



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Martin Neuhaus

December 2, 2021

New Information

[Johns Creek Founders Day Parade - December 4th](#)

The Johns Creek Founders Day Parade is this Saturday (12/4) at 10:00 AM. (please click [here](#) for the parade route). Our 2021 Teacher of the Year, **Mrs. Charisse Gilbert**, will be representing Barnwell in the parade this year and hopes to see you Saturday morning!

[Student Council Holiday Spirit Week](#)

Our Student Council is sponsoring a Holiday Spirit Week the last week before winter break. Please click [here](#) for more information on how to participate.

[Textbooks for Reading and Language Arts \(2022-23 School Year\)](#)

Our district is in the final phases of adopting a new textbook series for Reading and Language Arts for Kindergarten through 5th grade. The textbook options have been narrowed to two resources: *My View* and *Wonders*. Parents and teachers are invited to review the two resources and complete the electronic survey located on the district website (<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/22313>).

Materials for the two textbook series are set up in our front entryway for public review now through January 21st. If interested in reviewing, please stop by anytime, checking in at the front office (bring your driver's license). The selection of the textbook resource will be recommended to the FCS school board late second semester, with a final decision made in May.

[Visitors and Volunteers – Second Semester](#)

As we return to school January 4th and begin our second semester, we will be updating our visitor and volunteer policy based on continued low Covid Incidence numbers.

This means we will begin allowing volunteers into classrooms (Mystery Readers, Room Parents, etc.) **per teacher invitation** with a mask recommendation (since many of our students continue to wear masks, we *encourage* all parents/visitors entering classrooms to also wear a mask). All parent volunteers **must** complete the [Volunteer Protocol](#) prior to volunteering in the classroom and present a valid Driver's License ID upon signing in. If you are thinking of volunteering any time next semester, please go ahead and complete the 15-minute [Volunteer Training](#) now.

We are also planning to reinstitute All Pro Dads on January 7th. All dads/visitors must present their Driver's License ID when signing in for the All Pro Dads Breakfast. Look for more information in our next newsletter or the PTO Beargram.

While we are happy to have Visitors and Volunteers back at Barnwell next semester, please know that we **will not** be able to accommodate lunch visitors for the rest of this year as we have spread out all our students and removed the cafeteria visitor section.

Barnwell Giving Tree

Every year, the **Barnwell Giving Tree** donates new, unwrapped toys to the North Fulton Community Charities to help kids in our area who cannot afford holiday gifts. This year's Giving Tree runs through December 14th. Please consider helping us support local families in need. We also need two parent volunteers per collection day (Dec. 13 and 14) to receive gifts when students arrive by bus or car. Please reach out to Kristy Killeen (kristy.pell@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering.

More information and details coming soon, including suggested items to donate! If your family is in need of assistance during the holidays, please contact school counselor, Mrs. Wilkerson at wilkersonsj@fultonschools.org.

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 **Katie Stiers, STEM Teacher**.



Congratulations to **Katie Stiers** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

Recurring School and Community News

COVID Update/Procedures

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>).

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.

Yearbooks

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

The Yearbook Committee wants to see your photos from ANY SCHOOL EVENT! Other examples of photos to send are Sporting Events, Girl/Boy Scouts, photos with friends from school, etc. Uploading is free and easy! Please use the FREE Image Share app to upload them directly onto our secure site. If you have a smartphone, you are officially now a yearbook photographer!

TO UPLOAD PHOTOS FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:

- Search for Balfour Image Share in your app marketplace
- Download the app and create an account
- Enter our project number: **22281** (no upload code needed)

Please enter details (event, grade, teacher name, etc.) when prompted so we can place photos in the correct place in the book! Please direct all questions to Paige Wuyek at paige.wuyek@gmail.com

[Barnwell Road/Holcomb Bridge Improvement Project](#)

Work should begin soon for the intersection improvements being made at Barnwell Rd/Holcomb Bridge Rd. While this won't impact us at Barnwell, it will impact everyone traveling south on Barnwell Road during construction. Click [here](#) for details.

Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Giving Tree	December 1-10	-----	School
Winter Break	December 20 - 31	No School	-----
Tumbles Spirit Night	December 13	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Tumbles
Teacher Workday	January 3	No School	-----
First Day 2 nd Semester	January 4	-----	-----
All Pro Dads Breakfast	January 7	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
MLK, Jr. Holiday	January 17	No School	-----
Principal's Coffee	January 20	8:00 AM	Cafeteria
Sky Zone Spirit Night	January 20	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Roswell location
Late Start Day	January 24	8:10 AM-8:40 AM	Car Pool Drop Off
Mother/Son Bingo	January 28	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Cafeteria
Papa Johns Spirit Night	February 3	11:00 AM – close	-----
5 th Grade Bowling Night	February 4	6:00 PM–8:00 PM	Bowlero (Roswell)
Professional Development Day	February 18	No School Students	-----
President's Day	February 21	School Closed	-----
Spring & Class Pictures	February 24	8:00 AM-1:00 PM	School
Late Start Day	February 28	8:10AM-8:40 AM	Car Pool Drop Off

Quick Links:

[Attendance Options](#)

[Bus Information](#)

[Car Rider Information](#)

[Dismissal Form](#)

[Summit Counseling at Barnwell](#)

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