



## Lightning News for the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>

~ *Tomorrow night is the school dance to support athletics – from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.*

It is \$5.00 at the door. We would like to take the opportunity to say “Thank you” to all of our parent volunteers, they are certainly helping to make this event happen.

~ Last Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> we had a Professional Learning day and Parent/Teacher conferences. This was a very productive and positive day. In the morning all the staff had meetings and discussed topics such as: “What is best for all students”? “What is best for the school”? We also discussed how what we do as educators will impact student learning. There were some wonderful ideas generated from these discussions. The next Professional Learning Days are **April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – there will be no school for students.** In the afternoon we had parents and students her in the school and again there were some very positive conversations. ~ It was a day well spent~.

~ On Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> we will have a whole school assembly at 1:00 p.m. presented by the Calithumpians. This is an educational show that is sponsored by the provincial department of Post Secondary Education Training and Labour – this show compliments the curriculum in PDCP.

~ Food Bank Friday is April 15<sup>th</sup> – we will be collecting canned fruit/fruit cups and apple sauce for our local Food Bank.

~ We have two students from NBCC here in our building completing their practicum in the E.A. program. Michael Craig and Megan Hachey have adjusted life at Barnhill in a wonderful manner.

~ We started our new *exploratory classes* today – these classes are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Students really enjoyed this time around to have the opportunity after having an assembly to explain the choices to be able to go to the lunch room and make their choices. For the next six weeks we have a multiple of classes, plus interventions. What a wonderful and educational way for our students to spend 30 minutes three times a week.

~ On April 20<sup>th</sup> is **Talk with our Kids about money Day** – this is an initiative that encourages parents and teachers to help children build smart financial habits. For more information visit [www.fcnc.ca/youth](http://www.fcnc.ca/youth)

~ On April 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having an assembly with our Community Police Officer – Constable Tony MaCrae. The topics he will cover are: 1. knowing your rights as a citizen in your community and 2. Cyberbullying – the positives of social media and the implications of the negatives.

~ **Big Brothers Big Sisters needs your help!** One of their biggest fundraisers is Bowl for Kids Sake! This event will take place on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> it is lots of bowling and lots of fun. To find out more information <http://bowlforkidssake.kintera.org/saintjohn> or call 635-1145 and ask for Laurie Collins the

Executive Director. Thank you for your help and support with everything that the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization does for our students and the children in our communities.

We will be having a Lockdown drill by the end of April. As you are likely aware, our school practices Lockdowns as part of our Emergency plan. I will attach a letter with expectations about Lockdown drills. Thank you.

~ Due to the fact that Administration has to attend some training the end of April we are changing our *Spring Fling days to May Madness days*. The May Madness days will be from May 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> and our CELEBRATION assembly will be Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

~ Words of Wellness – It is Lice season- please take the opportunity to check your child's head before they come to school. We will attach some information about Lice to our webpage.

~ Finally we have had an increase in our Electronic Device usage – especially cell phones – this is a gentle reminder as to when students may use their electronic devices:

- Before 8:20 a.m.
- During Morning Break
- During noon hour – 12:10 -12:50
- After 3:05
- Students may use their electronic device in class when given permission by the classroom teacher for academic reasons.

We certainly appreciate your co-operation in regard to the electronic device policy which is written on page 8 of the student agenda. Students are allowed with permission to make phone calls from the office and if you wish to get in touch with your child, please call the office ( 658-5393) and we will ensure your child receives the message.

Thank you and have a wonderful week – it is certainly starting to feel like *spring!*

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