



# 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

### Early Release Day – Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

**Our first Early Release Day is on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. We will begin dismissal at 12:20 PM, modifying our lunch schedule to ensure that all students have lunch prior to dismissal.** Please plan on arriving at 12:20 for car pool dismissal or expect your child at his/her bus stop two hours before their normal arrival time.

The remaining Early Release Days are 2/28 and 3/21. Both our Y-After School and Tutor Shop will be open early on all our Early Release Days for students in these programs.

### Morning Car Pool Changes

Thank you to all parents that are arriving prior to 7:30 each morning – this helps us clear the line before school starts at 7:40. As a reminder, we close our car pool at 7:40 each morning – all students still in their cars when the bell rings are late. **All parents still in line at 7:40 need to drive around to park in our front lot, walk their child to the front doors and sign their child in at the office to receive a tardy pass before going to class.**

Please consider arriving early or having your child ride the bus each morning – click [here](#) for our Transportation Department (then click on the [Bus Stop Information](#) link on the left) to find your child's bus stop locations and times.

### Covid Update – Afterschool Activities Resume Next Week

We had another great week with the vast majority of our students coming to school prepared and wearing their masks without issues. Beginning next week, the mask mandate for all students/staff at all schools is no longer required, so **masks will once again be optional for all students/staff beginning on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Please discuss with your child your preference for him/her continuing to wear a mask. We will support whatever decision you make for your family – please know that many of our students and staff will continue to wear masks whenever in close proximity to others (including myself). Also, as per the new quarantine rules, any student/staff identified as having possible direct exposure to a Covid-positive individual will have to wear a mask for the duration of their quarantine period (as in the past, parents will receive an email from me in all cases of possible direct exposure at school).

While this week's [Epidemiology Report](#) has Johns Creek 2071.5, Fulton County Schools has allowed us to begin our After School Programs again. Look for more details from each program your child is registered in (Chess, Yoga, Reading Bowl, Minecraft, etc.) for in-person confirmation starting dates.

Once the Incident Rate drops below 1000 per 100,000, we will be able to have volunteers back in non-instructional spaces at Barnwell, including starting our **Helping Hands End Hunger** campaign in our cafeteria.

### Yearbooks

**January 31st is the last day to GUARANTEE a yearbook for your child!** After that date we cannot change our order amount number with the publisher, so books will only be available in a limited quantity until we sell out. Yearbooks are \$35, and can be purchased online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com). Help preserve those precious elementary school memories and order your book TODAY!

The Yearbook Committee wants to see your child's SPIRIT WEAR photos! Show your child's Barnwell Spirit with their favorite Barnwell spirit wear! Other school event photos are welcome! Uploading is free and easy! Please use the FREE Image Share app to upload them directly onto our secure site. Or on <https://studio.balfour.com/ezpix/>

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)

If you have any questions, please contact The Barnwell Yearbook Committee - Paige Wuyek [paige.wuyek@gmail.com](mailto:paige.wuyek@gmail.com)

### Student Council

Our Student Council will be collecting **NEW** socks, gloves, and mittens for North Fulton Community Charities from January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please help our students be the warm "hands and feet" of our community by sending in new socks, gloves, or mittens if possible.

### 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 **Heather Lambright, Literacy Coach.**



Congratulations to **Heather Lambright** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

## Recurring School and Community News

### Miscellaneous Donations (Records and K-Cups) Wanted

Thank you to all parents that have donated K-cups and vinyl albums for our staff, we've received lots of coffee and one album – please keep them coming if possible!

All coffee is made available to staff throughout the day, and all albums will be added 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*).

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

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

The ELA textbook adoption review period will end on January 21, 2022. While we are not able to accept visitors next week, please take time to review the resources on the [Textbook Adoption Website](#) and provide feedback no later than January 21st. A survey for feedback is also included on the website. The district values your input, and it is important for your voice is heard about a resource that will be used over the next several years.

### **[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](http://www.fultonschools.org) to submit an application. **The deadline is February 28, 2022.**

### **[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.

## Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Early Release Day	January 24	12:20 PM dismissal	
Papa Johns Spirit Night	February 3	11:00 AM – close	-----
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bowling Night	February 4	6:00 PM–8:00 PM	Bowlero (Roswell)
Principal Coffee	February 17	8:00 AM	Cafeteria
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
Mother/Son Bingo	February 25	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Cafeteria
Early Release Day	February 28	12:20 PM dismissal	
Sky Zone Spirit Night	March 3	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Sky Zone
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	March 4	6:45 AM–7:30 AM	Cafeteria
Teacher Work Day	March 11	No School Students	
Professional Development Day	March 14	No School Students	
Early Release Day	March 21	12:20 PM dismissal	
Father/Daughter Dance	March 25	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Cafeteria
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	April 1	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
Spring Break	April 4-8	School Closed	

### Quick Links:

[Attendance Options](#)

[Bus Information](#)

[Car Rider Information](#)

[Dismissal Form](#)

[Summit Counseling at Barnwell](#)

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