



# BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton  
County Schools  
Where Students Come First

*A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning August 8, 2024*

## New Information

Dear Barnwell Families,

Thank you for an AMAZING first week with all our bears! It has been wonderful having all our students back at Barnwell this week. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to learning and growing together this year.

Looking forward to a fantastic year together!

### [Early Literacy Informational Letter](#)

Recently, the state of Georgia introduced new early literacy legislation aimed at improving reading skills among our young learners. We want to make sure you are fully informed about what this means for your child.

### **What is Georgia's Early Literacy Legislation?**

The new legislation is designed to ensure that all students in Georgia develop strong reading skills from an early age. Research shows that children who become proficient readers early in their education are more successful in school and beyond. This law focuses on ensuring all school districts in the state of Georgia have a district-wide process that identifies students needing targeted supports in reading or students demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia. The law also aims to ensure schools use high-quality materials and evidence-based instruction to support these students and their teachers.

Letters were sent home today in your student's take home folder. Please review this letter for further information.

### [Code of Conduct Signatures Needed for Students Ages 10 and Up](#)

Fulton County Schools Code of Conduct is now ready for parents to review and sign in Infinite Campus. All parents and students (over 10 years old) MUST sign this form. Parents can find the form in the infinite campus parent/student portal.

Here is a [\(link\)](#) with instructions on how to complete the Acknowledgment of Receipt Form. Please complete this by **August 16<sup>th</sup>**. For new families, contact Ellen Basile ([Basile@fultonschools.org](mailto:Basile@fultonschools.org)) for step-by-step instructions on how to access the Parent Portal.

### [Curriculum Night – August 29<sup>th</sup>](#)

Mark your calendars to attend our Curriculum Night on August 29<sup>th</sup> during the following times:

Date	Time	Grade Levels
Thursday, August 29	5:15 PM–6:00 PM	PreK – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Thursday, August 29	6:00 PM–6:30 PM	PTO Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 29	6:30 PM–7:15 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade

### [All Pro Dad's Breakfast – August 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)

On **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 AM**, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your student(s), their school, and discuss topics that help students to build character. *(No child should feel left out - Moms or Guardians are welcome too)*

**PLEASE RSVP** at [allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353](http://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353)

### [Join our PTO:](#)

Your Barnwell PTO has been actively planning programs and events to enhance the student experience. To learn more, make a donation, or become a business partner, visit our PTO hub: [Barnwell PTO](#).

### [Barnwell Family Portrait Day – September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>](#)

Mini Photo Sessions are available for purchase through our partnership with Spoiled Rotten Photography. The \$35 is donated directly to the PTO and there will be options to buy various photo packages. [Click here to sign up.](#)

## Recurring School and Community News

### [Changes In Transportation](#)

Any changes in dismissal transportation must be submitted to the student's teacher using our [dismissal change form](#) which is available on our school website. If there is a last-minute change in dismissal, please call the front office. Students are only allowed to ride the bus assigned to their home address.

### [Address Verification](#)

Fulton County Schools require new families and those entering **grades 2, 7, and 10** to submit two proofs of residency before the school year starts. Families must provide **one** approved utility item **and one** approved residency item.

- **Accepted Utility Items:** Current water or electric bill (**gas bill not accepted**).
- **Accepted Residency Items:** Current mortgage payment, lease, home sale contract, HUD housing document, or HOA bill/statement.

For instructions on updating residency information, please contact Ellen Basile at [Basile@fultonschools.org](mailto:Basile@fultonschools.org).

### **Fulton County School Nutrition:**

The cafeteria will serve breakfast and lunch for those that wish to participate. Breakfast will be served from 7:10 AM – 7:35 AM. Parents are encouraged to prepay for student meals and extra sales (cookies, ice cream, chips, etc.) using **MyPaymentsPlus**. Visit [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) to sign up and get started.

<b>Meal Prices</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Adult</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	\$1.20	\$2.75
<b>Lunch</b>	\$2.60	\$4.75

**Free & Reduced Meal Benefits Program** is a part of the National Child Nutrition Program. A **NEW application must be completed for the 2024-2025 school year**. Applications are available online at [www.fulton.schoollunchapp.com](http://www.fulton.schoollunchapp.com).

### **ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:**

**Bus Rider Information:** Bus stop locations and times can be found on our county Transportation Website (<https://www.fultonschools.org/transportation>).

In addition, you can download the “Here Comes the Bus” app. “Here Comes the Bus” is a free, easy-to-use website and app that enables you to see the location of your child’s school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. This ensures that you are informed when the bus is approaching your stop, allowing you to send your child out on time.

### **JCHS Volleyball Fundraiser**

The JCHS Volleyball Team is hosting a Friday night Spikes, where the girls are going to play against the football team. Please come out and support JCHS Volleyball Team. Please click [here](#) to order tickets.

### **JCHS Dribblers Club for Girls Basketball**

JCHS is offering a Dribblers Basketball Club for all 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
PTO Bruster's Spirit Night	8/21	4:00 pm-7:00 pm	Holcomb Location
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	8/23	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
PTO Board Mtg	8/23	7:30 am-9:00 am	Adm Conf Room
Room Parent Mtg	8/27	9:00 am-10:00 am	Cafeteria
Curriculum Night PK-2 <sup>nd</sup>	8/29	5:15 pm-6:00 pm	Classrooms
PTO General Membership Mtg	8/29	6:00 pm-6:30 PM	Cafeteria
Curriculum Night 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	8/29	6:30 PM-7:15 PM	Classrooms
Labor Day	9/2	School Closed	---
Teacher Workday	9/3	Students Off	---
Professional Dev Day	9/4	Students Off	---
Fall Walk to School Day	9/9	7:10 am-7:40 am	---
Picture Day	9/10	During school day	---
VIP Grandparents Day Breakfast	9/13	6:45 am-7:40 am	Cafeteria
Publix Math Night	9/17	5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Haynes Publix
Principal Coffee Chat	9/18	8:00 am-9:00 am	Media Center
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	9/20	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
PTO Board Mtg	9/20	7:30 am-9:00 am	Adm Conf Room
Art Extravaganza Contest Begins	9/23		---
PTO Family Portraits	9/28 & 9/29	TBD	TBD

## Administrative Team

Throughout the year, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher with any classroom questions or to our Administrative Team with any school-wide questions:

- Renee Morris Diggelmann, Assistant Principal - [Diggelmann@fultonschools.org](mailto:Diggelmann@fultonschools.org)
- Alysia Muse, Curriculum Support Teacher - [Musea@fultonschools.org](mailto:Musea@fultonschools.org)
- Chelsea Garcia, School Counselor – [GarciaC2@fultonschools.org](mailto:GarciaC2@fultonschools.org)
- Eden Griffin, Instructional Support Teacher – [GriffinE1@fultonschools.org](mailto:GriffinE1@fultonschools.org)
- Takisha Benning, Principal – [Benning@fultonschools.org](mailto:Benning@fultonschools.org)

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[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

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