



August 2026

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BACK TO SCHOOL

First Day of School

***Grades 1-5: Aug. 26**

***TK & Kindergarten:
Aug. 31**

DON'T MISS THIS!

Aug. 19 - Barnes office opens

Aug. 24 - Back to School Night 5:30-6:30

Aug. 26 - First Day of School Grades 1-5
(Early Release this day @1:55pm)

Aug. 26-27 - Kinder/TK WA Kids
Screenings

Aug. 27 - Kindergarten Open House
4:00-5:00pm

Aug. 31 - First Day of School for TK/
Kindergarten

Sept. 7 - No School - LABOR DAY

SCHOOL HOURS

**Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays**

8:45am- 3:25pm

**Wednesdays are Early Release
1:55 pm**

**First Day of School 8/26 is
EARLY RELEASE at 1:55pm**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPALS



We're Not Starting Over. We're Getting Better at What We've Already Begun.

Welcome back, Barnes families! As we begin the **2026–27 school year**, we have many pieces of information that tell us Barnes is improving. But we are not starting over, and our work is not finished. We're continuing to get better at what we've already begun. We believe that when students feel safe, know they belong, and have their individual learning needs met, Barnes becomes a place where kids (and adults) want to attend, learn, and participate. We also know we cannot accomplish this alone. Our continued growth depends on a strong partnership between our staff, parents and caregivers, and, most importantly, our students.

At the heart of our work is a simple idea: Build Confidence. Instill Hope. It begins with adults believing in one another and then genuinely believing that every child **CAN** learn what we are teaching them. Ultimately, though, our goal is for that belief to become the student's own: **"I can learn this."** This is more than feeling good about yourself. It is a tough, gritty confidence that leads to perseverance—and perseverance leads to real skills being developed and real learning taking place.

Our Barnes Bear is a metaphor for the students we hope to develop: students who **DIG** into learning, **BELIEVE** they can learn, **CLIMB** to new learning heights, and **LEAVE A POSITIVE MARK** on themselves and the community around them. When our students believe and learn, all of us succeed. So, this year, I encourage each of us—staff, families, caregivers, and students—to consider the part we can play in helping Barnes continue to get better at what we've already begun.

Together, let's build confidence, instill hope, and **Dare to Be a Bear!** 🐻

Respectfully,
Seth Peck, Principal, Barnes Elementary School
(360) 501-1500

BARNES
ELEMENTARY

BACK
TO
SCHOOL
Night

AUGUST 24, 2026
5:30-6:30pm

*** MEET TEACHERS * TOUR CLASSROOMS**
*** DROP OFF SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**ENTER THROUGH FRONT
DOORS OF SCHOOL**

**STUDENTS ACCOMPANIED
BY ADULT PLEASE**

**401 BARNES ST.
KELSO**



BARNES ELEMENTARY

School Supply List 2026-2027

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Ms. Brigman
2 Packages of Baby Wipes
1 Large Bottle of Handsanitizer
2 Boxes of Crayola Crayons - 24 Count
4 Black Fine Tip Expo Dry Erase Markers
3 Cans of Play-Doh - 4 oz size (not party size)
1 Small Labeled Blanket (baby blanket sized)
2 Boxes of Shareable Snacks

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Gibson/Mrs. Thomas
3 Boxes of Shareable Snacks
3 Boxes Crayola Crayons-24 count
2 boxes of kleenex
1 (12 count) Box of Ticonderoga Pencils
1 Box of Crayola Markers
3 Cans of Play-Doh - 4 oz size (not party size)

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Ramey/Ms. Shockley
2 Boxes Crayola Crayons-24 count
2 Pink Pearl Erasers
1 pack Ticonderoga pencils
Boys - 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags
Boys - 1 package of baby wipes
Girls - 1 box of sandwich Ziploc bags
Girls - 1 tub of Clorox wipes
Please do not supply any additional items

SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Coy/Mrs. Morse/Ms. Stevens
1 Box Crayola Crayons-24 count
2-24 pack of pencils (Dixon or Ticonderoga)
2 yellow highlighters
2 Boxes of Cheez-It, Goldfish or Graham Crackers
1 Folders with Pockets
1 Lysol Disinfectant Wipes
1 Hard, plastic pencil Box- Standard Size
2 Spiral Notebooks
4 Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
1 12-16oz. Hand Sanitizer
1 Crayola Watercolor Set
Please do not supply any additional items

THIRD GRADE

Ms. Hennessy/Mr. Whipps/Ms. Stevens
1 box of Crayons- 24 count maximum
1 set of colored pencils or markers
1 Hard, plastic pencil box- standard size
2-24 pack of Ticonderoga brand pencils
1 pockets folder
2 highlighters
2 wide rule spiral notebooks
1 pair of scissors
2 chisel tip dry erase markers
1 pencil sharpener with a cap to collect shavings
2 containers of Disinfectant wipes
1 box quart size bags
3 Boxes of snack crackers
1 spill proof water bottle

