



# BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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## *Back to School Update #1*

*July 22, 2021*

Dear Barnwell Families,

We're less than three weeks away from the start of the school year – I'm excited to have **ALL** of our students back in the building soon! There's always a **LOT** of information to digest at the beginning of the year – see below to get started and look for a Principal Newsletter every Thursday afternoon. The best way to stay informed throughout the year is to take a few minutes to read this each week, bookmark our [Barnwell website](#), and once school starts to partner with your child's teacher (email, website, agenda). As always, please feel free to reach out to me ([neuhausm@fultonschools.org](mailto:neuhausm@fultonschools.org)) as well with any questions or concerns.

- **Welcome Ms. Morris!:** Please join me in welcoming Ms. Renee Morris ([morrisra@fultonschools.org](mailto:morrisra@fultonschools.org)) as our new Assistant Principal! Ms. Morris recently served as the Curriculum Support Teacher at Findley Oaks Elementary and prior to that was a Teacher and Administrative Assistant at Dolvin Elementary.
- **Masks:** As of now, masks are optional for all students whenever on campus, except while riding the bus. All interested students are encouraged to wear masks whenever inside the building. Please know that this is not a Barnwell decision; any concerns should be directed to our Fulton County Superintendent and School Board.
- **Remote Learning:** All learning at Barnwell this year is in-person (F2F) only. We will transition to Remote Learning based on the Fulton County Closing Matrix or for Inclement Weather/Emergencies.
- **Join our PTO!:** Click [here](#) to see the many ways our PTO supports all our students and teachers, then click [here](#) to join our PTO in helping make this year our best year ever! If you do not have a login, contact Michelle Erste at [michelle.erste@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.erste@gmail.com). Have questions about the Bear Campaign or want to become a business partner? Contact Lissa Webber, VP of Fundraising at [lissa.webber@gmail.com](mailto:lissa.webber@gmail.com).
- **Teacher Assignments:** On the afternoon of August 3rd, all parents will receive an email from their assigned teacher confirming class placement and providing a link to Friday's Virtual Open House.
- **Popsicles on the Playground: Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:00 PM.** All PreK and Kindergarten students are invited to come meet the teacher and classmates on our playground and enjoy a popsicle courtesy of our PTO. Park in our side parking lot and walk down the ramp towards our lower field any time between 2 and 3 on 8/4.
- **Open House: Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.** *During Open House teachers will need to know how your child is going home each afternoon (car, bus or daycare). Please visit our Transportation's [Bus Stop website](#) before Open House or stop in to register as a car rider in our cafeteria.*
  - **In-Person Option, 8:30 – 10:30 AM.**
    - Parking is limited; please carpool when possible and come whenever best meets your schedule.
    - Cafeteria: Stop by to register for a car pool number (new families only, returning families can reuse last year's numbers), to see which After-School Vendors we'll have this year and learn more about our amazing PTO.
    - School Supplies: For those that pre-ordered supplies, these will be delivered to your child's classroom prior to Open House. For those still looking for supplies, click [here](#) for our suggested supply list.
  - **Virtual Option, 12:00 – 12:30 PM.** Look for a link from your child's teacher on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> to join. *Please do not join virtually if attending F2F!*

- **Car Pool:** Only PM car riders need a number. All returning students will reuse last year's car pool number. New families can register in our cafeteria during Open House.  
Our morning car pool is open from **7:10 – 7:35** each morning (we will extend car pool to 7:40 the first week). Parents arriving after 7:35 will need to park and walk their child to the front office, checking him/her in as tardy (after 7:40).
- **Bus Rider Information:** Bus stop location and time can be found [here](#) or on our county Transportation Website (<https://www.fultonschools.org/transportation>).
- **Infinite Campus Parent Portal:** Our Parent Portal in Infinite Campus allows you to access your child's grades, attendance and schedule. Visit our county's [Infinite Campus website](#) for more information on our Student Information system with step-by-step guides to accessing your account.
  - If you signed up last year you will use the same credentials to login (*no need to sign up again*).
  - For new families that haven't yet signed up, you will be able to do so beginning **August 1st**. Click [Infinite Campus Sign-Up](#) and enter your email address to receive parent portal activation information.  
**To verify your identity, you will be asked to provide student's name as entered on birth certificate, birthdate, and student ID number. Contact [Cattanach@fultonschools.org](mailto:Cattanach@fultonschools.org) if you do not know your child's student ID number or need assistance with accessing Infinite Campus.**
- **Visitors/Volunteers for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester:** In order to minimize outside exposure during the school day for our students, **parents will not be able to visit classrooms or other locations inside Barnwell** between 7:10 and 2:40 once school starts on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Only pre-arranged visitors/volunteers will be permitted into areas without students during the school day for the first nine weeks of school. We will have staff helping students find their classrooms from the bus and car pool entrances for the first few weeks of school.

I look forward to seeing you at Open House on the 6th!

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