



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 another GREAT week at Barnwell! The students have done an awesome job getting to know our routines and procedures in their classrooms and throughout Barnwell. We've been teaching what it means to be a Barnwell Bear – to be kind, respectful and positive. Click [here](#) to read the Barnwell Promise. I encourage all parents to have conversations about these expectations and support our efforts to foster kindness, respect, and joy in our students' lives.

Parent Teacher Night 8/25 (Remote)

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

- 5:00 – 5:30 PM General Welcome/PTO meeting ([click here for Zoom meeting](#))
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM PreK, Kindergarten, 1st grade
- 6:15 – 7:15 PM 2nd and 3rd grade
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM 4th and 5th grade

New Learning Options – Deadline Tomorrow

Thank you to all the parents who attended Tuesday's Town Hall meeting. Please click [here](#) for a slide presentation of the Expanded Academic Options for Remote Learning. To register visit <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/24203> and follow the directions for the option you prefer.

Remember, all families interested in one of the Expanded Academic Options must register by the end of the day tomorrow (**8/20/21**).

Attendance Options

Attendance at school is critical for students to learn and grow. Our school board provides 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 and submitting the [Participated Remotely Request Form](#) to either our Assistant Principal Ms. Morris (morrisra@fultonschools.org) or Principal (neuhausm@fultonschools.org).

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**. Failure to complete these requirements will result in an unexcused absence. 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 as we do not provide simultaneous instruction.

Morning Car Pool

Our morning car pool is BUSY! We are open from 7:10 – 7:35 each morning; please do not drop your children off before 7:10 as we cannot supervise/monitor until our staff starts at 7:10. Parents arriving prior to 7:10 should wait in the car with their children until our 7:10 bell rings and our staff opens the car rider entrance doors.

With our increased volume of car riders this year, it is very helpful for parents to pull all the way forward and have their child ready to exit from the passenger side in our unloading zone (look for the **Pull Up to Here sign** and the **Begin Unloading Here** sign). While our staff is happy to open doors, please encourage your child to do so themselves when possible to speed up the process.

COVID Information/Procedures

As you know, we are 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. The [8/17 Epidemiology Report](#) has us at a 264.2 Incidence Rate (well above the 100 threshold).

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.

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*).

5th Grade BBTV Applications

We are excited to begin LIVE news broadcasts with 5th graders for BBTV after Labor Day! All 5th graders who are interested in joining our news crew should pick up an application in the Media Center. All applicants must have parent permission and a commitment to arrive at school by 7:25 AM on assigned weeks. All applications are due by **September 1st**. No late applications will be accepted. Please reach out to Mrs. Shapiro at shapiro@fultonschools.org with any questions!

[Items Delivered to School](#)

Please know that we do not interrupt classes to bring forgotten items to your child during the school day. If you need to drop off an item after school has started, it will remain in the front office. We will email the teachers and they will send the students if/when there is a break in the day to retrieve their forgotten item. Items will not be delivered to your child's classroom. Please help your child prepare for their day the night before so that they have everything needed for the day when they arrive at school.

[Girls on the Run \(Grades 3rd – 5th\)](#)

Girls on the run is an afterschool program like no other! Girls of all abilities will have fun, make friends, increase physical activity levels, and learn important life skills they can use at home, at school and with friends. For more information, please click [here](#) and to register, please click [here](#).

[Support our PTO!](#)

Our PTO is almost 3/4 of the way to their \$40,000 goal for this year's Bear Campaign! Thank you to all the families for your support so far. As a reminder, the PTO supports the school in a variety of ways, from events to software upgrades, to improvements around the building. This year's goal is to get back to our great community events and take extra care of our outdoor spaces for additional safety!

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.

[Barnwell's Best Award!](#)

Each week our team recognizes a staff member that exemplifies Barnwell's BEST – someone who leads by example, sharing their positive energy and enthusiasm with our school family. This week's Barnwell's BEST Recipient is **Laura Demeter, Bookkeeper.**



Congratulations to **Laura Demeter** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

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.

[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.

[Bus Information](#)

Students in PreK-1st 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! The school code is 87428. To register, you will also need your child's ID number. If you have any problems with the "Here Comes the Bus" app, please submit a ticket [here](#) from the device you are using or reach out to Pedro Haynes, Transportation Supervisor at HaynesP@fultonschools.org. If you need help with your child's ID number, please reach out to Susan Agerton at Agertons@fultonschools.org or 470-254-4960.

To get bus stop information, visit our [Bus Stop Information website](#) and enter your address for times/locations for your child's morning/afternoon stops.

[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 (neuhausm@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 1st 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. We are also looking for volunteers to join the Yearbook Committee. Please contact Paige Wuyek if interested.

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.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 499 is for boys AND girls in kindergarten through 5th grade. If you are interested in Scouting, please join us for our New Parent Info Session on Sunday at 4:30 on zoom!



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7370936916?pwd=Q1Bb3ZrbThUOFJPSWZZcTByNS8oUT09>. Or use meeting code 737 093 6916 and password 9250.

Email Pack Leader Greg Naugher at gregorynaugher@gmail.com with questions!

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 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.

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