



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Martin Neuhaus

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New Information

Winter Break

All Fulton County Schools will be closed for Winter Break from Monday, December 20, through Monday, January 3, 2022.

On behalf of all of us at Barnwell, we wish you a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing all our students back at Barnwell on Tuesday, January 4th!

Late Start Days Switch to Half Days

We are expecting that the FCS Board will approve to switch the remaining Late Start Days to Early Release Days at tonight's board meeting. This means that students will now be required to arrive to school on-time (7:10-7:40 AM) and will be **dismissed beginning at 12:20 PM (which is 2 hours earlier than normal) on the following days:**

- January 24, 2022
- February 28, 2022
- March 21, 2022

Miscellaneous Donations (Records and K-Cups) Wanted

If you have any vinyl records that you're willing to donate we'd love to add them to our Zen Den - any genres would be appreciated (*the Zen Den is a room we created for staff to de-stress and re-energize throughout the day and after school, having additional musical options would be wonderful*).

Also, our teachers and staff would love donations of Coffee K-Cups. Any flavor/brand would be greatly appreciated as our staff (myself included!) drink a LOT of coffee!

Please simply have your child bring any donations to our front desk any time, thank you!

Greg Tang New Year's Challenge

I encourage all our bears to complete the fun [Greg Tang New Year's Challenge](#) over the break. Simply print out the appropriate grade level game board and then complete the fun activities directly on the interactive game site. As you complete each activity online, mark it off on your individual game board then bring the finished game board and drop off at our front desk when we return in January (1/4 or 1/5) - *make sure your child writes his/her name and their teacher's name on it!*.

We will enter all students that bring the completed game board before the deadline into the Greg Tang New Year's Challenge online contest, **and we will randomly select 20 students to win a Book Vending Machine token!**

All-Pro Dads

All Pro Dads is BACK!! On **Friday, January 7th at 6:45 AM**, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your student, their school, and discuss topics that help students to build character. Our upcoming topics this semester include Joy, Optimism, Patience, Respect and Responsibility. *(No child should feel left out - Moms or Guardians are welcome too)* **PLEASE RSVP** at allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353. Please click [here](#) for more information. Reminder, all visitors must present a valid driver's license when signing in at the front office.

Helping Hands End Hunger

In mid-January, we will begin our partnership with Helping Hands End Hunger to help feed our community. Students will have the opportunity each day to donate uneaten and unopened food items during breakfast and lunch times from the cafeteria that would otherwise be thrown away. This food will be donated weekly to the North Fulton Community Charity Food Pantry.

Volunteers will be needed during our lunch times to help collect and sort food items. This is a great opportunity to volunteer in the school and possibly see your child during lunch. All volunteers have to complete the Volunteer Protocol [here](#) prior to volunteering. Look for sign-up information to come next week.

Please click [here](#) to sign up to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Gruher at Jennid333@hotmail.com or Jennifer Meyrowitz at jmeyrowi@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 **Shannon McMahon, IRR Teacher.**



Congratulations to **Shannon McMahon** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

Recurring School and Community News

2022-2023 Hardship Transfers

Beginning January 1, 2022, parents of eligible Fulton County students can apply for a 2022-2023 hardship transfer to another Fulton County school or request renewal of an existing hardship. Please visit www.fultonschools.org to submit an application. The deadline is February 28, 2022.

K-2 Remote Learning – Second Semester

Any families who are interested in the K-2 Remote option for 2nd semester should email k-2remoteprogram@fultonschools.org. Mr. Avera, the Remote Assistant Principal, will follow up with each family and explain the process for switching from Barnwell to the K-2 Remote School.

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.

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.

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.

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: **222281** (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

Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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
Early Release Day	January 24	12:20 PM dismissal	
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
Early Release Day	February 28	12:20 PM dismissal	

Quick Links:

[Attendance Options](#)

[Bus Information](#)

[Car Rider Information](#)

[Dismissal Form](#)

[Summit Counseling at Barnwell](#)

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