



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Message from the Principal, Martin Neuhaus

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New Information

Parent/Teacher Nights – Thank You!

Thank you to our parents and guardians that came to Parent/Teacher Nights this week. We appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you to make this a great year for our students! Please reach out directly to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you have throughout the year. While teachers are busy instructing throughout the day, they will respond to your email or phone call within 24-48 hours (Monday-Friday).

If you haven't yet joined our PTA, it's not too late! We need all parents to support our efforts in providing the best educational environment we can for our students. To support our PTA, click [here](#). As of today, only 50% of our families have joined PTA. **We need YOU!**

One of the questions I received during our Parent-Teacher Nights is "How in the world do teachers do their job?" This is a great question, because what we ask teachers to do now is extremely difficult! In simplest terms we want teachers to utilize the "workshop model" throughout the day, which means when presenting new information, they start with a 10-15 minute "minilesson" to the whole class then reinforce/reteach/apply skills through small group rotations. While the teacher meets with one small group, another small group utilizes one of our Reading/Math programs on laptops/iPads/desktops while another small group works independently or collaboratively on various projects/assignments. We utilize this approach for both reading and math, varying the assignments and small group instruction to the standard that is expected at each grade level throughout the year. As students move up in grades the level of complexity of both the teaching and assignment increases as does the expectation for them to take ownership of and demonstrate proficiency in their learning.

Teaching is complicated, as each student is unique and what works best with one doesn't necessarily work for others. In order to create a community of engaged and empowered learners, teachers constantly manage multiple instructional levels and various personalities, striving to ensure that each student knows that they are loved, valued an important part of our school. As you can imagine, this is challenging work!

Student Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form – Last Call!

We are required by GA law to collect *Student Code of Conduct Acknowledgement* for every student. For those families that do not complete this, we are required to send a letter through the postal service. Your 30 seconds to complete this acknowledgement will save us time and \$.50 postage!

If you haven't already done this, please click here: [Acknowledgement of Receipt English](#).

Infinite Campus

As you know, our county moved to a new information system this year called Infinite Campus. On 7/10/19 Fulton County sent an email to all parents with information on registering with Infinite Campus for the first time. If you did not get this email or need help accessing Infinite Campus please email Paula Cattanaach (cattanaach@fultonschools.org) and she will send your personalized access code that you need to access the system.

Publix Math Night – September 23rd

Come and experience how math connects to the real world on September 23rd from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. We want students to love math as much as we do! Students will sign in and receive a pencil and a worksheet that is appropriate

for that child's grade level. They will complete the hands-on math problems throughout the store and then return it to our station for a prize! For more information, please click [here](#).

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 **Olga Lapteva, IRR Teacher**. Congratulations to **Olga Lapteva** for being one of Barnwell's BEST!

Dates to Remember

September 2	Labor Day (Fulton County Schools Closed)
September 10	PTA Spirit Night – Bruster's Ice Cream (Holcomb Bridge) 4:00-7:00 PM
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 23	Spirit Night – Sky Zone 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
October 25	Family Movie Night (Back Field)
October 25	All Pro Dad's Breakfast 6:45 AM – Café
November 4	Candy for Troops
November 15	All Pro Dad's Breakfast 6:45 AM - Cafe
November 14-22	Book Fair - Media Center
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 2-13	Giving Tree
December 13	All Pro Dad's Breakfast 6:45 AM – Café
December 23-Jan 3	Winter Break

Recurring School and Community News

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.

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](#).

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.

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 mcgrathsj@fultonschools.org if you need any assistance helping your child transition to school.

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.

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](#).

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.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Martin