of the double vaccination. Mrs. Graham is creating the master list for athletics and Madame Arbeau is creating the master list for all other activities. Thank you.

Soccer: A new schedule will be handed out and posted on the bulletin board this week, please dispose of your old schedule, it is no longer relevant. There will be practices this week – Monday for the girls’ team and Tuesday for the boys’ team. Practices will run until 4:30 p.m.

Cross Country: Practice is on Tuesday, until 3:45 p.m.

The first cross country meet will be this Wednesday at Forest Hills School, beginning at 4:00pm.

Student Council: You may notice when you call the school at 658-5393 there will be a student voice. These are our student ambassadors that help in the office. We have many student council representatives that complete many different responsibilities in our school this is to enhance the school for all students.

Why do we do the Terry Fox walk? Terry Fox represented the best that Canadians have to offer. He was an example of courage, humility, determination, and perseverance. “I want to set an example that would never be forgotten.” ~ Terry Fox ~ As a school we want to join in on Terry’s fight and be part of this worthy cause towards his dream of a world without cancer. The Barnhill Memorial school Terry Fox walk will take place on Wednesday, September 29th. This will be completed by grade level, with each class participating in the morning. We do ask that you donate to the Terry Fox campaign. You can do this in two different ways; by having your child donate a toonie for Terry to their homeroom teacher or by going online and donating by using the following link: <http://www.terryfox.ca/BarnhillMemorialSchool>

Truth and Reconciliation week is from September 27th – October 1st. Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day will take place on Thursday, September 30th.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous – led grassroots commemorative day that honours the children who survived Indian Residential schools and remembers those who did not.

On September 30th, we encourage everyone to wear orange to raise awareness of the tragic legacy of the residential schools, and to pay tribute to the thousands of survivors.

**On the Horizon:**

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

Please mark your calendar for Picture Day: We are working with Harvey’s Studio again this year for our Yearbooks, the picture day for this year will be on **October 20th**. Retakes will be completed by the end of October.

From all the staff at Barnhill Memorial School