



# BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton  
County Schools  
Where Students Come First

*A Message from the Principal, Martin Neuhaus*

*August 16, 2019*

## Welcome Back!

We have had an amazing first week of school! Thank you for sending us such wonderful children - we appreciate the trust you place in us each day to keep your children safe and provide them with meaningful learning experiences.

This week we've been emphasizing with our students and staff what it means to be a Barnwell Bear. Each day on our morning news broadcast and in our morning meetings we have talked about our expectations that Barnwell Bears are Kind, Respectful and Happy. Have you heard about the Barnwell Promise? Click [here](#) to read it; we encourage all parents to have conversations about these expectations and support our efforts to foster kindness, respect and joy in our students' lives.

Our staff is excited to partner together with all our parents again to make this year our BEST year ever! Open communication is essential for us to make this happen. We know that there will be issues and concerns that come up throughout the year – with nearly 750 students, 1500+ parents and nearly 85 staff members there will always be things that don't go as planned. However, we know that by working together we can solve any problem or at least make any situation better.

**Please make every effort to attend our Parent-Teacher Nights** (8/27 for PK-2nd, 8/28 for 3rd–5th) from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM to partner with our teachers and ensure effective communication throughout the year.

I also urge all parents to support our PTA ([click here](#)). As of now, **only 45% of our 550** families have joined PTA. **We need your help!** Our PTA not only provides many of the resources our students use each day (agendas, student software, magazines, etc.) but they also make many of the activities and events our students love to happen (STEM lab, Movie Night, STEAM Week, BINGO, Dance, Barnival, etc.). Our PTA also takes great care of our staff, providing start-up classroom supplies, mini-grant opportunities and several staff lunches throughout the year.

## Parent/Teacher Nights

- August 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM for PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- August 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- TAG meeting for the parents of **current** TAG students from 5:45 PM-6:15 PM in the Media Center prior to both Parent/Teacher Nights on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The presentation will be the same, and you only need to attend one night.

## Student Code of Conduct Acknowledgement (we need this from all parents!)

We are required by GA law to collect Student Code of Conduct Acknowledgement for every student. Please help us complete this requirement by clicking on the below link to acknowledge that you have received the Code of Conduct that dictates all student behavior expectations and consequences for all our students.

1. Parents can review the updated 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook at:

[English Code of Conduct 2019-2020](#)

[Spanish Code Of Conduct 2019-2020](#)

2. Please click the link below to review and submit the required **Acknowledgement of Electronic Receipt Form**:

[Acknowledgement of Receipt English](#)

[Acknowledgement of Receipt Spanish](#)

### **Car Rider Information**

So far this week we are averaging approximately 150 families that utilize our car-pool every morning (that's 27% of all our families!). Our Car Rider line opens at 7:10 and ends at 7:35 each morning (parents arriving after 7:35 will need to park and walk their child into the front office). This allows our staff to be in classrooms to start the day at 7:40 with our students. To help speed up our car-pool line, students **do not** need to wait for staff to open doors and should exit from the passenger side only.

Please consider utilizing our bus services each morning (visit [FCS Transportation](#) for bus stop times/locations).

### **Volunteer Protocol**

All parents that want to volunteer at Barnwell will need to complete the Fulton County 2019-2020 Volunteer Registration. It takes 15-20 minutes to complete this process and 24-48 hours for your registration to be active in our system. If you completed the Volunteer Registration last year, it will be good until June 2020. If you are unsure if you completed it or are a new parent/guardian to Barnwell, please complete the Volunteer Registration [here](#).

### **Barnwell Elementary School is Cashless!**

Barnwell Elementary School does not accept cash or checks for field trips, club dues, etc. This reduces the administrative burden on teachers and support staff in processing payment collections. All payments will be made through [OSP Online School Payments](#) (a link is on the bottom right of our home page). You will not be charged a fee to use your credit card or debit card. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### **Cafeteria Extra Options**

All students that have active lunch accounts are allowed to purchase **two** healthy snacks (fruits or vegetables) and/or **one** other snack (popcorn, chips, etc.) and/or **one** extra dessert per day from our cafeteria. Any parent wishing to **limit** their child's options can do so by emailing your preference along with your child's name and his/her teacher's name to our Cafeteria Manager, Ann O'Connor, at [occonnora1@fultonschools.org](mailto:occonnora1@fultonschools.org). Please include the option you prefer in your email:

1. **NO extras** (*student can purchase meals only – no snacks or desserts*)
2. **Fruit/Vegetable/Milk extras only** (*student can purchase any one extra fruit, vegetable or milk but cannot purchase any other snack or dessert*).

Our cafeteria serves nutritious breakfast (entrée, fruit, juice and milk) for \$1.10 and lunch (entrée, fruit, two veggies, milk) for \$2.45 every day.

### **TAG Referral Process**

The screening and referral process for Fulton County's Talented and Gifted (TAG) program is available [here](#).

