



# BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton  
County Schools  
Where Students Come First

*A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning September 26, 2024*

## New Information

[All FCS Schools will be closed tomorrow, Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.](#)

### Upcoming Student Holidays:

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

### Barnwell Bear of the Month

Each month, our staff recognizes a student who exemplifies our core value of character traits. Yesterday, we had the pleasure of celebrating thirty-one outstanding students who demonstrated the trait of “**Respectful**” in September. It was a wonderful celebration! Congratulations to our students and their families honored yesterday. We eagerly anticipate recognizing more of our students in the months to come.

### Lunch With Students

Starting the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>, parents are invited to join their 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. **Parents can share this experience with their student(s) from 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.

### What I Need at Barnwell

Did you know that our students receive tailored academic enrichment, remediation, and support daily? Each day, our students engage in W.I.N. Time (What I Need), a dedicated instructional block aimed at both academic enrichment and remediation. This structured time is seamlessly woven into our daily schedule, ensuring that students acquire the essential skills necessary for their academic growth.

## 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 the 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.

## FCS National School Lunch Week

Pirates have long captivated the imaginations of both children and adults with their thrilling tales of high-seas adventures and hidden treasures. This year, National School Lunch Week harnesses this enduring fascination to not only encourage greater participation in school lunches but also to cultivate excitement and camaraderie among students as they gather to share meals together. Fulton County will celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 7th to October 11th. We invite all students to join us in enjoying school lunch during this special week.

## 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, exhibit a fever of 100.4°F or higher, or experience 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Barnwell Fun Run	10/4	TBD	Backfield
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

## JCHS Soccer Program – 5K for Heroes

The Boys Soccer Program at Johns Creek HS is having their annual 5K For Heroes on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 don't 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](mailto:Diggelmannr@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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[Bus Stop Information](#)

[Here Comes the Bus Info](#)

[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

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