

## Lightning News for February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.**

The theme for the month of February is "Relationship"

A great relationship is about two things, first, find out the similarities, second respect the differences. Author Unknown.

A reminder that we are closed tomorrow, February 21st – Family Day.

2/2/2022 – Please see the attached poster for a little Tuesday fun at Barnhill. For this palindrome date we suggest you join in the spirit and Wear Ties, Tie-Dye, Tutus, or Tiaras. You can even dress as Twins!

This is the final week to fill up the <u>I Care Kits</u>. The kits will include personal items such as combs, toothbrushes, soaps, deodorants, mittens, socks etc. The kits will be donated to those in need at the end of the week. Thank you for all your support and donations.

As we all know there is still a lot of winter left. Please continue to dress you child properly to accommodate the cold and wet temperatures.

**Black History Month:** Please take a moment to learn about Royal Canadian Air Force Pilot from Litchfield, Nova Scotia named Walter Peters: Born in Nova Scotia, Walter Peters' family relocated to Saint John, New Brunswick, where he attended Saint John High School. He later attended Mount Allison University on an athletic scholarship for football, earning a degree in engineering. At age 24, Peters enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), and completed the training course with top honours, becoming the first Canadian-born Black jet fighter pilot in RCAF history. In addition to his distinguished RCAF career, Peters was the first Human Rights Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, and an advisor to the United Nations Security Council at UN headquarters in New York. Peters was also the first president of the New Brunswick Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NBAACP) and was outspoken about racism and discrimination in aviation and the armed forces. Following his retirement from the RCAF in 1984, Peters worked for the Canadian Aviation Safety Board and Transport Canada. Walter Peters Drive at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport is named in his memory. In an interview with Mount Allison University's

alumni magazine, Peters stated, "You don't have to accept me, but you do have to respect me."

**Grade 8 reminders:** Yearbook write ups are due tomorrow, Monday February 21<sup>st</sup>. High school registration forms are also due Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Every Friday we have hot lunch available for our students. Pizza is sold for \$2.00 a slice on Friday; however, it is first come first serve.

We have nut free, healthy, individually wrapped breakfast items and snacks available in the office to anyone who would like one. Students can pick up a breakfast item from Ryan and Anneke by the mindful room.

We have Barnhill water bottles for sale \$5.00 each.

Canteen: We will attempt to have a canteen every day this upcoming week. All items are \$1.00.

Thank you very much for investing in your child's education and reading The Lighting News each week to get informed. Draw # 4.... Favorite – restaurant or kind of food made at home. Good luck!

Winner of the third week's draw is the Pilkington family!

If you read the news please answer the question, as Barnhill is striving for more families to be knowledgeable of what is happening in the school.

A reminder that the schools report covid infections and they are reported on the ASDS Covid 19 Dashboard. We continue to request parents to inform your child's homeroom teacher, or call into the office, if they test positive. We are very thankful to all families who have been proactive in monitoring their children's symptoms.

## On the Horizon:

**Pink Shirt Day** – Tomorrow Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - Rather than highlight the bullies, Pink-Shirt Day stands to **highlight the victims of bullying**. Rather than highlight the isolation, depression, and "otherness" that it causes, the pink serves to highlight the love, support, and community.

We do have a small amount of pink shirts available, assorted sizes, from last year's collections. They will be on sale for \$5.00 and first come first serve.

**Winter Carnival Week** – February  $28^{th}$  – March  $4^{th}$  – Lots of activities planned. Stay tuned.

**Dr Suess day** – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 - Held annually on March 2nd, Dr. Seuss Day is a holiday that celebrates the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel – otherwise known by the pen name by which he authored children's books: Dr. Seuss. During the 1990s, the National Education Association advocated for a day to celebrate reading all over the United States. In 1998, it started Read Across America and decided to hold it on the same day as Dr. Seuss' birthday.

**March Break** – March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**International Women's Day** – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 IWD is celebrated annually on 8 March to recognize women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements, raise awareness of discrimination and bias, and inspire and empower us to take action for equality. IWD **2022** campaign theme is #BreakTheBias.

**Daylight Savings Time** – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

St. Patrick's Day – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**No school** on March 25<sup>th</sup> for staff Professional learning

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Thank you.

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