



Welcome to
Barnhill Memorial School
Home of The Lightning



Vision Statement

BARNHILL
DOES THEIR
BEST

Better

Every

Single

Time

Mission Statement

The Community of Barnhill Memorial School provides a variety of quality learning experiences to support students in reaching their potential and to become contributing members of society.



Welcome to 2024 - 2025

- ▶ This is a brand-new school year, which means all of us have a fresh start.
- ▶ The Lightning News is sent out every Friday. It is a great way to stay informed of events and activities for the upcoming week.

Grade 6 students start on Tuesday

We look forward to having all our students here at school.

- ▶ The grade 6 students have their own special day on Tuesday, September 3rd.
- ▶ There will be an assembly for students and their families.
- ▶ All students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 will come on Wednesday, September 4th.



School Day

- ▶ The school day starts at 8:25 a.m.
- ▶ Supervision in the yard begins at 8:00 a.m.
- ▶ Dismissal is 2:55 p.m.
- ▶ Please remember we are a closed campus. Students are not permitted to go to stores and fast-food establishments unless they are signed out in the office and accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Paperwork to be returned to school

- ▶ Please ensure you take the opportunity to review your data sheet. It is very important that we have all the up-to-date information. Any changes can be made on the sheet. Sign and return to your child's homeroom teacher.
 - ▶ Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RTIPPA) – All students will have a copy of this form in their welcome package, please ensure you return this consent form with your signature to the homeroom teacher.
 - ▶ Pursuit of Excellence Contract will be sent home as well. This is mandatory for any extra-curricular activity. Please sign it and return it to your homeroom teacher.
- ▶ **All forms are due, Wednesday, September 11th .**

Student Fees

- ▶ Student Fees are \$35 and can be paid on Cashless Schools.
- ▶ Student fees cover the cost of bussing for field trips, special guests, activities, and supplies for specialty classes.
- ▶ Student fees need to be paid by September 26th.

Barnhill Activities and Athletics

- ▶ Intramurals
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Green Team
- ▶ Student Representative Council
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Reading Buddies
- ▶ Best Buddies
- ▶ GSA



Barnhill Supports

- ▶ Guidance – Ms. Vanderbeck
- ▶ Resource - Mrs. Sloat and Mr. Doherty
- ▶ Academic Intervention – Ms. Smith
- ▶ SRC– Ms. Dennis
- ▶ Behaviour Mentor – Mr. Koshy George and Ms. Marr



Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast Program- Our breakfast program is available daily and offers free healthy items. It is located in the lobby.

Lunch- Students are expected to bring a packed lunch everyday.

Canteen- Our canteen will be open every Friday at lunch selling nutritious items for \$1 or \$2.

Hot Lunch- Our hot lunch option is cheese pizza and will start on Friday, Sept 13. Pizza must be ordered and paid for in advance on Cashless School.



Tips for Back-To-School Anxiety

Take your own temperature

For parents, the start of the year can be anxiety inducing, too. It's recommended to take your own temperature to make sure you're not passing on stress to your kids.

Listen to worries

When kids express anxiety about going back to school — a new teacher, increases in homework, making a team, a friend crisis — do listen seriously.

Let someone know

If your child needs extra support to make a successful transition, let someone at school know — their teacher, an EA, or the school counsellor.

Stomach aches and headaches

Anxiety about school sometimes takes the form of headaches and stomach aches in the morning that kids say make them too sick to go to school. If your child develops a pattern of these symptoms, it's important to get your child checked out by a doctor; you don't want to overlook a medical problem.

But if the pattern persists, going to school may be the problem. The most important thing a parent can do when kids resist going is to continue sending them to school anyway.

On the Horizon:

- ▶ The Terry Fox Walk will take place on Monday, September 16th.
- ▶ Welcome Back Dance on September 19th.
- ▶ The first PSSC Parent School Support Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 23rd.



PRINCIPAL OF BARNHILL MEMORIAL

Experience: 9 years as Barnhill Principal

Previous: VP at Fundy Middle/High in St. George for seven years

Before becoming an educator in 2005, I was in Hotel Management at the Delta in Ottawa.

I really enjoy my career and love the excitement of the middle school level.

Activities: sea kayaking, carve decoys, paint and thoroughly enjoy a good book.

Look forward to seeing everyone next week.

MS. JILL FERGUSON





The Barnhill Staff is looking forward to meeting you.