



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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A Message from the Principal, Martin Neuhaus

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It has come to our attention that several families did not receive this Principal Newsletter last week. We will see you Friday, August 9th at Open House.

Greetings from Barnwell!

We hope all our families have had a wonderful summer and are getting excited for the start of the 2019-20 school year. As we embark upon the new year, we are excited to share Barnwell's new mission and vision statements with our school families.

Our vision is: To be a joyful community of collaborative, engaged and empowered learners.

Our mission is: **At Barnwell, we are:**

Building positive relationships

Encouraging each other

Always doing our best

Raising the bar

Striving for success

Our Open House is **on Friday, August 9th from 8:00 – 10:30** where students can meet their teacher, drop off school supplies, purchase spirit wear, sign up for various after-school activities and of course join our amazing PTA! Parking is limited; please carpool when possible and come whenever best meets your schedule.

Here are a few important reminders/updates as we begin the new school year:

- While at Open House we will ask you to update your child's Student Information Form to ensure we have accurate contact numbers and emails for all parents as well as local emergency contacts. Please ensure you have two names/phone numbers that you authorize to pick up your child in the event we cannot reach either parent/guardian.
- School starts at 7:40 each morning; we begin each day promptly with our morning announcements. Our morning car pool is open from **7:10 – 7:35** each morning. Parents arriving after 7:35 will need to park and walk their child to the front office, checking him/her in as tardy after 7:40. Please utilize our buses (click [here](#) for bus stop times/locations) and avoid the car pool if possible!

- Barnwell is participating in the **Walk to School Wednesday** initiative this year and will have extra police support the first three days of school to encourage as many walkers as possible. We will have music, bubbles, Peach Coffee for parents and incentives for all our students that walk to school on the first Wednesday of the school year!
- All parents that want to **volunteer** at school any time during the year are required to complete the Volunteer Protocol prior to volunteering. If you did the Volunteer Protocol this past school year, it is good until June 2020. If you are not sure if you completed it or you are a new Volunteer, please click [here](#) to register. *A volunteer is someone who spends time helping the school in any capacity while a visitor is someone who comes to school to meet with or visit a student/teacher/staff member.*
- Our Parent-Teacher Nights are scheduled on 8/27 (PK-2) and 8/28 (3-5) from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Please make every effort to attend and partner with our teachers. These nights will help ensure effective communication between school and home throughout the year.
- If you would like to join your child for lunch, please plan to do so beginning the **3rd week** of school (**August 26th**) as we utilize the first two weeks of school to establish efficient lunchroom routines.
- Our weekly principal newsletter is sent home each Friday afternoon to all parent email addresses we have on file – please make sure you update your email addresses at Open House and read our weekly newsletter to stay informed throughout the year.
- Click [here](#) to visit our PTA website and join our efforts to make this year our best year ever!

We look forward to seeing you at Open House on the 9th!

Martin