



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Martin Neuhaus

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New Information

Columbus Day 10/11 and Teacher Workday 10/12

Fulton County Schools will be closed on Monday, October 11th for all students and employees for Columbus Day and there will be no school for students on Tuesday, October 12th for a Teacher Workday. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2021-2022 calendar.

Principal Challenge to Support the Dr. Tyler Wallace Foundation

I'd like our school community to join together to support one amazing member of our school family. As many of you know Charisse Gilbert, our current Teacher of the Year, lost her brother, Dr. Tyler Wallace, in January 2020. Tyler's story was featured on the news last year (www.wsbtv.com/news/dr.tyler.wallace). Currently the defendant is not behind bars and the family is still seeking justice.

Mrs. Gilbert's family created [The Dr. Tyler Wallace Foundation](#) in his honor that awards yearly scholarships for UGA & Augusta Medical College for students whom have exhibited altruism, leadership, compassion, and other conscientious characteristics during their educational tenure. Through this Foundation, Tyler's smile and love will continue to make an impact on the lives of students and their families.

Our school staff raised nearly **\$1400** this week to support the Dr. Tyler Wallace Foundation. I'd love to see the Barnwell community meet or exceed this amount. Please consider making a donation to support Mrs. Gilbert and her family's effort to the Dr. Tyler Wallace Foundation. Together, we are **BarnwellSTRONG!**

To make a donation visit: <https://gofund.me/3d17056f>.

NWEA's MAP Growth Assessment (2nd and 4th Grade Only)

Beginning next week students in 2nd and 4th grade will take the NWEA MAP Growth assessment. The MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Growth Assessment is nationally normed and is a computer-adaptive test that measures skills in Reading and Math. Teachers will be able to use the results to help inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor growth for individual students. MAP Growth will not be used as part of a student's grade, but it can be used as a criterion for TAG eligibility. Students will take the Reading portion of the assessment between October 4th-8th and the Math portion between October 13th-15th. For additional information, please click [here](#).

Grading Changes in Infinite Campus

Beginning this week, all missing assignments will be entered as a 50% in Infinite Campus. A missing assignment comment will also be attached to the grade. This change will allow the average grade to

better reflect the totality of the work that is required and alert students to the necessity for completing and turning in required assignments.

Students have until five school days before the end of the semester to turn in missing assignments; however, if you notice a missing assignment impacting your child's grade please don't wait until December to inquire! Once the missing assignment is turned in, the grade will be updated in the Infinite Campus grade book.

Student Checkout

As a reminder, a Driver's License ID or Government ID is required for all student checkouts as well as a mask when coming into the building. When checking out a student early, please send in a [Dismissal Change Form](#) to your child's teacher.

Join our PTO for a Community Service Project on Tuesday, October 12th!

Mark your calendar for our first Teacher Workday/Community Service Day of the school year. Bring your children to the Barnwell cafeteria on Tuesday, October 12th between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM to make thank you cards for our troops. The cards will be donated with our Candy for Troops donations that we will collect on November 1st. Feel free to bring candy to donate on the 12th if you want.

All supplies for the project will be provided. Come spend an hour or so making cards for our troops on your day off! The first 100 volunteers (*parents and students!*) who arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 am will get a free coffee/hot chocolate courtesy of coffee truck, [Java Joy!](#) Have ideas for other Teacher Workday/Community Service Day projects? Contact our VPs of Community Outreach, Dee Amin at dyuti1203@gmail.com or Cynthia Keeler at cynthiakay7@gmail.com, to share ideas!

Principal Coffee 10/14

Please join us for a Principal Coffee on Thursday, October 14th, beginning at 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM in our cafeteria. Please click [here](#) to RSVP and share your topics for discussion.

COVID Update/Procedures

The latest [Epidemiology Report](#) from 9/28 has Johns Creek at a **218.8 Incidence Rate**, another significant decrease from the previous report but still well above the 100 threshold. This means that we will continue to be under a mask mandate until we have two consecutive weeks with an Incidence Rate below 100.

As a reminder, please fill out the [Covid Reporting Form](#) and keep your child home until contacted if:

You/your child are (1) Covid Positive; (2) exposed to someone Covid-positive at home, or (3) have taken a Covid test because of symptoms.

