



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 Updates

This week's [Epidemiology Report](#) has Johns Creek at 214.7. This is a 189.2-point drop from last week and great progress for our community! Visitors and volunteers are allowed back at Barnwell in non-instructional places; once the Incidence Rate drops below 100 we can reinstitute Mystery Readers and classroom visitors!

As of last Friday, **masks are no longer required on school buses**. Masks are now optional for **ALL** students, staff, and visitors, *unless an individual is Covid-positive*. Visit our county [Covid website here](#) for details.

No School on March 11th and March 14th

Fulton County Schools will be closed for students on Friday, March 11th (Teacher Workday) and Monday, March 14th (Professional Development Day). The Fulton County calendar is available [here](#).

All Pro Dads – Friday, March 4th

Our next All Pro Dads meeting is **TOMORROW, Friday, March 4th at 6:45 AM**. Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Our upcoming topics this semester include Optimism, Patience, Respect, and Responsibility. (*No child should feel left out - Moms or Guardians are welcome too*) **PLEASE RSVP** at <https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353> and park in designated spaces only!

Helping Hands End Hunger – WOW!

Our Helping Hands End Hunger initiative started last week, and **WOW** has it been successful! Many thanks to Jennifer Gruher and Jen Meyrowitz for championing this for us as well as all our volunteers for helping each day. Students now have the opportunity to donate uneaten food/drink instead of throwing it away. In the first week, Barnwell donated **190 pounds** of milk, apples, applesauce, snacks, and granola bars to North Fulton Community Charities!

Barnwell is currently the **only** school in Fulton County implementing this initiative and we need a few more hands to help ensure it runs smoothly each day. We're now expanding to breakfast - ***if you are able to volunteer during breakfast (7:15 – 7:50) or lunch (multiple shifts available) one or more days in the next few weeks, please click [here](#) to volunteer and click [here](#) for more information about Helping Hands.***

[Georgia Milestones End of Grade Testing](#)

All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are required to take the GA Milestones end of year assessment this year. Our school "score" will be dependent upon having 95% or more of our students take the assessment – please take a few minutes to listen to our school superintendent discuss the upcoming Milestones and new requirements in their [Let's Talk School! Testing edition](#).

Our Milestones testing will be held May 4th – May 6th (English/Language Arts) and May 10th – May 11th (Math) and May 12th Science (5th grade only). For more information on the Milestones Assessments and review opportunities visit our [Academics](#) page on our website.

[National School Breakfast Week](#)

National School Breakfast Week is next week, March 7th -11th! This year's theme, "Take Off School Breakfast!" spotlights the transformative power of school breakfast. When kids start the day with a healthy morning meal, they can be ready for whatever comes next! Please encourage your child to join the café Breakfast Heroes next week to get the nutrition his/her body needs, exciting activities, and a chance to win fun prizes! Remember school breakfast and lunch is FREE for all our students!

[Young Georgia Authors Winner!](#)

Congratulations to Raiya B. in Mrs. Rounds' Fourth Grade class! Her entry, entitled *Mrs. Gray*, won the Fulton County level of the Young Georgia Authors competition. Raiya's story will now move on to the Metro RESA level (Metropolitan Regional Educational Service Agency). We are very proud of Raiya and wish her the best as she continues in the competition.

[Autrey Mill Nature Center – March 11th](#)

Looking for something to do on our next teacher workday? On Friday, March 11th our Barnwell Bears and their parents are invited to help clean up the animal enclosures at the Autrey Mill Nature Preserve. This is a fun way to spend some time outside in nature giving back to our community.

It is important that all children come with an adult volunteer to help them out. Please be sure that everyone is appropriately dressed for the weather and cleaning out animal enclosures. You must RSVP to attend, so please click [here](#) and be sure to note all adults and children in your group.

If you have questions, please contact Cynthia Keeler cynthiakay7@gmail.com.

[Barnwell International Night – March 31st](#)

Barnwell PTO is excited to announce the return of International Night! Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 31st from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. Volunteer to showcase your country and culture or join a committee to help organize the event. Please use sign-up genius to register now!

