

WELCOME BACK TO 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR



Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at Baggett Elementary! We are so excited to have you as part of our Baggett Bears Family, a community built on achievement, strong family partnerships, and collaboration.

This year's theme, "ALL IN – Every Play, Every Day!" reminds us that success happens when we show up, give our best, and work together—students, staff, and families all on the same team.

Thank you for making Open House such a success, your support and enthusiasm set the tone for a great year ahead! Below, you'll find important information that will be helpful to review as we begin the school year.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to **walk their students into the building and to their classrooms** on the **first two mornings of school (Friday, August 1st & Monday, August 4th)**. After those first two days, we'll transition to our regular arrival procedures to help students build independence and settle into their daily routines.

We're committed to creating a safe, engaging, and challenging learning environment for every student, and we look forward to partnering with you to make this our best year yet. Together, we will show what it means to be **ALL IN, Every Play, Every Day!**

Warmly,

Dr. Alisha Queen

Principal, Baggett Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

- **8/1/25:** First Day of School. Parents and Guardians may walk student(s) to class
- **8/1/25:** PTA Event - Pre-K and Kindergarten Parents BooHoo Breakfast Grab & Go (Media Center) until 8:00.
- **8/4/25:** Parents and Guardians may walk student(s) to class
- **8/14/25:** PTA Back to School Dance 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- **8/29/25:** Digital Learning Day (Asynchronous)

FRONT OFFICE CONTACT

- **Yaravil Ciranda-Perez, Secretary:** yaravil.cirandaperez55@paulding.k12.ga.us
- **Stephanie McCluskey, Attendance Clerk:** smccluskey@paulding.k12.ga.us

- **Jenna Bingham, Bookkeeper:** jbingham@paulding.k12.ga.us

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact front office at **678-460-1570**.

BUILDING ACCESS:

For the safety of our students and staff, **all visitors must show a valid photo ID at the camera outside the front door before being buzzed in.** Visitors must also be listed in **Infinite Campus (IC)** as a parent/guardian or emergency pick-up contact to gain admittance to the building. Please have your ID ready to hold up to the camera when you ring the buzzer—this helps us keep the entry process smooth and secure for everyone.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

For the 2025-2026 school year, the federal government is ending free meals for all students. Families should apply now to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price meals. Only 1 application is needed per family. To apply go to <https://www.nlappscloud.com/>

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INFORMATION

For more information from the PCSD School Nutrition Department, such as menus and meal applications, go to <http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=0305131813425871>

If your student would like to purchase extras in the Cafeteria, then you can pay ahead online: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain.action?clientKey=&requestAction=home>

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR OUTSIDE FOOD:

To help us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students, we will **not be accepting outside food deliveries or daily drop-offs** for students, **except in emergency situations.** Please ensure your child comes to school prepared with their lunch or plans to eat in the cafeteria. This helps us avoid daily disruptions and keeps our focus on learning.

LUNCH VISITS

Lunch visits will begin on **August 18, 2025**. Lunch visits no longer require an appointment. Please feel free to arrive a few moments before your student's scheduled lunch period to sign-in at the kiosk and have lunch with your student in the designated areas. We love having families join us for lunch, but **visitors must be listed in Infinite Campus (IC) as a parent/guardian or emergency pick-up contact.** All visitors **must present a valid ID** when signing in at the front office before heading to the cafeteria.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We love celebrating our students' birthdays! All birthday treats (cupcakes, cookies, etc.) must be store-bought and dropped off at the front desk to be shared with the class. Please do not bring balloons, presents, flowers, or other items to school, as they will not be permitted in the classroom. This helps us keep the focus on learning while still making each child's special day fun and memorable.

NURSE NEEDS

Please be sure your child keeps a change of clothes in their backpack for unexpected situations. Spills in the cafeteria, muddy adventures on the playground, or other little accidents can happen, and having a spare outfit on hand helps your child stay comfortable and ready to get back to learning quickly.

Our Homework Expectations:

- **Reading** – Encourage students to read daily. A reading log incentive can be used if you choose.
- **Math Fact Practice** – Promote regular practice to strengthen fluency.

Why This Matters:

Educational research, including John Hattie's *Visible Learning* (2009, updated 2023), shows that traditional homework has a very low effect size in elementary grades, only **0.15**, which is well below the "hinge point" of 0.40 needed to see significant academic growth. For younger students, there is little evidence that homework boosts achievement. Instead, focusing on high-impact practices, like building a love for reading and strengthening math fact fluency, has far greater long-term benefits.

PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION

All families must create a Parent Portal account in order to access the Infinite Campus student information system which allows you to view your student's grades, attendance, and more. Infinite Campus also maintains contact information, so it is crucial that you ensure your phone number, email address, and home address are up to date so that your school and/or the district can contact you in the event of an emergency.

Instructions on creating a Parent Portal account are attached. Once you have created a Parent Portal account, or if you already have one, parents will need to log into Infinite Campus and sign the form acknowledging receipt of the Parent/Student Information Guide for the 2025-2026 school year. The district's Parent-Student Information Guide contains important information about school policies and procedures. Each household is required to acknowledge receipt of this guide, and we encourage every parent to read it carefully and share key information with their students, especially as it relates to the Student Code of Conduct.

