



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Message from the Principal, Martin Neuhaus

August 23, 2019

New Information

Parent/Teacher Nights

Please make every effort to join us next Tuesday and/or Wednesday for our Parent-Teacher Nights. Our teachers will be going over grade level expectations and establishing the best ways to communicate throughout the year. We will begin promptly at 6:30 – I hope to see you there!

- August 27th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM for PreK – 2nd grade
- August 28th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM for 3rd – 5th 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 27th and 28th. The presentation will be the same, and you only need to attend one night.

During Parent/Teacher Nights we will review how to access our county's new information system, [Infinite Campus](#). A Parent Portal guide can be found [here](#) to help understand how to best use this system to access your child's grades and attendance.

Following our Parent/Teacher meetings, our PTA will host a brief meeting in the cafeteria from 7:30 PM-7:45 PM. Please join us to meet our PTA Board, learn about some of the fun activities and events planned for the year and help us approve the PTA 2019-2020 budget. If you haven't done so already please support our amazing PTA ([click here to join](#)).

Student Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form (required by GA Law!)

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](#)

We will have acknowledgement forms available at our Parent/Teacher nights next week. If we do not receive an acknowledgement form from every parent, GA Law requires us to send additional correspondence home through the postal service to all families that did not complete the acknowledgement form. Please help us avoid this expense and complete the above acknowledgement!

Vision and Hearing Screening (August 30th) – Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for our upcoming Vision and Hearing Screening for students in grades first through fifth on August 30, 2019. Please click [here](#) to sign-up. **All Vision and Hearing Volunteers must complete the on-line Volunteer Protocol [here](#) 48 hours prior to volunteering.** Your Driver's License ID is required to complete the Volunteer Protocol. Thank you for your support!

Driver's License ID Required to Check Out Students

Don't forget to bring your Driver's License (or other State/Federal ID) when you check out your student from the front office/clinic.

Items Delivered to School

Please know that we do not interrupt classes to bring forgotten items to your child during the school day. If you need to drop off an item after school has started, it will remain in the front office. We email the teachers and they will send the students if/when there is a break in the day to retrieve their forgotten item. Items will not be delivered to your child's classroom.

Transportation Changes

Please help us get all students home safely by submitting the dismissal change form anytime your child is going home a different way. This form which is available [here](#) or on the Barnwell Website under Quick Links. This form must be brought to the front office by your student on the morning of the change. **Please do not communicate any dismissal change requests to your child's teacher via email.** If you have any last-minute dismissal changes, please contact the front office at 470254-4960. Also, please note that students are not permitted to ride home on another bus for a play date. They may only ride another bus due to emergency child-care.

Welcome to the 100 Mile Club ® Bigger, Better, Bolder, Brighter

It is starting soon at Barnwell! The goal? Run or walk 100 miles and earn a Gold Medal. This program is an at school program, where students will accumulate miles during PE as well as at recess for credit and during open gym mornings (coming soon) on the assigned days for your grade level from 7:10 AM – 7:35 AM. Our Signature Incentives celebrate each MILEstone reached by your child on their 100-mile journey. Look for the information flyer to come home with your child this week.

We now have two programs levels; the original Elite and introducing the Ultra Elite which includes a custom drawstring backpack and more. Please click [here](#) to pay online (required). Look for "Kennedy-100 Mile Club." Click [here](#) for the 100 Mile Club flyer. Parent volunteers are needed to help with this program; contact Mrs. Kennedy, kennedyr@fultonschools.org if you are interested.

Reading Bowl

We're looking for 4th and 5th grade students that **LOVE** to read! Barnwell is participating in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl! This is a fun game show type competition where students will compete against other schools in the county to test their knowledge of the selected books. At the bowl, contestants will compete to "buzz" in and correctly answer questions about this year's books faster than the opposing teams.

This club is for serious book lovers – you will have to read A LOT! Click [here](#) for more information, the book list, and parent permission slip. The Club will meet weekly on Thursdays after school beginning September 5th in the Media Center from dismissal-3:30 PM. The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl will take place on January 25, 2020.

Volunteer in the Media Center

Are you interested in volunteering in the Media Center? All kinds of fun things happen here! Barnwell is a school of readers, so your help is needed! We are always working on projects and can use extra hands any time of day. We would love to invite you to learn all about volunteering in the Media Center at our first annual Volunteer Tea! Please join us **Wednesday, September 4th at 10 AM** in the Media Center. Can't make it to the tea, but still want to volunteer? No problem! Email Mrs. Shapiro at shapiro@fultonschools.org or call 470-254-4961 to set up a time or get more information.

Parents Walking Students to Class

We welcome all parents to walk their child to class; however, you must first sign in at the front office (with your driver's license) where you will receive a visitor badge. When you walk your child to the classroom please say your goodbyes at the door. If your child has a difficult time transitioning to class, it is better for you to put your child on the bus or drop him/her off at carpool. Please reach out to our counselor, Ms. McGrath at megrathsj@fultonschools.org if you need any assistance helping your child transition to school.

Fulton County Schools Closed – Monday, September 2, 2019

All Fulton County Schools will be **closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 for Labor Day**. Please click [here](#) for the Fulton County/Barnwell Calendar.

Barnwell's BEST!

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. Our Barnwell's BEST recipient this week is Tara Roper, Fifth Grade Teacher. Congratulations to **Tara Roper** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

Dates to Remember

August 23	All Pro Dad's Breakfast 6:45 AM - Cafe
August 27	PreK-2 nd Parent/Teacher Night 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
August 27	General Membership PTA Board Meeting
August 28	3 rd -5 th 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

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. 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 3rd-5th 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 16th with a 5k! You can register now at www.girlsontherunatlanta.org/Program-Registration. Registration ends on August 21st. Please contact Mrs. Otte at 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).

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 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. 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.

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 to upload photos from your computer). *The yearbook staff reserves the right to select and edit photos as needed.

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 3rd – 8th. For more information, please click [here](#).

Enjoy the weekend!

Martin