[International Night "Booth Sign-up"](#)
[International Night "Volunteer Sign-up"](#)

[Rising 6th Grade Field Trips and Upcoming Parent Nights](#)

Next week 5th grade students will be given the opportunity to visit one of two of our zoned middle schools, Autrey Mill Middle School and Haynes Bridge Middle School, on Tuesday, March 8th from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.

Haynes Bridge Middle School will be offering a parent night for families next Thursday, March 10th to provide information about their school and special programs. The Spanish speaking information session begins at 5:15 PM, and the general

information and tour will occur from 6:15 PM-7:30 PM in the school gymnasium. Please see more information about the upcoming parent night flyer and agenda.

- [Haynes Bridge Parent Night Flyer](#)
- [Haynes Bridge Parent Night Spanish Flyer](#)
- [Haynes Bridge Parent Night Agenda](#)

Autrey Mill Middle School will be offering a parent night for families on Wednesday, April 27th from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM. Look for more information to come from AMMS in a future Newsletter.

Father/Daughter Dance – March 25th

Our Father/Daughter Dance this year is scheduled for Friday, March 25th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the Barnwell Cafeteria. For more information, for the flyer, please click [here](#) and to order tickets, please click [here](#).

Volunteers are also needed for the Father/Daughter Dance. Please click [here](#) to help set up and clean up for this wonderful evening of fun.

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 **Becky Kennedy, PE Teacher.**



Congratulations to **Becky Kennedy** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

Recurring School and Community News

Registration for Barnwell's Pre-K Lottery

We are expecting to have two PreK classes next year at Barnwell. Our Lottery Registration is open March 1st to March 18th with our lottery scheduled for March 30th. For additional information and the link to register please click [here](#).

STEM Camp 2022

Calling all Scientists, STEM camp 2022 is going to be a blast! Save the dates: June 20th -24th & June 27th -July 1st. Camps are open to all K-5 students! Camp will be at Newtown Park from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Sign-up information will be coming out soon! Contact Alicia Mavridoglou mavridogloua@fultonschools.org or Katie Stiers stiersk@fultonschools.org with any questions.

Barnwell Road Traffic in front of School

Johns Creek Police has asked us to remind our families that walk to and from school to walk all the way down to the crosswalk and cross with the police officer. Parents/students have been seen darting across the road prior to the crosswalk which is not a safe way to cross Barnwell Road, especially as many cars travelling northbound are following the officer's direction and not expecting anyone to cross.

School Nutrition to begin accepting Meal Eligibility Applications

Fulton County's School Nutrition Program is now processing Free and Reduced-Price Meal applications. By completing an application, it may help you to qualify for P-EBT Benefits for next year, however it is unknown at this time if P-EBT benefits will be extended for another year. Thanks to USDA waivers, students will continue to receive school meals at no charge this school year. Visit www.fulton.schoollunchapp.com to begin the online application.

March 30th. In the meantime, if you would like more information about the charter system or SGC elections visit the HBMS website or their [Charter System Overview](#).

[Yearbooks](#)

Yearbooks are still available for \$35 and can be purchased online at www.balfour.com. 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).

[Student Checkout](#)

As a reminder, a Driver's License ID or Government ID is required for all student checkouts. When checking out a student early, please send in a [Dismissal Change Form](#) to your child's teacher.

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
PTO 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 Developmt Day	March 14	No School Students	
Pre-K Registration	March 1-18		Online
Early Release Day	March 21	12:20 PM dismissal	
Father/Daughter Dance	March 25	6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Cafeteria
Pre-K Lottery	March 30		Barnwell
International Night	March 31	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Backfield
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	April 1	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
Spring Break	April 4-8	School Closed	
PTO Sky Zone Spirit Night	April 14	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Sky Zone
Principal Coffee	April 21	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Cafe
5 th Grade Mexican Fiesta	April 22	6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Cafe
PTO Papa Johns Spirit Night	May 5	4:00 PM-Close	Papa Johns
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	May 6	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Café
Barnival (Spring Carnival)	May 6	5:00 PM-8:00 PM	Backfield

Quick Links:

[Attendance Options](#)

[Bus Information](#)

[Car Rider Information](#)

[Dismissal Form](#)

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