FOURTH GRADE

Ms. Bolster/Mrs. Mejia/Mrs. Nigh
2 Highlighters
2 Pink erasers
1 Expo marker (black)
3 Composition Notebooks (College Ruled)
1 Package Colored Pencils
2 Containers Disinfectant Wipes
Kleenex
2 Packs of lined paper
2-24 packs of Ticonderoga pencils
1 spill proof water bottle

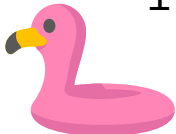
FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Carter / Mrs. Chaffin
2 Highlighters (multicolored)
1 Package Colored Pencils
3 Composition Notebooks
4 Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
1 Pencil Pouch
1 Pair of Scissors
2 Folders
1 box of Pencils
1 tub Clorox Wipes
1 Glue Stick




AUGUST




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23	24 BACK TO SCHOOL Night 5:30-6:30	25 LAST DAY Summer Break Grades 1-5	26 First day of School Grades 1-5  Early Release 1:55pm	27 kindergarten  OPEN HOUSE 4:00-5:00pm	28	29
30	31 First DAY School TK and Kindergarten					NO SCHOOL Sept. 7  Labor Day

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 458

2026-2027

STUDENT CALENDAR

AUGUST						
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STUDENT FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

August 26 First Day

June 11 Last Day

GRADUATION

June 5

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS

September 7 Labor Day

October 8 In-Service Day

October 9 In-Service Day

November 11 Veterans Day

November 23 - 25 Elementary School Conferences
(No School for Elementary Students Only)

November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Break

November 30 Trimester Break

Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 Winter Break

January 18 MLK Day

January 25 Semester Break

February 15 Presidents Day

March 12 In-Service Day

March 15 Trimester Break

April 5 - 9 Spring Break

May 31 Memorial Day

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Elementary 1:55 pm, Secondary 1:00 pm

December 18/April 2

Elementary 11:10 am, Secondary 10:05 am

Last Day of School

TERM-END DATES

Trimesters (Elementary and High School)

November 25 Trimester 1

March 11 Trimester 2

Last Day of School Trimester 3

Semesters (Middle School)

January 22 Semester 1

Last Day of School Semester 2

MAKE-UP DAYS

November 30

January 25

March 15

End of School Year

FEBRUARY						
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SCHOOL HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
Wednesday

Elementary

8:45 a - 3:25 p
8:45 a - 1:55 p

Secondary

7:50 a - 2:30 p
7:50 a - 1:00 p

ALL ROUTE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. IN THE AM STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT
DESIGNATED BUS STOP 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED PICKUP TIME

**** NOTE: SOME ROUTES MAY HAVE CHANGED - PLEASE DOUBLE-CHECK STOP TIMES ****

ROUTE 9 - BARNES		AM	ROUTE 9 - BARNES		PM	Wed PM
N. 4th Ave. & Harris St.		8:04	1802 N. Pacific Ave.		3:45	2:15
N. 3rd Ave. & Crawford St.		8:04	122 Williams Ave.		3:46	2:16
N. 6th Ave. & Crawford St.		8:05	117 Williams Ave.		3:47	2:17
N. 1st Ave. & Church St.		8:07	106 Nelson St.		3:48	2:18
N. 1st Ave. & Harris St.		8:08	N. Maple St. & Nelson St.		3:49	2:19
N. 1st Ave. & Burcham St.		8:08	1914 N. Pacific Ave.		3:49	2:19
N. 1st Ave. & Donation St.		8:09	2010 N. Pacific Ave.		3:49	2:19
1101 N. 1st Ave.		8:09	N. Pacific & Sale Barn Rd.		3:50	2:20
1802 N. Pacific Ave.		8:10	N. Pacific & Holcomb Ave.		3:51	2:21
1914 N. Pacific Ave.		8:10	177 Cowlitz Gardens		3:53	2:23
2010 N. Pacific Ave.		8:10	167 Cowlitz Gardens		3:53	2:23
N. Pacific & Sale Barn Rd.		8:11	151 Cowlitz Gardens		3:53	2:23
N. Pacific & Holcomb Ave.		8:11	148 Cowlitz Gardens		3:54	2:24
177 Cowlitz Gardens		8:11	128 Cowlitz Gardens		3:54	2:24
167 Cowlitz Gardens		8:12	117 Cowlitz Gardens		3:54	2:24
151 Cowlitz Gardens		8:12	Cowlitz Gardens & Cowlitz Gardens Ln.		3:54	2:24
148 Cowlitz Gardens		8:13	1101 N. 1st Ave.		3:57	2:27
128 Cowlitz Gardens		8:13	N. 1st Ave. & Donation St.		3:58	2:28
117 Cowlitz Gardens		8:13	N. 1st Ave. & Burcham St.		3:58	2:28
Cowlitz Gardens & Cowlitz Gardens Ln.		8:14	N. 1st Ave. & Harris St.		3:59	2:29
117 Williams Ave.		8:16	N. 1st Ave. & Church St.		3:59	2:29
122 Williams Ave.		8:17	N. 4th Ave. & Harris St.		4:03	2:33
106 Nelson St.		8:18	N. 3rd Ave. & Crawford St.		4:04	2:34
N. Maple St. & Nelson St.		8:19	N. 6th Ave. & Crawford St.		4:05	2:35

