



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning October 24, 2024

New Information

As the leaves begin to change colors and the morning air becomes crisp, we welcome the beautiful season of fall. This time of year, brings with it a sense of reflection, gratitude, and togetherness. It's a reminder of the wonderful community we have here at Barnwell—a community that supports, encourages, and grows together.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's International Night a huge success! From the performances to the delicious dishes representing cultures from around the world, the evening was a true celebration of the diversity and unity that make our school community so special.

Annual Perception Survey

Fulton County Schools truly values the feedback of our parents. I encourage all parents to take the [Annual Parent Perception Survey](#) to share your thoughts about your experience at Barnwell and the district. While we always make it a priority to listen to our parents, this survey affords us another opportunity to receive your thoughts and opinions.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. Please complete one survey per school where you have one or more students enrolled. The survey will remain open through **Friday, November 22nd**.

The parent FAQ is available:

- [English FAQ](#)
- [Spanish FAQ](#)
- [Chinese \(Simplified\) FAQ](#)
- [Korean FAQ](#)
- [Hindi FAQ](#)
- [Portuguese FAQ](#)
- [Punjabi FAQ](#)

To access the parent survey, click <https://www.fultonschools.org/AnnualParentSurvey> or scan the QR code with a smartphone. Thank you in advance for making your voice heard!



Our students' opinions are important too! Students in **grades 3-12** will be provided with the opportunity to take the **Annual Student Perception Survey** through November 22nd during the school day. In our ongoing efforts to remain transparent with parents, please take a moment to review the [3-5 student survey](#) and/or the [6-12 Student Survey](#).

PTO Movie Night & Trunk-or-Treat is TOMORROW NIGHT!

Join us tomorrow, Friday, October 25th at 6:00 PM for our Trunk-or-Treat and Family Movie Night event! Treating will begin in the parking lot at 6:00 PM and the movie to follow at sunset. This year's movie will be Hotel Transylvania 3.

Make sure to wear your costumes, bring your treat buckets, picnic blankets and low beach chairs! FREE popcorn and water will be available while supplies last. For questions, please contact Amy Shackelford at amy.m.shackelford@gmail.com or click our flyer [here](#).

Please click the link to volunteer, donate candy, and/or sign up to host a trunk.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090A49AAAB2BA6F94-51558194-trunk>

November 5th – Election Day and Remote Learning for Students

Barnwell Elementary will be a voting site on Tuesday, November 5th. As a result, students will have a remote learning day. Teachers will communicate assignments for the day in the coming days.

It's BOOK FAIR time!

Barnwell is excited to have our in-person Literati Book Fair this year with an online companion. The online fair is open now, and our in-person fair will run **November 15th-22nd**. Check the [schedule](#) to find out which day your child will be visiting the book fair with their class.

In-person individual shopping can be done any time throughout the fair. All forms of payment are accepted. Online shopping and gift cards for students to use in-person can be purchased [HERE](#). Parents may print gift cards or have them automatically synced with our registers. Any books purchased online will be shipped to your home.

Back again this year—check out Literati Book Clubs to get personalized book boxes delivered to your child monthly! 10% of every dollar spent will go back to Barnwell.

Lunch With Students

Parents are invited to have lunch with students, Monday through Thursday. Parents may purchase lunch from the cafeteria for \$4.75, payable by cash or check. Lunch will be enjoyed in the atrium area of the cafeteria. Please ensure you have a hard copy of your license, government ID, or passport, as we will need to scan the barcode when signing in.

Red Ribbon Week (October 23rd – 31st)

We are excited to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme, "Life is a Movie: Film Healthy Choices," promises a fun and engaging week dedicated to encouraging students to make positive, health-conscious decisions.

Please click [here](#) for our Red Ribbon Week flyer for detailed information. We eagerly anticipate the enthusiastic participation of the entire school community in celebrating this important event.

Book Character “Dress-Up” Day

We invite all our students to embrace their inner bookworm and celebrate “Book Character Day” with us on Thursday, October 31st.

