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.”**

“Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.”

~ Lou Holtz, pro football coach and motivational author ~

Please encourage your child to bring the following to school in order to stay healthy and safe; please bring a sweater or jacket, to stay warm while outside, we recommend that students’ dress in layers. Two masks, students will have their masks on for longer periods of time and it is best to have clean masks on hand. A re-usable water bottle, we have numerous water coolers in the school, and we want all the students to stay hydrated throughout the day.

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. There are baskets in the front foyer.

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

We are going to start Pizza Friday this Friday, September 21st. Students may purchase cheese pizza at lunch for $2.00 a slice. Please note, we are not putting the Pizza on Cashless Schools currently.

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. The purpose of this fundraiser is for the student’s benefit. All money will be going towards special events and meals for year end.

Each student will get a calendar on **Thursday, September 23rd**. They are to sell the 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, they may.

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.

Kiwanis Calendar Fast Facts:

There are 365 chances to win cash prizes between $25.00 to $1000.00

There is a value of over $300.00 in coupons.

The calendar can make an excellent Christmas gift that keeps giving all year long.

**Athletics and Activities:**

For both the girls and the boys’ soccer teams the team roster has been posted on the bulletin board outside the gym. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, games have been postponed. There will be practices this week – Monday and Wednesday for the girls’ team and Tuesday and Thursday for the boys’ team. Practices will run until 4:30 p.m.

Cross Country – the team is also posted on the bulletin board; the team will have a practice tomorrow after school until 3:45 p.m. Unfortunately, due the recent changes from the government, we will not be participating in the track meet on Tuesday, September 21st.

Barnhill Memorial School is very thrilled to be the recipient of the Jumpstart Relief Fund program. We have been awarded a grant of $ 2,500.00! With this grant we can purchase some much-needed equipment for our Phys. Ed. Department.

Student Council – we will soon have our student representative council for Barnhill Memorial School. We will have student ambassadors helping in the office, students completing the announcements, students running the canteen, hot lunch and breakfast program, as well as having students organize special events in our school such as “Socktober” and other activities/events. Please stay tuned by listening to the announcements and reading the weekly Lightning News.

We will have a Mock election for the students, tomorrow, Monday, September 20th. Students will have an opportunity to vote with their class. There is schedule that we will follow, and the room will be sanitized between all visits. We ask that each student bring a pen/pencil and to be masked. The votes will be counted and tallied, the results will be shared and compared with the actual election results upon release.

Our first PSSC Parent School Support Committee meeting is on Tuesday, September 21st from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in person in our meeting room. We will also offer this meeting on Microsoft Teams: if you are interested in attending via Teams, please email me at jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca

 All are welcome, please wear a mask if you choose to come in person. This meeting will be about introductions and electing a chairperson for the year.

**On the Horizon…**

The 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 with Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, September 30th. The Federal Government has declared Thursday, September 30th, as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. On this day, Canadians are invited to remember the survivors and those who perished in Residential Schools. Although federal and municipal employees may be off work that day, the Province of New Brunswick have declared schools will be open. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts to show their solidarity.

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.

We want to thank everyone for their support, and I am sure that it goes without saying, please keep in mind that we are under the direction of New Brunswick Public Health because we continue to be in a pandemic situation. School will remain open if we follow the very strict guidelines they have developed. Wearing of masks is deemed mandatory and non-negotiable, please remind your child to wear a mask that fits properly over both the mouth and nose. Guidelines for physical distancing and washing/sanitizing hands have been explained. Please, we are asking parents/guardians to be diligent in their screening of their children prior to making the decision to send them to school. Information has been sent to you about the screening process. There will be occasions where it is in the best interest of your child, the other students and staff to keep a symptomatic child at home. For more information, please check the Anglophone South website [www.asd.s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd.s.nbed.nb.ca)

~ If we all work together, we will have success as we continue throughout this school year.

From all the staff at Barnhill Memorial School