



# BARROW COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K

Parent Information  
Packet  
2018 - 2019

Schools starts  
August 1<sup>st</sup>.





# Student Calendar 2018-2019

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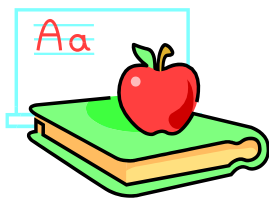
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Date	Event or Holiday
Jul 04	Independence Day
Jul 24	New Teachers Report
Jul 25-31	Teacher Planning Days (1-5)
Jul 27	Open House - all schools
Aug 01	First Day of School for Students
Aug 31-3	Labor Day (Holiday)
Oct 04	End of 1st Grading Period
Oct 05	Teacher Planning Day (6)
Oct 08	Columbus Day (Holiday)
Oct 9-12	Fall Break
Oct 17	Report Cards
Nov 06	Teacher Planning Day (7)
Nov 19-23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 20	Early Release/Last Day of 1st Semester (88)
Dec 21	Teacher Planning Day (8)
Dec 21	Begin Winter Break for students
Dec 24	Begin Winter Break for staff
Jan 01	New Year's Day (Holiday)
Jan 3,4	Teacher Planning Day (9, 10)
Jan 07	Begin Second Semester Classes
Jan 09	Report Cards
Jan 21	ML King Day (Holiday)*
Feb 15	Teacher Planning Day (11)*
Feb 18	President's Day (Holiday)*
Mar 12	End of 3rd Grading Period
Mar 15	Teacher Planning Day (12)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Report Cards
Apr 9-18	Milestone Testing
Apr 19	Teacher Planning Day (13)
Apr 22-26	Spring Break
May 22	Early Release/Last Day of School for Students (176)
May 23	Teacher Planning Days (14)
May 23	Graduation AHS (8:00PM)
May 24	Graduation WBHS (8:00PM)
May 27	Memorial Day

\* denotes possible weather make-up days



## BARROW COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE '18 – '19

School	Principal	Phone Number	Open House	Times
<b>Auburn</b>	Julia Hodges	(770)-963-7887	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Bethlehem</b>	Mindy Reid	(770)-867-2238	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Bramlett</b>	Karen Dowis	(770)-307-1627	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>County Line</b>	Shawanna Stevens	(770)-867-2902	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Holsenbeck</b>	Jackie Robinson	(770)-307-1540	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Kennedy</b>	Ryan Butcher	(770)-867-3182	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Satham</b>	Shawn Williams	(770)-725-7112	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Winder Elem.</b>	Jerry Stapleton	(678)425-2914	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Yargo</b>	Diane Bresson	(770)-867-1147	Friday, July 27 2018	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Haymon Morris Middle</b>	Dr. James Bowen	(678)-963-0602	Friday, July 27 2018	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
<b>Russell Middle</b>	Paul DeFoor	(770)-867-8181	Friday, July 27 2018	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
<b>Bear Creek Middle</b>	Dr. Jennifer Wood	(770)-867-2116	Friday, July 27 2018	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
<b>Westside Middle</b>	Dr. Brad Bowling	(770)-307-2972	Friday, July 27 2018	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
<b>Winder Barrow High</b>	Dr. Al Darby	(770)-867-4519	Friday, July 27 2018	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
<b>Apalachee High</b>	Jennifer Martin	(770)-586-5111	Friday, July 27 2018	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
<b>Sims Academy of Innovation and Technology</b>	Dr. Douglas Blackwell	(770)867-7467	Friday, July 27 2018	12:00 am – 3:00 pm
<b>Transportation</b>	Wanda Young	(770)-867-2783		



## School Start Times

Elementary Schools are in session at 8:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.

Middle Schools are in session at 7:30 a.m. until 2:15 p.m.

High Schools are in session at 7:30 a.m. until 2:35 p.m.

*(please confirm hours with school prior to the first day)*



## Sign-out procedures

Any student leaving school during the day must check out through the school office. Students will not be allowed to leave the room to check-out without directions from the office. Your child will be dismissed from the office. Your child will not be dismissed to anyone other than the parent without permission. If there are custody problems, make sure the school office and your child's teachers are aware of them.