### **Girls on the Run**

Girls on The Run registration is now open for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. It is a researched based curriculum that empowers young girls through activities and running games. The team will meet on Monday's and Thursday's from 2:30- 4:00. The season will end on November 16<sup>th</sup> with a 5k! You can register now at [www.girlsontherunatlanta.org/Program-Registration](http://www.girlsontherunatlanta.org/Program-Registration). Registration ends on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Mrs. Otte at [Otteky@fultonschools.org](mailto:Otteky@fultonschools.org) with any questions.

### **Box Tops for Education Has Gone Digital!**

New this year...you can now submit your box tops electronically! No more clipping and bagging. Simply download the [Boxtops App](#) to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school! We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products! If you have any questions, please contact Patti LaFon ([pattilafon@gmail.com](mailto:pattilafon@gmail.com)).

### **Publicity Waivers**

Please click [here](#) to read Fulton County's Publicity Policy (pages 65-67), including information on how to opt your child out of all publicity (opting out includes not being in our yearbook). Please contact our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Lee at [LeeLD@fultonschools.org](mailto:LeeLD@fultonschools.org) with any questions.

### **Yearbooks Are on Sale NOW!**

It's time to purchase your 2019-2020 Barnwell Yearbook! Books are just \$35 and are available **ONLY** by ordering online at [www.Balfour.com](http://www.Balfour.com). To order, simply go to the website, and search for our school name. At this time, you can sign in if you are a returning customer or create a new account (having an account makes it simple to check your order status at any time...no more forgetting whether you've ordered already!). Order early to guarantee your copy now! Books will be delivered to your child's classroom in May.

\*Please note: if your PTA donation level indicated that you will receive a yearbook(s), you do not need to place an online order. Please make note of this before ordering as some donation levels have changed from previous years.

Contact Kristy Dell'Orto with any questions at [kristy.dellorto@gmail.com](mailto:kristy.dellorto@gmail.com).

### **Calling all Cell Phone Photographers!**

The yearbook staff needs your help obtaining photos throughout the year...we can't be everywhere! If you have a camera phone, you are officially a yearbook photographer!

TO UPLOAD PHOTOS FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:

- Search for **Balfour Image Share** in your app store...it's totally FREE!
- Download the free app and create an account.
- Enter our project number: 022281 and password: gobears
- Please enter details (event, grade, etc.) when prompted so we can place photos in the correct place in the book!

(OPTION: point your web browser to [www.images.balfour.com](http://www.images.balfour.com) to upload photos from your computer). \*The yearbook staff reserves the right to select and edit photos as needed.

## Dates to Remember

August 23	All Pro Dad's Breakfast 6:45 AM - Cafe
August 27	PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent/Teacher Night 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
August 27	General Membership PTA Board Meeting
August 28	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Night 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
August 28	General Membership PTA Board Meeting
September 2	Labor Day (Fulton County Schools Closed)
September 20	SGC Council Meeting 8:00 AM
September 23	Publix Math Night
September 27	All Pro Dad's Breakfast 6:45 AM - Café
October 10	JC Cluster Professional Development Day (No School Students)
October 11	Teacher Workday (No School Students)
October 14	Columbus Day (Fulton County Schools Closed)
October 25	All Pro Dad's Breakfast 6:45 AM - Cafe

## Recurring School and Community News

### **Centennial Junior Knights Lacrosse Registration**

The Centennial Junior Knights have teams for both boys and girls in elementary school and middle school. No previous lacrosse experience is necessary. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **JCHS Junior Gladiator Boys Lacrosse Registration**

Johns Creek Junior Gladiators Boys Lacrosse Registration is now open for all boys in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Cub Scout Pack 449 - Recruiting Picnic and Pack Meeting for Boys & Girls**

Boys & Girls in Kindergarten through Fifth grade who are interested in joining your local Cub Scouts, here are our first two events of the season to sign up!

#### **RECRUITING PICNIC**

What: We will have a water war and pizza will be available for all who attend. (Be sure to bring your water guns!)

When: Sunday, August 18th 1:00 - 3:00pm

Where: River Glen Subdivision pool area, Holly Trail Lane, Johns Creek, GA 30022

**1st PACK MEETING**

What: Bring your parents to our 1st Pack Meeting to learn more about the Scouting experience!

When: Monday, August 19th 7:00-8:00 PM

Where: Mount Pisgah UMC, 2850 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek, GA 30022 (Room S305 on the 3rd floor of the main church). If you have any questions, please contact: Tiffany Benton - 404-579-5346

[recruiting@the449.net](mailto:recruiting@the449.net) Website: [the449.org](http://the449.org) Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Pack449>

**The Tutor Shop – After School Program**

The Tutor Shop is an after-school program that provides homework help and enrichment to students requiring after school care. For more information, please click [here](#).

Enjoy the weekend!

Martin