If any of these apply, it is imperative that you complete the [Covid Reporting Form](#) and wait for further instructions from Fulton County *before* sending your child back to school. This may take 24-48 hours as the nurses are responding to parents in the order they are submitted to the portal. More information is available on our county Covid website (<https://www.fultonschools.org/coronavirus>).

One Johns Creek

One Johns Creek is hosting a "Let's Talk" helping each other through trauma event on Thursday, October 28th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Radiant Church. The event will be held in-person and online. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

[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 **Pilar Quinn, Paraprofessional.**



Congratulations to **Pilar Quinn** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

Recurring School and Community News

[Science Olympiad Club Sign-Up for 4th & 5th Graders](#)

What is Science Olympiad Club? Science Olympiad Club is a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving science education, increasing interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding academic achievement. Science Olympiad is a fun, hands-on way to make science exciting and foster a passion for the subject, while promoting teamwork, cooperation, and problem-solving skills. Club Meetings will run Tuesday mornings in the STEM lab from 7:20-7:50. Our first meeting will be October 19th! If you are a 4th or 5th grade student and you are interested, please [click here](#) and complete the application by October 8th. If you have questions, please contact Katie Stiers at StiersK@fultonschools.org.

[Art Extravaganza](#)

Art Extravaganza is a new competition that allows young artists at Barnwell to submit their original works of art to be judged by professional artists! Students may enter into one or all of the available art categories in response to this year's theme: *Together we can...* Participants will be eligible for school-wide recognition and division prizes! Please click [here](#) for more information.

[SGC Waiver Request Feedback Window 9/2- 10/1](#)

Our School Governance Council (SGC) is requesting district approval on two waivers for the 2022-23 school year and wants feedback from all Barnwell families. These waivers allow us flexibility in using allocated funds as well as implementing our Daily TAG program. We have used these waivers successfully for the last three years and are required to resubmit them again to comply with the new [Value-Added Flexibility](#) process. The two waivers we request are:

1. **Itinerant Conversion:** This waiver allows us to convert an itinerant position (a part-time position that we earn based on student enrollment). We have used this waiver previously to add additional classroom teachers or to supplement our TAG/EIP positions. This Itinerant Conversion waiver is an [Opt-In](#) waiver meaning all interested schools are eligible to apply.
2. **Daily TAG Model:** This waiver allows us to serve qualifying students in TAG on a daily basis (50 minutes each day) rather than a weekly basis (250 minutes one day). Students in TAG (as well as those receiving ESOL, EIP and/or Speech services) are served daily during our WIN (*What I Need*) time. This allows **ALL** students to receive daily instruction from their classroom teachers in all subjects while still receiving the special services required. This [Daily TAG Model](#) waiver is unique to Barnwell.

Please provide your input on both waivers on our [SGC Waiver Feedback Form](#) now through 9/30. Our SGC will consider all parent feedback prior to determining if we want to move forward with these waiver requests.

[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.

Girl Scouts Kite Flying Party!

Come join Girl Scouts for some fun! We will have a Kite Flying event this Saturday from 10:00 AM-11:30 AM at Ocee Park. See [flyer](#) for details. See you there!

Johns Creek High School Cheerleading

Johns Creek High School Cheerleading is raising money for the Karen Wellington Foundation (KWF) for LIVING with Breast Cancer at their **Pink Out game on October 15th**. There will be a silent auction, T-Shirt Sales, and amazing raffle items. This is an annual fundraiser, and they would love the Johns Creek community's help! 100% of the money raised goes to the KWF and will send a woman in our community who is battling breast cancer on a trip of a lifetime. Come cheer on the Gladiators during their Pink Out game and help support the Karen Wellington Foundation for LIVING with Breast Cancer!

Important Dates

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Columbus Day (No School) | October 11 | |
| Teacher Workday (No School) | October 12 | |
| Principal Coffee | October 14 | 8:00 AM |
| Family Movie Night | October 22 | 6:00 PM |
| Late Start Day | October 25 | 8:40 AM |
| Papa John's Spirit Night | November 4 | 11:00 AM |
| Late Start Day | November 15 | 8:40 AM |
| Thanksgiving Holiday | November 22-26 | |
| Picture Make-Up Day | December 1 | 8:00 AM |
| Giving Tree | December 1-10 | |
| Winter Break | December 20 - 31 | |
| Teacher Workday | January 3 | |

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