See below for directions.



As a school district, we value partnerships with our families and open communication regarding student progress. Infinite Campus Parent Portal is a tool for parents and students to remain up-to-date regarding their students' daily progress, as well as where we publish report cards, progress reports, and parent surveys. First time users to Parent Portal are required to establish a user identification which includes both alpha and numeric characters. Below is information regarding how to obtain an account activation code, as well as reset accounts, if needed.

Activating a Parent Portal Account

Please send an email to portal@paulding.k12.ga.us and the following information. A copy of parent picture id must also be included in the email.

- Parent Name
- Parent Physical Address
- Parent Email Address
- Student First Name
- Student Last Name
- Student's Date of Birth
- Student(s) Physical Address
- Name of School Student Attends

BUS TRANSPORTATION

To check on bus numbers, estimated times, and bus stops, please go to <https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/379>

We also encourage you to download the Here Comes the Bus app which allows you to track the location of your child's bus for real time information: <https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/40604>

CAR RIDERS PROCEDURES AND MAP

For detailed information on our morning and afternoon car riders procedures please see below.

Car Rider Procedures – Baggett Elementary

Car Rider Cards: If you did not get a card at Open House, they will be issued beginning 8/1/2025 after checking IDs in car line at pick up. If you only have one student to pick up, you will be given a PURPLE card indicating they will be picked up from the Single Car Rider Line in front of the school (multi-colored arrows on map). If you have multiple students, you will be given a BLUE card indicating they will be picked up from the Family Car Line which follows the path behind the school for pick up on the gym side (yellow arrows on the map). Card color is important because it will determine your lane choice for pick up upon entering the school campus. Students' names will be written on the card, and you will need to have the card with you each day at pick up.

Displaying the Car Rider Card: We are asking that parents display their card in a visible area of the car (windshield or side window). This will allow staff on duty to have the necessary information needed to call for students on the walkies and load students into cars as quickly as possible

Car Routes: PURPLE card holders will enter the school using the center entry lane. They will stop at the stop sign and wait for a staff member to wave cars forward. Again, please have your car rider card visible on the rearview mirror so staff can call your student for release. If you have a BLUE card, you will enter the school using the far-right entry lane and continue down the drive around the back of the school to the designated stop cones by the recycling bin. Once buses have been dismissed, a staff member will direct those cars to the front of the school by the gym for student pick up. Students with BLUE family/multi-family pick up cards will be dismissed from the gym.

Hazzard Lights: After receiving your student, we are asking that you turn on your hazard lights to indicate your car is loaded. Once all cars are loaded the line will be released.

Finally, we ask for your patience as new parents and staff learn about our dismissal routines to balance safety and efficiency. We understand that it will take a while for it to become routine, and the process may be lengthy initially. Please know we always put safety and the well-being of our students first and look forward to seeing your faces each day as we return your students to you.

Thank you for your continued support!



Please see map:

PURPLE card – follow
multi-color arrows

BLUE card – follow yellow
arrows

Car Rider Procedures

A.M. Procedures

- All students must remain in the vehicle and go through the car rider line. The student may only exit the vehicle when there is an adult present at the door. For safety reasons, please do not drop off students at the curb unattended as there will not be supervision in those areas.
- No drop-offs or parking in the parking lot to walk your students to the door.
- Adults should remain in the vehicle at all times. Staff members will be present to help your child exit the vehicle.
- Only 5th grade safety patrol students will be allowed to enter the building prior to 7:30 A.M.

P.M. Procedures

- You will need a car rider tag when picking up a student with the correct information listed.
- IDs may be checked, so always have it available.
- If sending someone other than a parent/guardian to pick up a student in car rider line, the person should have the car rider tag. If they do not have a tag, they will need to show an ID. Call the school before 12:00 PM to ensure the person picking up is on the emergency pick-up list in Infinite Campus.
- Adults should remain in the vehicle at all times. Please do not exit the vehicle to help your student into the car or to buckle a seatbelt. If your student needs assistance, please pull into the parking spaces by the gym for additional time.
- When your student has loaded, please turn on hazard lights.

A.M. and P.M.: Please follow the traffic flow and be patient. The safety of our students and staff members are always our first priority. Refrain from being on your phone while in car line to stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Please be aware and courteous to any staff giving directions. Always wait to start moving your vehicle until directed by a staff member. Remember there should be no use of tobacco products or drugs on campus, this includes vapes.

Thank you for helping to keep our Baggett Bears safe!



Ice Cream Fundraiser

All Year Pass (August-May) \$41.50 in REVTRAK

1st Semester Pass (Aug-Dec) \$24.00 in REVTRAK

2nd Semester Pass (Jan-May) \$22.50 in REVTRAK

Cash & Check payments available for semester or full year purchases

Make your payments online at



Save \$5 by purchasing the Full Year Pass!!!

we will no longer accept individual week by week sales in person

Thank you for supporting Baggett!!