

Barnhill Middle School

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Peer Helpers

The Peer Helpers are off to a great start this year. We have many exciting things about to take place.

- Reading Buddies is going begin Friday, November 2 at St. Rose. Peer Helpers will go to Mrs. Patterson's kindergarten every Friday.
- A Games Room will open soon. This will take place at noon one day a week and be a place for students who wish to play a board game, chess, or cards.
- Bullying Awareness Week is right around the corner and we're in for a real treat! Skits, videos, and introducing the Red Cross program called "Beyond the Hurt" which is a respecting education program.

Submitted by Jenna Dumas

Turkey Drive

Once again, Barnhill is raising funds to purchase turkeys for those in need at Christmas time. Popcorn is being sold for \$1.00 a bag outside the lunchroom. Listen to the announcements for other fundraising initiatives.

Parent Survey

A survey has been emailed to parents via School Connects. We ask all parents to take the time to fill to out. We are looking for parents volunteers to help with some activities at Barnhill. The activities were based on student interests. Thanks in advance for your responses.

Twitter

Follow us at @BarnhillMiddle for the most up to date

Mill Rats Visit

The Saint John Mill Rats visited Barnhill on October 12. The coach, David Cooper, spoke to the students about dreaming "big dreams" and going for it! He told the story of what he did to become a good basketball player so he could get opportunities to play at the university level. This topic fits in nicely with our Quarterly Goal Setting that is done in home room. He brought Steve Deluca who put on a great 3-point show! Before the two left, they gave everyone vouchers for the October 25 game.



Lots of High Fives with the Mill Rats.

RESPECT

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 *respect*. The colour **yellow** is used to represent **respect** and we ask students to think **the Golden Rule**. During Advisory we will discuss the following:

- Treat others with respect;
- Follow the Golden Rule
- Be tolerant and accepting of differences
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults

news.

Movie Night = Success

Almost 50 students came out to watch Mr. Popper's Penguins on Oct. 25. Thanks to Mrs. Settle, Mme. Smith, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Comeau, Mrs. Maguire and Mrs. Stewart for chaperoning. A lot of popcorn was consumed and a good time was had by all.

Soccer Update

This year, the girls soccer team had a great season. Although they had more loses than wins, it was still worth it. Our first game of the season, we played Forest Hills and won 9-0! The last game of the season was against PES and lost 2 -1 – great job girls. Special thanks to Mrs. Wendy Knox and Mme. Landry for coaching.

The boys had a successful year. They won the majority of games, but lost a few. Their first game was against Forest Hills and they won 5 – 0! Their last game was against PES who was undefeated. Barnhill lost 1 – 0, but it was a terrific season. Great Job boys! Special thanks to Mr. Edgecombe and Mr. O'Neill for coaching.

To the grade 6 & 7er's, see you next year!

Submitted by Maddie Carey & Kathryn Boyle

Free Public Skating

Did you know that the Peter Murray Arena offers **free public skating** every day from 3:00- 4:00. Gather up your friends, skates and helmets and head on down for some great physical activity. Go to

<http://www.saintjohn.ca/site/media/SaintJohn/Public%20Skating%20Schedule%202012-2013%281%29.pdf>

for other skating times.

Cross Country Update

Cross country was a great success this year! We had a wonderful time. Overall, we had a very good season. Our coaches, Mrs. Pattison and Mr. Stuart trained us well. At the Reversing Falls Meet, our grade 6 girls came in third, grade 6 boys second, grade 7 girls third and grade 7 boys fifth. Also, our grade 8 girls came in second as well as our grade 8 boys. A big thank you goes out to all of our runners – you are fantastic! Thank you to the coaches for helping the team this year. We hope we have as much fun next year as we did this year!

Submitted by Julia Murray & Emily Price

School Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan is posted on our website. It is a document that sets out the changes a school needs to make to improve the level of student achievement, and shows how and when these changes will be made. It is a mechanism for accountability for student success and measuring improvement. It focuses on the curriculum to be delivered and the environment in which the learning takes place. It is aligned with the District Improvement Plan and is monitored by our PSSC. For the next few months, the monthly newsletter will focus on different aspects of Barnhill's SIP.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 2	Reading Buddies begins at St. Rose
Nov. 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 13 –16	Bullying Awareness Week
Nov. 13	Quebec Trip Payment
Nov. 19	French Immersion Cultural Presentation
Nov. 26	Home Reports
Nov. 27 – 28	Respecting Differences Workshop
Nov. 28	Parent Teacher 4 – 7
Nov. 30	Parent-Teacher 1 – 3pm

Rainbows

Rainbows is a program for youth who have experienced a loss in their family due to divorce, separation or death. Rainbows provides a safe, non judgmental and supportive environment for participants to process their feelings, build self esteem and learn positive coping tools. The program will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 20th, during Academic Support Period for 6-8 weeks. Forms are available from Mrs. Settle, the Guidance Counsellor. If you require additional information please contact the school.