

Barnhill Middle School

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BARNHILL READS

On Monday, March 25, our school launched an exciting initiative for the entire staff and student body.

Everyone person in the building received a copy of the book *Between Heaven and Earth* by Eric Walters. This is book one of the Seven Series (all homerooms have the complete set)

<http://orcabook.com/seventheseries/#!/main> where David McLean's seven grandsons set out to fulfill their grandfather's wishes. The school will be embarking on many cross-curricular activities with this book in the month of April. A celebration will be held in May when Eric Walters visits the school.

Principal Emails

If you are not receiving Mr. Butler's emails, please let us know and we will add you to the distribution list.

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Morning Announcements

Wondering what happens on a daily basis at Barnhill? Check out our Morning Announcements tab on our website. These are posted every day by 9:00am.

Litterless Lundi

On Mondays, students and staff are encouraged to pack their lunches wisely and not produce any waste. Students who bring litterless lunches receive a ballot for a monthly draw.

Yearbook

Students have been working on creating this year's yearbook. Orders have gone home with students and are due back on April 15. The cost is \$15.00. Don't miss your chance on ordering one.

Author Visit

Barnhill students were treated to a special visit by author Riel Nason who wrote *The Town that Drowned*. Interested students were invited to attend one of two sessions on the writing process. Mrs. Nason brought boxes of the 38 drafts for her debut novel and she outlined the tedious process of editing. The students were amazed at the amount of time it takes to have a novel published. She, also, brought in the Australian version of the book so the students could compare the different covers. Students who had read the novel had an interesting discussion with the author about the book. They came prepared with several thought provoking questions for Mrs. Nason to answer. *The Town that Drowned* has recently been selected as the book for the first ever Woodstock (NB) Reads.



Students thanking Mrs. Nason.

CARING

The first Wednesday of the month in Advisory is dedicated to Character Counts. This character education program is based on 6 pillars and we are focusing this month on *fairness*. **Red** is used to represent **caring** and we ask students to *think about a heart* <3. During Advisory we will discuss the following:

- Be kind
- Be compassionate and show you care
- Express gratitude
- Forgive others
- Help people in need

Twitter

Follow us at @BarnhillMiddle for the most up to date news.

School Improvement Plan

Our *School Environment Goal* on our SIP is to create and sustain a positive learning and working environment within the school and related school activities. One of the priorities under that goal:

1. To improve the physical appearance of the school – grounds and interior.

In Advisory, the students brainstormed about various things they would like to see on the school grounds. The PSSC has been discussing what could be done to help with this initiative. If you have any ideas or concerns, please contact someone from our PSSC.

Heritage Fair

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Barnhill Heritage Fair 2013 which was held March 13 in our school gymnasium. Their projects were examined and enjoyed by teachers, students, and parents. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. The following students were selected to represent Barnhill at the Regional Heritage Fair 2013 in May:

- First Prize: Jacob Burris (Gr. 6) “Bay of Fundy”
- Second Prize: Victoria Ruigrok and Drew Murdoch, (Gr. 7) “The Ripples Internment Camp”
- Third Prize: Gabe Goguen and Jayde Landers (Gr. 6) “Miramichi River”

Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who supported and or assisted with the Heritage Fair this year. It was indeed a huge success! Many thanks to Mrs. Ramos for organizing this event.

Basket Winners

Congratulations to Ashley Wilson who won the Easter basket that was organized by the Student Leaders. The money raised is going towards the Creation of Hope Foundation. The winner of the Cheerleading basket was Tina Brown.

Upcoming Events

April 11	Crane Mountain visit for grade 7 classes
April 11	Photography Flewelling here to take team & club photos
April 15	Yearbook orders due (\$15)
April 16	Grade 6 students attending Fiddler on the Roof at HVHS
April 18	Movie Night
April 19	Professional Learning Day for teachers
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	Final Quebec Trip payment
April 25	Wilson Middle School visits
April 27	School Dance
April 30	Career Fair
May 2	NBTA Branch meeting – no school for students
May 3	Subject Council Day – no school for students
May 6 - 7	Science East visit
May 9	Author Eric Walters visit

Career Fair

The Barnhill Wellness Committee is hosting a Career Fair on Tuesday, April 30 from 9 – 12 in the school's gymnasium. The students will visit displays throughout the morning. If you or someone you know has an interesting career and would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Settle at Jennifer.settle@nbed.nb.ca or 658-5393.