## If you move.....

It is extremely important to have current contact information for your child. **If you move during the school year, or over the summer, please provide the school system with (current) proof of residency, in order to update your address.** Acceptable items are: Utility bills, (Water, gas, electric), settlement statement, lease agreement, security system, cable, phone (NOT cell phone). If you do not have any of these items, please contact the registration department at 770-867-4527. Please remember to contact us with phone number changes as well.



## Visitors and Visits from Parents

Our parents and community are always welcome at school. However, for the safety of our children, you should go directly to the office when you arrive at school and sign the visitor's log. Your photo ID may be required. ***DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM.***

Teachers are directed NOT to release any child from the classroom without notification from the office.



## Closing of Schools

On any occasion when inclement weather has the potential for forcing the closing of schools, the following radio and television stations are notified:

**Radio:** FM 89, FM 89.5, FM 93, FM 94.1, FM 97, FM 99.5, FM 102, FM 102.3

**Television:** CH 2, CH 5, CH 11, CH 12, and CH 46

Every effort is made to get information to these sources by 6:15 a.m. so that inconvenience to staff, parents and students is kept to a minimum. The safety of students is the primary concern when inclement weather is a problem.

For additional Barrow County Schools information, please view our website at:

<http://www.barrow.k12.ga.us>

# KINDERGARTEN

## SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Book Bag  
Rest Mat (plastic-folding type)  
Except County Line Elementary –No Naps  
Fiskars Scissors  
1 box (16 regular size) Crayons  
School Glue  
Glue Stick  
#2 Pencils  
Change of Clothes  
(to be kept in book bag for accidents)  
1 Folder with 2 pockets  
1 Spiral Notebook  
1 Pack Washable Markers  
Watercolor Paint Set (8 colors)

Donations of the following items are appreciated:

Ziplock Bags  
(any size, especially quart and gallon)  
Box of Facial Tissues (Kleenex® Tissue)  
Baby Wipes

## PRE-K SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Book Bag

Full size, no wheels please, child's name on it

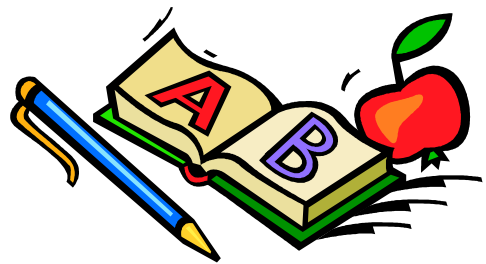
Towel or small blanket

To cover up with at naptime, must fit in book bag, put child's name on it

Mats are provided

Complete change of clothes

Labeled with child's name on it, in a zip-loc bag, please send socks





# Activities

1. Name colors of things as you ride in the car.
2. Name everything in your house or room that is red, blue, yellow, black, orange, white, green or brown.
3. Count various objects around the house.
4. Let your child set the table and count the number of forks, spoons, etc.
5. Make letters using Play-doh, cookie dough or bread dough.
6. Cut out letters from magazines and newspapers and paste them together to spell your child's name.
7. Read stories to your child.
8. Have your child talk to you each day and tell you about his/her day.
9. Practice writing his/her name in shaving cream, sand, etc.
10. Practice using a variety of writing materials such as markers, chalk, sidewalk chalk, finger paint, etc.
11. Practice naming shapes of signs as you drive in the car.



# HEADING TO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Learn how to prepare yourself and your child for heading off to school

It's time for your child to start Kindergarten and you're worried about how the moment of separation will go. You want your child to be excited and eager to go and have a successful start, but you are realistic about the possibility that separation will be difficult. ***First, be aware that it is normal for many young children to cry when they have to separate from parents and try a new experience away from the familiar.*** While there are no guarantees that everything will go smoothly, there are many things you can do together to prepare for these first days of school, no matter what your child's age.

## HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

- Arrange for your child to visit with his or her new teacher before the first day. ***Each school will have an OPEN HOUSE before the first day, please check website for dates and times.***
- Do some pretend play with your child about how you will go to school and how you will say goodbye. Imagine waking up, getting dressed, getting in the car or bus, walking to the door, kissing good-bye.
- Agree on a good-bye ritual-how many kisses, hugs, etc.
- Make sure your child and his/her teacher understands how the child will get home.
- Find out about the schedule for the day so you can talk it over with your child.
- If you are sending a lunch or a snack, involve your child in preparing it. Include a special note, picture or poem as a surprise.
- Allow enough time! Make sure you awaken early enough to have a relaxing morning, with time to dress and get to school in plenty of time.
- ***Please don't hang around after you have said good-bye.*** If your child sees that you are reluctant to leave, it makes it more difficult for your child.
- ***BRING TISSUES! This may be harder for you than your child.***

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

Litwin, Eric. Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes

Langreuter, Jutta. Little Bear Goes to Kindergarten

Wells, Rosemary. My Kindergarten

Carlson, Nancy. Henry's Show and Tell

Hurwitz, Johanna. Starting School

Arnold, Tedd. Green Wilma

Rey, Margaret. Curious George Goes to School

Child, Lauren. I Am Too Absolutely Small for School

Dr. Seuss. Cat in the Hat

Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss's ABC

Rogers, Jacqueline. Kindergarten ABC

Wood, Audrey. Alphabet Adventure

Martin Jr., Bill. Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see?

Hills, Tad. How Rocket Learned to Read

# TIPS FOR PARENTS

## PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

The move from preschool to “real” school is exciting (and often tearful) for both children and parents. There’s a lot you can do to make the transition to Kindergarten enjoyable.

**MAKING FRIENDS WITH THE SCHOOL:** Point out the school as you drive or walk past, and say, “That’s *your* school.” Attend Kindergarten orientation together, taking the opportunity to tour the school and meet the principal and teachers.

**LEARNING SOCIAL SKILLS:** *Sharing* is a regular part of the day in Kindergarten. Help your child learn to take turns by sharing toys, crayons and games with friends and family members. *Waiting* is tough for preschoolers, but you can help them get used to it by saying things like, “We’ll go to the park after lunch.” Teach your child to *communicate* with words, not actions, when upset. Emphasize that screaming, crying, hitting, kicking and other “temper tantrum” behavior is not acceptable.

**LISTENING IS IMPORTANT:** Looking at the person who’s talking to you is more than good manners when it’s the teacher who’s doing the talking. Work with your child on paying attention and following simple directions: “Please put your pillow on the bed and then put your shoes in your closet.”

**LOOSENING THE APRON STRINGS:** If your child is not already attending preschool or day care, look for ways for them to spend some time apart from you. Trade off with a friend, or sign your child up in a community or church program for preschoolers.

**WHO AM I?:** Kindergarteners should know not only their full names, but the first and last names of their parents and caregivers. Memorizing your phone number and address may be a little easier for a preschooler if you set them to a familiar tune, like “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

**ALL BY MYSELF:** Your child should know how to zip, snap, tie, button and fasten Velcro. Be sure that your little one can also take care of his or her bathroom needs well before the first day of school.

**BEGIN WITH BASICS:** Go beyond teaching your child the “ABC” song by working on letter recognition, especially letters that spell out his or her name. It’s also helpful if your child can recognize isolated letters and those not in alphabetical sequence. Talk about the colors and shapes around you – the round clock, the red umbrella. Make simple counting a part of your preschooler’s day by counting aloud as you put each piece of silverware in the drawer, climb stairs or bring in bags of groceries. Help your little one learn important concepts by “acting out” the differences between up and down, in and out, high and low, over and under, small and tall.

**ENSURE A HEALTHY START:** Make sure your child’s immunizations are up to date. A complete physical before the start of school, including vision and hearing tests, is also a good idea. Start your preschooler on a school day regimen of bedtime and wake-up time several weeks before school starts. At this age, a child should have 10 hours of sleep. Most importantly, understand that your child is unique and will learn at his or her own pace. So don’t become frustrated if your child fails to master simple skills right away. The best thing you can do to prepare your preschooler for Kindergarten is to invest as much time as possible helping him or her learn new skills. The long term results will be worth your efforts.





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