



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning October 10, 2024

New Information

Upcoming Student Holidays:

All Fulton County Schools will be closed for our Fall Break, October 14th and 15th. In addition, schools will be **closed** for students on **Wednesday, October 16th** for a professional learning day. **School will resume for students on Thursday, October 17th**. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2024-2025 calendar.

PTO International Night is Tonight!

Please join us tonight for our International Night from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the cafeteria. Come help us celebrate the unique cultures and traditions represented within our school community. **This is a FREE event.** This is an opportunity for families to fellowship, learn from one another, and appreciate the beauty of our global tapestry through cultural exhibits, live performances, delicious food, and interactive activities. I hope to see everyone there!

Fun Run – Heartfelt Gratitude to our School Community!

WOW!! We are overwhelmed with gratitude towards our parents, families, and friends for their unwavering support of our students, school, and our AMAZING PTO. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise an impressive sum of over \$33,000 during our Fun Run Fundraiser.

It was an eventful week for our staff and students, culminating in Mrs. Morris and I being "slimed" by the top two classes, followed by our exhilarating Fun Run on Friday. Your unwavering commitment and dedication to our school community are deeply appreciated.

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 off students in the carpool lanes (front or side), please be extra vigilant and follow the instructions provided by our staff stationed at the front and side of the school. Be mindful of students and parents who may be walking in the parking lot or crossing the crosswalk. Let's keep everyone safe!

Picture Retake Day – October 22nd

Our Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd at 8:00 AM. If you missed the original picture day or wish to have your child retake their picture, please let their teacher know.

[Student Health Update](#)

We kindly ask for your cooperation in maintaining a safe and healthy environment by keeping students at home if they are unwell, exhibiting a fever of 100.4°F or higher, or experiencing chronic diarrhea and/or vomiting.

To return to school, students must demonstrate improved health, be fever-free without the aid of fever-reducing medications and have not experienced vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours. For further information, please click [here](#) to visit the District Health Services website.

[Lunch With Students](#)

This week we invited parents to join our student(s) for lunch. In accordance with FCS nutrition policies, outside food is not permitted. 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. All grade level **parents can share this experience with their student(s) Monday through Thursday.** Please note that parents may only take their student(s) during lunch. 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 announce the beginning of Red Ribbon Week on Wednesday, October 23rd. 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.

[PTO Movie Night & Trunk-or-Treat](#)

Join us on 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 at sunset. Make sure to wear your costumes and bring your treat buckets!

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

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

After the treating fun, please join us on the backfield with your picnic blankets and low beach chairs for "Hotel Transylvania 3"! 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](#).

[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 \(Not sure if this is correct on the donation\)](#)

Are you overwhelmed by the lingering sugar rush from Halloween? We have a solution! Donate your extra candy to "🍬 Candy for a Cause 🍬". We will happily remove the candy from your home and donate it 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.**

[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 as we approach the date.

[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.

Recurring School and Community News

[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.

[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.

[School Attendance](#)

Regular attendance is a critical factor in a student's learning and development. We understand that occasional absences due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances are inevitable. However, we wanted to emphasize the following:

1. Consistent Attendance: Consistent attendance is essential for students to make the most of their educational experience. When students attend school regularly, they can engage in classroom activities, interact with peers and benefit from structured learning.

2. Punctuality Matters: Arriving on time is equally important. Tardiness disrupts your child's learning and can be unsettling for the entire class. Please ensure your student arrives at school promptly and with everything they need to have a successful day. Attendance is taken within the first hour of the instructional day; students must be present for half of the instructional day to be marked present for the day.

3. Communication: If your child needs to be absent, please inform the teacher. If absences are planned, please submit a written note to the teacher. If an extended absence is requested, please consider remote participation. This option allows students to be away from the building, but still be counted as present for school. Students must complete 30 minutes of i-Ready Reading and 45 minutes of i-Ready math each day for each day of absence, or parents can request assignments from the teacher (or a combination of the two). In any case, remote participation allows students to remain engaged in school during their time away.

Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
International Night	10/10	5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Cafeteria
Fall Break	10/14	FCS Schools Closed	---
Fall Break	10/15	FCS Schools Closed	---
Prof Development Day	10/16	No School Students	---
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	10/18	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
PTO Board Meeting	10/18	7:30 am-9:00 am	Admin Conf Rm
Art Extravaganza Contest Ends	10/21	---	---
Fall Retake Picture Day	10/22	8:00 am-9:00 am	School
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

JCHS Soccer Program – 5K for Heroes

The Boys Soccer Program at Johns Creek HS is having their annual 5K For Heroes on Saturday, November 9th. Come run, walk, or just gather as we honor the service of veterans and first responders. Let's show the heroes in our lives how important they are to us! The race starts at 9:00 AM. Can't make it the day of the race? Please consider making a donation. All contributions will go directly to support the JCHS Gladiator Soccer Program. Use the link [here](#) or scan the QR code [here](#) to register. If you do not know a player in the program, please be sure to put Coach Bowler down as the person who referred you.

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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[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

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