



# BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Where Students Come First

*A Note from the Principal, Martin Neuhaus*

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## New Information

Thank you for an **AMAZING** first week with all our bears! It's been wonderful having all our students back at Barnwell this week – thank you for sending us such fantastic children! We appreciate your partnership and look forward to learning and growing together this year.

### COVID Information

As shared yesterday, we are now under a mask mandate. This will be in force until two consecutive Epidemiology Reports have Johns Creek below the 100/100,000 Incidence Rate threshold.

Visit <https://www.fultonschools.org/coronavirus> for the latest information on our county's Covid protocols, including the new recommendations for quarantining (*students with or without symptoms that are Covid-positive/have direct exposure to Covid-positive individual **at home are required to quarantine at home**, while students without symptoms that have direct exposure at school will be allowed to attend school as long as they wear a mask*).

**If you/your child are or were exposed to someone Covid-positive** it is imperative that you complete the online reporting form at [Covid Reporting Portal](#) and wait for further instructions from Fulton County *before* sending your child back to school.

### Remote Options

Look for communication from Fulton County late tonight or tomorrow regarding possible additional options for Remote/F2F learning. I will host a Barnwell Town Hall meeting on Tuesday (8/17) from 11:30 – 12:30 to answer questions and help interested parents navigate through available choices.

### Morning Car Pool

Just a reminder that our morning car pool will close at 7:35 each morning, so please plan accordingly. Late arrivals will need to park and walk students to our front door. Please have your child ready to exit from the passenger side when you pull up to our unloading area during morning car pool. Our staff is happy to open doors, but students should be ready to exit once you pull up, and students don't need to wait for us if they are able to open their own doors.

Please do not drop off students at our **front doors** before 7:30 – doing this interferes with our morning bus arrival and is a hazard for our bus drivers. If you choose to park in our front lot instead of using the car pool line you do need to walk your child to our front door. Students arriving after 7:40 are considered tardy and parents will need to sign them in at our front office.

## [Dismissal Changes](#)

While we encourage our students to go home the same way each day, we understand that changes do happen. If you need to make a change in your child's transportation home, please complete our

[Dismissal Change Form](#) and send it to school with your child. **Please do not email transportation changes to your child's teacher – teachers do not always have time to check emails!** Please contact our front office at 470-254-4960 if you have any questions about dismissal changes.

## [Code of Conduct](#)

Our Student Code of Conduct is available on our county website ([click here for electronic copy](#)). All parents are asked to acknowledge receipt through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Please visit the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal website](#) to sign-off on this yearly requirement or for more information on accessing the Parent Portal. Hard copies of the Code of Conduct are available in our front office for interested parents.

## [Talented and Gifted \(TAG\) Program](#)

We have two TAG teachers at Barnwell ([Stephanie Beckles](#) and [Joanna Thomas](#)). Our [Barnwell TAG website](#) includes all TAG eligibility requirements and has answers to many of the questions you might have about our county TAG program (look in the Parent Resources tab). Please reach out to either teacher with any TAG questions.

## [Helping Hands End Hunger](#)

Our School Governance Council is partnering with the [Helping Hands End Hunger](#) organization to bring an exciting new program to Barnwell starting in January 2022. The idea behind Helping Hands End Hunger is to allow students the opportunity to donate unopened food that they either bring or purchase to students or families in need. Currently we throw away LOTS of food each day that has not been opened and we'd like to get that food into the hands of needy students and families.

Barnwell and Northwood Elementary are piloting this program for Fulton County and we need a couple interested parents to help us make this a success! Please email me ([neuhusm@fultonschools.org](mailto:neuhusm@fultonschools.org)) if you'd like to learn more about this program and possibly help coordinate it for us.

## [Yearbook Photos/Volunteers Needed](#)

The Yearbook Committee wants to see your photos from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school and all future school events. Please use the **FREE Balfour Image Share** app to upload them directly onto our secure site. All parents with smartphones are officially part of our yearbook photography team!

TO UPLOAD PHOTOS FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:

- Search for and download the **Balfour Image Share** in your app marketplace
- Enter our project number: **222281** and password: **gobears**

Please enter details (event, grade, teacher name, etc) when prompted so we can place photos in the correct place in the yearbook. Please direct all questions to Paige Wuyek at [paige.wuyek@gmail.com](mailto:paige.wuyek@gmail.com). We are also looking for volunteers to join the Yearbook Committee. Please contact Paige Wuyek if interested.

# Recurring School and Community News

## Parent Visitors

As explained in our multiple [Back to School Updates](#), we will NOT have any Visitors/Volunteers in our instructional spaces (classrooms, cafeteria, etc.) between 7:00 and 3:00 PM during the first nine weeks of school.

## Bus

Students in PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grade will not be let off at the bus stop without a parent waiting for them each afternoon. Please make sure you are at the stop a few minutes prior to the scheduled arrival so students are not brought back to Barnwell. You can download the [“Here Comes the Bus” app](#) on your phone which lets you know where the bus is at all times! Also visit our [Bus Stop Information website](#) and enter your address for times/locations for your child’s morning/afternoon stops.

## Virtual Parent Teacher Night 8/25

Mark your calendars to attend our **Virtual Parent-Teacher Night** on August 25<sup>th</sup> during the following times (each teacher will send individual links for Teams meetings):

- 5:00 – 5:30 PM General Welcome/PTO meeting
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM PreK, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- 6:15 – 7:15 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade

## Teacher Emails

Classroom teachers are not typically able to answer emails during the day and will not be responding to parent emails for 24-48 hours. Please be patient as they concentrate on establishing routines and procedures this week to ensure all our students feel safe and connected. If you have an emergency, please call the school and we will do our best to help you work through that emergency and update the teacher as needed.

## Girl Scouts Meeting THIS Saturday!

Girl Scouts are recruiting **NOW** for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year! As a Girl Scout, your girl will learn endless life skills, build lifelong friendships, become strong leaders in our community and embark on amazing outdoor adventures. From STEM programs to becoming confident entrepreneurs --- there's **POWER** in every **GIRL!**

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join our Girl Scout Information Meeting on Saturday, August 21, 10-11:30, at Willow Springs Park! At the meeting, girls will make a free craft, meet other families interested in Girl Scouts, learn about our existing troops, and form new troops! Bring a tailgating chair and come join us!! Check out [this flyer](#) for details! Email Laurie at [TroopDevelopmentSU835@gmail.com](mailto:TroopDevelopmentSU835@gmail.com) with questions.

## YAfterschool

The YAfterschool is an After School Program that is filled with fun, adventure, and learning while in a safe and positive environment onsite at Barnwell. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## Tutor Shop

The Tutor Shop is an After School Program that includes academic, enrichment, and homework help onsite at Barnwell. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register. Thanks again for a great first week!

Martin