

## ILLUMINATE!

**ILLUMINATE!** provides experiences to support youth in making more informed choices about their future careers. For participating professionals and organizations, this is a valuable opportunity to highlight the activities related to your career or industry to develop interests and inspire the next generation in your community. For students, the events provide discussion with real professionals as well as opportunities to handle or experience tools/technologies used in different fields. Science East will be at Barnhill on May 6 -7. **Part 1** is school and classroom-based and includes hands-on activities with Science East for students and their teachers only. **Part 2** involves students, their families and the community coming to the school in the evening. During this time local businesses and organizations participate by highlighting STEM careers available in their workplace using hands on activities offered by a person holding a job in that particular field. We hope you can attend the evening part of Illuminate! on May 7 at 6pm.

## CITIZENSHIP

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*. **Purple** is used to represent **citizenship** and we ask students to *think regal purple as representing the state*. During Advisory we will discuss the following:

- Do your share to make your school and community better
- Cooperate
- Stay informed; vote
- Obey laws and rules
- Protect the environment
- Respect authority
- Volunteer

## Gaia Project

This spring, Grade 7 students are working together with the Gaia Project. As part of the science curriculum they are looking at ways to reduce waste at Barnhill. The students travelled to Crane Mountain Landfill to see first-hand what happens to the waste in our area. It was also an opportunity to see what can be recycled and composted as we try to divert trash from the landfill. On April 18 they gathered all waste, and then proceeded to sort and weigh it. From the audit report: "The Gaia Project looks forward to collaborating with Barnhill Memorial School in brainstorming waste reduction solutions arising from this waste audit. We hope that this audit is able to provide some concrete data that can be used to help the school set SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely) goals towards waste reduction at the school."



Grade 7 students sorting garbage.

They presented their findings at a whole school assembly in late April. Their next step is to put some more extensive recycling measures in place and see if they had an effect on what our school is sending to the landfill.

## 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.

Congratulations to Jessica Norman for winning a 6 foot Party Sub from Subway for her and 11 of her friends!!

## Twitter

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

## Upcoming Events

May 6 - 7	Science East visit
May 9	Author Eric Walters visit Barnhill Reads Celebration
May 20	Victoria Day
May 30	“Shakespeare on Trial” play at The Imperial Theatre for all grade 7 and 8 students
June 12- 15	Quebec Trip
June 19	Awards Ceremonies
June 21	Last day of school

## Career Fair

The Barnhill Wellness Committee hosted a Career Fair on Tuesday, April 30 from 9 – 12 in the school’s gymnasium. The students visited displays through-out the morning. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to check out some careers that may interest them. Many thanks to Mrs. Sloat, Mrs. Settle and her Peer helpers as well as Mrs. Tara Dick and Mrs. Cindy Maguire for organizing such a successful event.

## Beyond the Hurt

The BTH students have been presenting to their peers throughout the months of April and May. The Beyond the Hurt students organize, prepare and present to students about how to respond effectively to bullying and harassment. The Red Cross Beyond the Hurt workshop fits perfectly with our character education model, which involves preparing learners to be responsible, caring and contributing citizens. There will be training in the late spring or early fall for those students who would like to be involved next year.

## River Valley Rave Run

On June 1, our 5K Club will be heading to Grand Bay Westfield to participate in the River Valley Rave Run. We have had up to 30 students and staff running in preparation since April. There is always room for more students and there are lots of beginners tackling their first 5K. See Mrs. Pattison for more details.

## Enrichment

The yearbook has been completed and submitted to Life Touch. Many thanks to the students who gave up a lot of time to create this year’s edition, we look forward to seeing it. Students will be travelling to UNBSJ this week on two occasions. On Thursday, students will be participating in the Let’s Talk Science Competition and Friday is the UNB Math Competition. The University of Waterloo Math Competition takes place next week. The winners of the Barnhill Heritage Fair are heading to regionals on Thursday, May 9. Congratulations to Elizabeth Delaney and Hannah King who place first and second at our school’s French speaking contest. Elizabeth represented Barnhill at the Provincial Concours d’art Oratoire on May 5. Congratulations to the choir who did very well at the Music Festival last week. They received two silvers and a bronze and the adjudicator said some very complimentary things to them.