Students will choose a beloved character from their favorite book, this could be a children's story, a graphic novel, or even a comic book hero. Please make sure the characters are appropriate for school (no masks, no prop weapons, or scary costumes). Students will carry their book or a picture of the cover and be prepared to share a brief description of their book and character with their class.

Let's make Book Character Day a memorable and entertaining celebration of literature and imagination. Our students will have the chance to see some of their favorite characters come to life at Barnwell.

[PTO Candy for a Cause](#)

Are you overwhelmed by the lingering sugar rush from Halloween? We have a solution! Donate your extra candy to "🍬 Candy for a Cause 🍬". Candy will be donated to **Blue Star: Military Support Group**. **They will send these delicious treats to our troops deployed overseas.**

Collections will take place on Monday, November 4th during carpool drop-off and bus unloading. **Help us support our brave service members by contributing your excess Halloween candy.**

[Autrey Mill Middle School Presents *Frozen Jr.*](#)

Get your tickets today to see Autrey Mill Middle School's production of *Frozen Jr.* Tickets can be purchased on [AMMS SeatYourself Online Ticket Sales](#).

Disney's *Frozen Jr.* is a captivating and heartwarming adaptation of the beloved Frozen story, bringing to life the enchanting world of Arendelle and its iconic characters, Elsa and Anna. This delightful production explores the themes of true love and sisterhood as the princesses' face challenges that reveal their hidden strengths and the unbreakable bond they share. Join us for an unforgettable journey filled with the cherished songs and characters you adore, all infused with a sprinkle of fun and adventure! Don't miss the chance to experience the magic on stage! With 75 students involved in this production - you don't want to miss it!

Recurring School and Community News

[Traffic, Bus Lane, and Carpool Safety](#)

As you navigate the area around Barnwell Elementary School, we kindly request that you exercise extra caution. If you are walking your child to school, please cross at the designated crosswalk with the assistance of the JCPD traffic officer. For those dropping students in the carpool lanes (front or side), please be extra vigilant and follow the instructions provided by our staff stationed at those locations. Be mindful of students and parents who may be walking in the parking lot or crossing the crosswalk. Let's keep everyone safe!

[Student Pickup/Building Entry](#)

A driver's license or government issued ID is required for all student checkouts and any entry into the building. Please have your ID available to present to the camera when you ring the bell to be buzzed in.

Volunteer Protocol

All Mystery Readers and School Volunteers are required to complete the Volunteer Protocol before coming to school. To initiate the process, please complete the child abuse reporting training and the

online registration by clicking [here](#). Use your legal name as it appears on your government identification during registration. The training is self-paced, and your government ID will be required upon your arrival at school.

After completing the training and registration, kindly email Susan Agerton at Agertons@fultonschools.org with your legal name to ensure your application is approved before your visit.

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.

Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Art Extravaganza Contest Ends (Date Extended)	10/28	---	---
Trunk-or-Treat Movie Night	10/25	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Backfield
Candy for a Cause	11/4	7:10 am-7:40 am	Bus/Car Lanes
Remote Learning Day	11/5	No School Students	---
Food Drive	11/11- 11/15	School Day	Bus/Car Lanes
Book Fair	11/15- 11/22	School Day	Media Center
Book Fair – Family Night	11/19	3:30 pm-6:30 pm	Media Center
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	11/15	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafe
PTO Board Meeting	11/15	7:30 am-9:00 am	Admin Conf Rm
Art Extravaganza Awards	11/22	7:00 am-8:00 am	Cafe
Thanksgiving Break	11/25- 11/29	FCS Schools Closed	---

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 – Diggelmannr@fultonschools.org
- Alysia Muse, Curriculum Support Teacher - Musea@fultonschools.org
- Chelsea Garcia, School Counselor – GarciaC2@fultonschools.org
- Eden Griffin, Instructional Support Teacher – GriffinE1@fultonschools.org
- Takisha Benning, Principal – Benning@fultonschools.org

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[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

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