



Lightning News for February 28th – March 4th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

We are ending our theme of Relationships and beginning our monthly theme on Purpose.

“Find a purpose in life so big it will challenge every capacity to be at your best.” David O McKay.

Thank you for donating to the *I Care Kits*. Our SRC will package up the items and they will be donated to the Coverdale and Outflow.

As you may have heard Covid 19 restrictions will be lifted in the province, on March 14th 2022. The administration will be having meetings this week with the district to be briefed on how we are moving forward in the school setting. Our Barnhill families will be notified of all the changes once we are made aware. We recognize that changes to our provincial Covid 19 mandates can cause excitement and nervousness among our families. We will continue to follow the mandates that are put in place for the safety of our students and staff, until the end of the school year.

With the restrictions being lifted, we are sure there is some excitement for end of year activities, especially for grade 8. Once we know what we can offer, Ms. Ferguson and Mrs. Muise will share that information to families.

Black History Month: We end Black History Month learning about an individual who was sued for her freedom, from Maryland and New Brunswick, named **Nancy Morton**. Nancy Morton was allegedly born to an African enslaved woman in Maryland but was brought to New Brunswick in 1785 with Captain Caleb Jones, slave owner. Nancy ran away from her estate in Nashwaaksis, New Brunswick sometime around 1786, along with her four-year-old son and five other enslaved people. After recapture, Nancy went to court to sue Jones for her freedom, represented by well-known lawyers Ward Chipman and Samuel Denny Street. Her suit was ultimately unsuccessful, and she was forced back into enslavement for fifteen years. Nancy’s case was brought before the Supreme Court of New Brunswick in 1800, where it reached an ineffective split-decision. At the time, there was no existing New Brunswick legislation on slavery, meaning the court could not prove the legal existence of slavery as an institution, nor could it prove Nancy’s freedom. The Trial of Nancy Morton vs. Capt. Caleb Jones played a significant role in the future of abolition in New Brunswick and marked an unofficial decline in the popularity of slavery in the province. The details of Nancy’s life following her trial, or the lives of the other enslaved people she escaped with, remain unknown.

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 continue to 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 # 5.... What would you LOVE to do on March Break this year? Me? I'd love to go to Florida. Good luck!

Winner of the third week's draw is the Melanson 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.

On the Horizon:

Winter Carnival Week – February 28th – March 4th – Lots of activities planned.

Monday, February 28th

Theme: A day at the beach!

-Outdoor Music

Tuesday, March 1st

Theme: Twin Day!

- Ice Sculpture at Lunch

Wednesday, March 2nd

Theme: Dr. Seuss Day

- Dr. Seuss Stories at Lunch

Thursday, March 3rd,

Blizzard day: Dress in silver and white

Activities: Throw Back Thursday (Dance Party)

Friday, March 4th,

Hat Day: In support of Big Brothers Big Sisters

Activities: Rotating Acadian based winter activities (Class competition)

Dr Seuss day – March 2nd, 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 7th – 11th, 2022

International Women's Day – March 8th, 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 13th, 2022

St. Patrick's Day – March 17th, 2022

No school on March 25th for staff Professional learning

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 658-5971

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Thank you.

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