ROUTE 24 - BARNES		AM	ROUTE 24 - BARNES		PM	Wed PM
N. 8th Ave. & Cowlitz Way		8:05	N. 8th Ave. & Cowlitz Way		3:45	2:15
N. 8th Ave. & Crawford St.		8:07	N. 8th Ave. & Crawford St.		3:46	2:16
N. 8th Ave. & Columbia St.		8:08	N. 8th Ave. & Columbia St.		3:46	2:16
N. 8th Ave. & Ayers St.		8:10	N. 8th Ave. & Ayers St.		3:47	2:17
N. 7th Ave. & Bloyd St.		8:12	N. 7th Ave. & Bloyd St.		3:50	2:20
N. 6th Ave. & Ayers St.		8:13	N. 6th Ave. & Ayers St.		3:52	2:22
N. 4th Ave. & Columbia St.		8:15	N. 4th Ave. & Columbia St.		3:53	2:23
N. 7th Ave. & Columbia St.		8:16	N. 7th Ave. & Columbia St.		3:54	2:24
Allen St. & Allen Dr.		8:20	Allen St. & Allen Dr.		4:00	2:30

KSD SAFE SCHOOLS EMERGENCY INFORMATION



HOLD

ISOLATED EVENT/MEDICAL ISSUE

STUDENTS

- **CLEAR** hallways, stay in room
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"

ADULTS

- **CLOSE/LOCK** the door
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



SECURE & TEACH

POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM

STUDENTS

- **RETURN** inside
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"

ADULTS

- **BRING** everyone indoors
- **LOCK** outside doors
- **INCREASE** awareness
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



LOCKDOWN

DEFINITE THREAT OF VIOLENCE OR HARM

STUDENTS

- **MOVE** out of sight
- **MAINTAIN** silence
- **DO NOT** open door
- **PREPARE** to evade/defend

ADULTS

- **RECOVER** students from hall if possible
- **LOCK** room doors
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **TURN OFF** lights
- **MOVE** out of sight
- **MAINTAIN** silence
- **DO NOT** open door
- **PREPARE** to evade/defend



SHELTER IN PLACE

HAZARDOUS OUTDOOR ATMOSPHERE

STUDENTS

- **USE** appropriate strategy

ADULTS

- **LEAD** safety strategy
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **NOTIFY** if missing, extra, or injured people

HAZARD STRATEGY

Tornado.....Get to shelter
Hazmat.....Seal the room
Earthquake...Drop, cover, hold
Tsunami.....Get to high ground



EVACUATE

FIRE / INTERNAL THREAT

STUDENTS

- **LEAVE** items behind if needed
- **BRING** phone if possible
- **FOLLOW** instructions

ADULTS

- **LEAD** students to location
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **NOTIFY** if missing, extra, or injured people

KEY REMINDERS

- **NO PROPPED OPEN DOORS**
- **MAINTAIN ADULT VISIBILITY**
- **SEE or HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

**HearMeWA
Tipline**

CALL 888-537-1634

TEXT

HearMeWA to 738477



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

911

SUICIDE HOTLINE	988
COWLITZ CO. CRISIS LINE	360.425.6064
KELSO POLICE	360.423.1270
SHERIFF	360.577.3092
SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE	1.800.656.4673
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE	360.501.2600
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1.800.799.7233 or text START to 88788
POISON CONTROL	1.800.222.1222
DRUG/ALCOHOL HOTLINE	1.800.662.4357

BEAR REMINDERS



SPIRIT Days

Bear Wear Monday

Every MONDAY wear your Bear Wear (Red and Black)



College and Career Wear Wednesdays



Every WEDNESDAY wear your college or career wear



Kelso Strong Friday

Every FRIDAY wear your Kelso wear (blue and gold)

School Hours

8:30 Campus Opens

8:45 School Starts

Recess:

K-2 10:00 - 10:15

3-5 10:15 - 10:30

K-1 11:00 - 11:30

2-3 11:30 - 12:00

4-5 12:00 - 12:30

K-2 2:00 - 2:15

3-5 2:15 - 2:30

Lunch:

K-1 11:30 - 12:00

2-3 12:00 - 12:30

4-5 12:30 - 1:00

TK Dismissal 3:15

Kinder Dismissal 3:20

1st-5th Dismissal 3:25

*** Every Wednesday is Early Release at 1:50 (TK-K) and 1:55pm (1st-5th)**

Barnes Before School Policy

For the safety of our students, please refrain from arriving before 8:30 AM as there will be no supervision.

Parents,

Any electronics brought to school must be turned off and stored in student's backpack.

"This includes cell phones, tablets, and/or games. Smart watches may be worn for telling time, but are prohibited for any other purpose during the school day."

Any electronics brought to school are done so at the owner's risk.

