

NB Bullying Awareness Week

Many thanks to Mrs. Settle, Mme Vaughan and Mr. Turner who coordinated this past week's Anti-Bully Week.

- Peer Helpers read announcements each day with myths and facts about bullying.
- **Appreciation Grams** took place throughout the week and students anonymously appreciated students in their homerooms. App-Grams were read aloud at the end of the week when a basket of apples was delivered (thanks to our Wellness Committee).
- All students in technology class did an online needs assessment to help guide us in future advisory periods.
- Art classes worked on a school wide project in constructing a banner: *Take a Stand – Lend a Hand*.
- Character Counts was introduced during Advisory this week. This character education program will be delivered throughout the year.
- On Friday, all students and staff were encouraged to wear pink or last year's purple tie-dyed t-shirts.

Woodworking

Mr. Peters says there are some spots available for woodworking on Tuesday after school if any students are interested. Students will choose what they make. It could be a shelf or their name on a plaque. See Mr. Peters in Technology Class if you are interested. He also has homework club on Mondays after school.

Advisory Groups

Barnhill Middle School has started a new program that takes place every Wednesday during ASP (Academic Support Period). Every teacher has a group of 15 students from different grades and programs (English Prime and French Immersion). Topics that will be discussed during Advisory are character education, making good choices, anti-bullying initiatives, wellness and getting involved in your school. A key indicator of student success is whether they have had the opportunity to develop a meaningful relationship with at least one adult in the school – and this is a big step forward towards ensuring every student has that opportunity.



Banner being created in art classes.

Trustworthiness

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 *trustworthiness*. The colour **blue** is used to represent trustworthiness and we ask students to think **True Blue**. During Advisory we will discuss the following:

- Being honest
- Not to deceive, cheat, or steal
- Be reliable — do what you say you'll do
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Build a good reputation
- Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country

Terry Fox Walk

Mother Nature co-operated with us on Thursday, Sept. 27 as the entire school participated in the Terry Fox National School Run Day. We all walked along Manawagonish Road towards the Fire Station and then walked along McCavour Drive to make our way back to school. The students were very well behaved and represented Barnhill in a wonderful manner. Terry Fox's dream was to raise one dollar from every Canadian. Barnhill Middle School families and students' generosity was far beyond a dollar per person as we surpassed our goal of \$350.

Dance Success

The first dance was a huge success. Several students got into the dance for free by selling two or more magazine subscriptions. The \$700 proceeds from the dance went to Animal Rescue League. Thanks to all the teacher and educational assistants who volunteered their time to chaperone.

PSSC

Our Parent School Support Committee was finalized at our recent Open House. The following individuals have offered to serve on the committee: Mrs. Kathy Dumouchel, Mr. Robert Scott, Mrs. Shelley Thorne, Mr. Fred DeWitt, Mrs. Sherry Cunningham, Mrs. Tina Learmonth, and Ms. Stacy Arthurs.

Indigo Adopt a School

Barnhill Middle School is participating in the Indigo Adopt a School program. For every 50 "adopts", we will receive a free book for use in our school library or classroom libraries. Please take the time to click on the link and adopt us. Thanks in advance for your support!
<http://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools/281>

Magazine Campaign

Speaking of books...this year's magazine campaign was the best yet! Thanks to the students and families of Barnhill, sales totaled over \$11 000 with close to \$4 000 coming directly back to the school. All profits will be used to purchase more fiction and non-fiction books for our libraries. Top-seller, Mallory Knox sold 35 subscriptions and won a 7" tablet. For every two magazine subscriptions sold, the student's name went into a bin for a draw for another 7" tablet. The winner of the second tablet was Stephen Lesjack. Congratulations to all students who helped us purchase more books for our libraries.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 2	HPV Immunization for grade 7 girls
Oct. 5	School Picture Day
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving
Oct. 9	Professional Learning Day for teachers/no school for students
Oct. 15	Babysitting course begins
Oct. 18	Picture Re-takes
Oct. 22 - 26	Grade 7 Provincial Literacy Assessment
Oct. 27	Creepy Crawler 5k

Professional Learning Day

On October 9, all staff will be focusing on School Based Inclusion and the *Strengthening Inclusion, Strengthening Schools* report that is guiding New Brunswick schools. Some of the key outcomes for the day are:

- ✓ To clarify some critical concepts of an effective Inclusive Education model.
- ✓ To review the Provincial Definition of Inclusion as providing the foundational principles and purpose of Inclusive practice.
- ✓ To explain expectations as we move forward (short term and long term).