



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

Covid Numbers Decline/Protocol Changes

Fulton County has modified the Covid reporting protocol for all students. Parents now only need to **report positive Covid cases in their household** to the [Covid Reporting Portal](#) when finding out that a member of the household is Covid-positive. If any person living in your house is Covid-positive please make a [report](#) and wait to hear from the Response Team for guidance before sending students to school. Please click [here](#) for the FCS Coronavirus Information Page with more details on this change.

This week's [Epidemiology Report](#) has Johns Creek at **1546.3**. This is a 500+ point drop from last week and great progress for our community!

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 our PTO for our upcoming Staff Appreciation Week and volunteers assisting with our new **Helping Hands End Hunger** campaign to repurpose uneaten food in our cafeteria.

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

Join us in wishing our Reading Bowl Team Members good luck as they participate in the Fulton County Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl this Saturday. Our team of 4th and 5th grade students has read ten books, all nominees for the Georgia Book Award, and will be competing against other elementary school teams across our district in a quiz-bowl type format to test their knowledge and understanding of the ten books.

Barnwell is competing for the 4th time this year, **returning as the reigning 1st place champs**. I am very proud of our team led by Mrs. Shapiro and Mrs. Michaelis. They have been meeting weekly since September to practice and prepare for this competition which has taken a great deal of dedication, teamwork, and effort! **GO BEARS!**

Student Council – Socks and Gloves Collection 1/31 – 2/4

Our Student Council will be collecting **NEW** socks, gloves, and mittens to support the North Fulton Community Charities **from January 31st through February 4th**. Please help our students warm “*hands and feet*” in our community by sending in a pair (or two!) of new socks, gloves, or mittens if possible.

[School Governance Council Elections – Parents Needed!](#)

We are looking for parents to join our SGC for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school year. To be eligible, parents must have a student at Barnwell for both school years. Our SGC is a small group of parents, teachers, and community members (9 total) that work with me to create and monitor our school Strategic Plan, approve our yearly budget, provide feedback to the Zone Superintendent on principal performance and participate in hiring a principal where there are vacancies.

If you are interested in running for a position on our School Governance Council, please complete and submit a Parent/Guardian [Candidate Declaration Form](#) between 2/2/22 and 3/2/22. Voting will take place the week of March 23rd. More information can be found on our county [SGC website](#) (click on Elections for the updated Election Guide).

[Staff Appreciation Week!](#)

Our PTO needs your help! Our **Staff Appreciation Week is from February 7th -11th**. As you know, our PTO opted to NOT have Room Parents collect voluntary donations for class funds in the Fall. A portion of class funds traditionally supports our annual Staff Appreciation Week, particularly the fan-favorite gift card raffle! Our goal has always been to raffle off a \$25 gift card for each staff member, atop all the amazing meals/treats provided by the PTO. We are grateful for our teachers and want to show them just how special they are to our families!

Please consider donating to **Staff Appreciation Week 2022** by visiting our store on Membership Toolkit. Please specify the amount of your donation - no donation is too small - and Add to Cart. Make sure to check out completely to have your donation count! Thank you to those who have already donated!

Donate here - <https://barnwellpto.membershiptoolkit.com/2022events>

To carry the excitement throughout the hallways and classrooms, students can participate in a small, simple gesture each day. Check out the flyer [here](#) to see our daily Student Activities.

[Lost and Found](#)

We have lots of coats, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, and water bottles in lost and found. Please remind your child to check lost and found for any missing items.

[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 **Kendra Robson, First Grade Teacher**.

Congratulations to **Kendra Robson** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!



Recurring School and Community News

[Morning Car Pool Changes](#)

Thank you to all parents that have made adjustments to arrive 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.**

Visit [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.

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.**

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. Help preserve those precious elementary school memories and order your book TODAY!

The Yearbook Committee wants to see your child's SPIRIT WEAR (or other) photos! Show your child's Barnwell Spirit with their favorite Barnwell spirit wear. Uploading is free and easy. Simply use the FREE Image Share app to upload them directly onto our secure site or visit <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).

COVID Update/Procedures

Please fill out the [Covid Reporting Form](#) and keep your child home until contacted **if any member of your household is Covid Positive**. 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](#).

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.

STRIVE for Girls' Softball Clinics – Registration Open

STRIVE for Girls is offering softball clinics for girls at Newtown Park beginning on Wednesdays, March 2nd – 30th. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Important Dates

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 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) |
| Staff Appreciation Week | February 7-11 | School Day | School |
| 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](#)

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