



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

Late Start Day Feedback?

I hope everyone found Monday's Late Start Day to be a much better experience than our first one! We had over 200 parents take advantage of the extra hour, dropping off students in our car pool lane between 8:00 and 8:40. We were able to use the time to provide some much needed training with our Instructional Paraprofessionals and will continue to support them during future Late Start Days.

Please let me (neuhausm@fultonschools.org) know directly if you have additional feedback for us to consider before our next Late Start Day on November 15th.

Election Day – November 2nd

Barnwell Elementary is a voting location for the municipal elections and E-SPLOST on November 2nd from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

We will be utilizing our cafeteria for voting, so both breakfast and lunch will be eaten in classrooms on Tuesday. All voters will enter/exit through the cafeteria doors on our bus lane – NO voters will have access to the rest of our building. A uniformed Police Officer will be on site throughout the day, ensuring that voters enter/exit through the designated doors only.

Please consider having your child ride the bus, if possible, on Tuesday as voters often get confused with our traffic patterns and I'm expecting many to use the car pool lane by mistake.

Early Voting - Early voting ends tomorrow (10/29)! Many convenient locations, including Park Place at Newtown, Alpharetta Library, Ocee Library, Milton Library, East Roswell, and Roswell Libraries. In Johns Creek, we are electing important local legislators, including the Mayor and several City Council positions. We recommend you review a sample ballot before voting, so you can check out the candidates and issues ahead of time. It's quick, easy and online: go to [GA My Voter Page](#), enter your info and click the link that says "Sample Ballot".

SPLOST - SPLOST is on the ballot. Go to this [link](#) to get information concerning FCS and SPLOST. Also, click this [link](#) to see proposed SPLOST projects in the JCHS cluster.

Masks Optional for All Johns Creek Schools

As shared in Tuesday's separate parent email, we are now Mask Optional based on the latest [epidemiology report](#). While masks are still strongly encouraged, **students and staff will no**

longer be required to wear masks on campus (**however masks are still required on buses and if students are quarantining at school**).

Please make sure you have a discussion with your child about wearing a mask at school. We have many families that want their child to continue wearing masks and others that choose not to. As a school family we will respect and support whatever decision your family makes. However, teachers will not be reminding/enforcing individual students to wear/not wear masks – that position is not tenable and needs to be made by individual students.

I did share with all our students on the news earlier this week that I will continue to wear my mask whenever I'm in the building as I want to do everything possible to protect my loved ones that have compromised immune systems.

[Art Extravaganza Entries due by Tomorrow \(10/29\)](#)

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 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 and click [here](#) for the registration submission form. **Entries with the submission form can be dropped off in the front office no later than Friday, October 29th.**

[Tang Halloween Math Challenge – Deadline is Tuesday, 11/3!](#)

I encourage all Barnwell students to complete the [Greg Tang Halloween Math Challenge](#). To participate, visit <https://tangmath.com/halloween>, print out your child's grade-level math board, complete the activities, then have your child drop off the finished game board at the front desk *with his/her full name, teacher's name and grade level written on the top of the gameboard*. We will submit all completed entries received by 11/3 to Greg Tang Math to be eligible for prize drawings from this nation-wide contest.

ALL students that turn in a completed gameboard (including student and teacher name and grade level!) by 11/3 will also be entered into a Barnwell raffle (one for K-2 and one for 3-5) to play Kakooma with the principal.

[Family Movie Night – Thank you!](#)

Our PTO Family Movie Night was a big success! Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy Hocus Pocus with your family and friends. A special thank you to Emily Glahn and Ryan Uptegraph for all their help organizing this very fun event for our families.



[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 **Jeanine Rechtman, Paraprofessional**.



Congratulations to **Jeanine Rechtman** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

Recurring School and Community News

Capital Plan 2027 and ESPLOST

On November 2, 2021, Fulton citizens will vote on whether to continue ESPLOST as the funding source for the projects in Capital Plan 2027. Fulton County Schools has created a webpage about Capital Plan 2027 and ESPLOST at www.fultonschools.org/ESPLOST. In today's papers you will find two flyers with additional information about the Capital Plan for Fulton County as well as specific projects planned for all schools in our Johns Creek HS cluster.



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are available to purchase! Please visit Balfour.com and find Barnwell Elementary to purchase a yearbook. Don't wait, order now! Once we sell out, we cannot order more!

Attention 5th Grade Parents! You can also purchase a congratulatory ad for your child for the yearbook. This (optional) ad appears at the end of the 5th grade yearbook section and is a great way to let your child know just how proud of them you are!

For a limited time, we are selling ads for the REDUCED PRICE of \$20 per 1/8 of a page ad. After 11/30, the price will increase to \$30, so buy yours today! Ad space is limited, so do not delay! Look [HERE](#) for more information. Please direct all questions to Paige Wuyek at paige.wuyek@gmail.com

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.

COVID Update/Procedures

The latest [Epidemiology Report](#) from 10/26 has Johns Creek at 91.0, another significant decrease from the previous report. Since we have now had two weeks under 100 incidence rate, masks are now optional in Johns Creek.

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 5th Grade Movie Night-November 9th

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.

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.

Centennial Junior Knights Lacrosse Club

Centennial Junior Knights is offering a TryLax Clinic. This is a great opportunity for youth in our area to try out a fun sport for \$35, and every child gets a brand-new stick, ball, 90-minute clinic and USA Lacrosse Membership for 1 year. Please click [here](#) for additional information.

Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pre-K/Kindergarten Parade	October 29	8:00 AM	Backfield
Election Day	November 2	7:00 AM-7:00 PM	Solarium
Papa John’s Spirit Night	November 4	11:00 AM-close	Old Alabama Rd Location
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	Car Pool Drop Off
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 22-26	No School	-----
Picture Make-Up Day	December 1	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	-----
Giving Tree	December 1-10	-----	-----
Winter Break	December 20 - 31	No School	-----
Teacher Workday	January 3	No School	-----

Quick Links:

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[Bus Information](#)

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[Dismissal Form](#)

[Summit Counseling at Barnwell](#)

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