



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Back to School Update #2

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Dear Barnwell Families,

I'm excited to see all our staff next week (they return on Tuesday) to prepare for our Open House on Friday and the first day of school on August 9th.

This is our 2nd back to school update – I'll send one more out next Thursday then we'll resume our weekly Principal Newsletters. I hope you take a few minutes each week to read these, as they are the best way to stay informed throughout the year. I encourage you to also bookmark our [Barnwell website](#), and once school starts to partner with your child's teacher (email, website, agenda).

UPDATES

- **Support 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! 100% of your donation benefits Barnwell students and staff and is tax-deductible. If you do not have a login, contact Michelle Erste at 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.
 - **Visitors/Volunteers:** In order to minimize outside exposure during the school day for our students, **parents will not be able to visit classrooms/instructional spaces between 7:10 and 2:40 once school starts on August 9th**. 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 revisit this policy at the end of the first nine weeks and make adjustments as warranted. All potential volunteers must complete the volunteer protocol online prior to volunteering (<https://www.fultonschools.org/volunteer>). Please reach out to me directly (neuhausm@fultonschools.org) to pre-arrange a visit or to volunteer.
 - **Masks:** As of now, masks are **optional** for all students whenever on campus, except while riding the bus (they are required on buses). Please look for any changes to our county mask policy to come directly from the Superintendent. Please know this is not a Barnwell decision; any concerns should be directed to our [Fulton County Superintendent](#) and [School Board](#).
- I will continue to wear a mask whenever interacting with students in the building and encourage all interested students to feel free to do so as well.
- **New Attendance Options:** Attendance at school is critical for students to learn and grow. Our school board has modified the attendance policy for students providing the following options for students that are not able to be at school:

- **Excused Absence:** This is your typical sick day for illness. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. To excuse your child's absence for a sick day simply send a note or email to your child's teacher upon his/her return to school. Any required work that is missed due to an excused absence should be completed within a few days after returning.
 - **Pre-Approved Absence:** Use this option when traveling or for family events. To request a pre-approved absence email Principal (neuhausm@fultonschools.org) one week prior to trip for approval. Any required work that is missed due to a pre-approved absence should be completed within a few days after returning.
 - **Participated Remotely:** This is a new option that allows students to be counted as present even though they are not physically at school for up to 5 days each semester. All requests for Participated Remotely requires prior approval 72 hours in advance by completing the Participated Remotely request form. In order to be counted as present for each Participated Remotely day, students must complete 45 minutes of iReady Reading *and* 45 minutes of iReady Math each day before midnight. Any required work that is missed during the day must be completed within 48 hours of students return. Please know that students **will not** be able to participate in any live instruction on these days.
- **Grade Reporting Changes:** In addition to our standard quarterly report cards (every nine weeks), students will now receive progress reports halfway through each quarter. All progress reports and report cards will be available through the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus (see below for how to access Infinite Campus).
 - **Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence (F.A.V.E.):** The Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence has extended their enrollment application for 3rd – 12th grade students. Please click [here](#) for more information.

OPEN HOUSE

- **Open House: Friday, August 6th.** *During Open House teachers will need to know how your child is going home each afternoon (car, bus, walker, 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.
 - Stop by our cafeteria 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 3rd to join. *Please do not join virtually if attending F2F!*

INFINITE CAMPUS

- **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 if you do not know your child's student ID number or need assistance with accessing Infinite Campus.

REMINDERS

- **Popsicles on the Playground: Wednesday, August 4th, 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.
- **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.
- **Look for our Principal Newsletter** to be emailed out every Thursday afternoon. We will include new and recurring information each week; please take time each week to read these and stay informed.
- **Devices:** All students in grades 3rd – 5th will be provided a device from Fulton County Schools and students in grade 2nd will be given a device provided by Barnwell Elementary for daily use in school/home as needed.
- **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.
- **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>).

I look forward to seeing you at Open House on the 6th! As always, please feel free to reach out to me (neuhausm@fultonschools.org) with any questions or concerns.

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