



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.

Barnwell School Governance Council (SGC) Update

Our [School Governance Council](#) has been busy supporting us this year, as follows:

- Securing the needed waivers to support our WIN (What I Need) Time schedule, including the [Itinerant Conversion Waiver](#) and [Daily TAG Model Waiver](#).
- Funding a part-time Instructional Tutoring Parapro to work with students each day
- Purchasing equipment (glass door commercial refrigerator) to support our [Helping Hands End Hunger](#) initiative which we will start next semester
- Funding the [One School One Book](#) program for us which will start next semester

I appreciate all our parent members (*Clay Holloway (chair), Sara McKenzie (vice-chair), Donald Albright and Gloria Sanroman*), staff members (*Allison Townsend, Joanna Thomas, Stephanie Beckles and Breana Rounds*) and Johns Creek Police Corporal Rowe for serving on our Council and supporting our Barnwell community.

Principal Coffee 10/14

Please join me for a Principal Coffee on Thursday, October 14th, from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM in our cafeteria. I'll provide a brief update on Barnwell and answer any questions you have! Please click [here](#) to RSVP and share any topics you'd like me to discuss.

Coach Books Available to Order Through 10/29

We are pleased to offer the Georgia Coach GSE Review books for any parents interested in supplemental preparation for next spring's Georgia Milestone Assessment.

These books are excellent tools to help practice and prepare for all the skills needed on the end-of-year assessments. This grade specific series provides comprehensive instruction and extended practice on all the key skills and concepts our students are tested on. Books are available for grades 3-5 in English Language Arts and Math. These books include multiple-choice, matching, and extended-response questions.

All orders must be paid for on-line by [clicking here](#). All orders are due by October 29th and are not refundable.

Community Service Project on Tuesday, October 12th!

During the Teacher Workday next Tuesday (10/13), all parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Barnwell cafeteria 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. We hope you will 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!

[COVID Update/Procedures](#)

The latest [Epidemiology Report](#) from 10/5 has Johns Creek at a **174.6 Incidence Rate**, another significant decrease from the previous report but still 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>).

[PTO Family Movie Night-October 22nd](#)

Our PTO Family Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, October 22nd from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM on our backfield. Please click [here](#) for more information.

[PTO 5th Grade Movie Night-November 9th \(Save the Date\)](#)

The 5th grade movie night is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th at the Autry Mill Nature Preserve from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM. More information will be coming.

[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 **Jovan Bramlett, Paraprofessional.**



Congratulations to **Jovan Bramlett** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

Recurring School and Community News

[Principal Challenge to Support the Dr. Tyler Wallace Foundation](#)

Thank you to everyone that donated to support Mrs. Gilbert and The Dr. Tyler Wallace Foundation! 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.

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](#).

[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.

[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.

[PTO 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.

[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.

[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.

[Johns Creek High School Presents "A Night of Laughter"](#)

JCHS's PTSA presents "A Night of Laughter" on Thursday, October 21st from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the JCHS Auditorium. Please click [here](#) for more information.

[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

Event	Date	Time	Location
Columbus Day	October 11	No School	
Teacher Workday	October 12	No School	
Principal Coffee	October 14	8:00 AM	Cafeteria
Family Movie Night	October 22	6:00 PM-9:00 PM	Backfield
Late Start Day	October 25	8:40 AM	
Papa John's Spirit Night	November 4	11:00 AM-close	
5 th Grade Movie Night	November 9	5:30 PM-8:00 PM	Autry Mill Nature Preserve
Late Start Day	November 15	8:40 AM	
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 22-26	No School	
Picture Make-Up Day	December 1	8:00 AM	
Giving Tree	December 1-10		
Winter Break	December 20 - 31	No School	
Teacher Workday	January 3	No School	

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