



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning August 22, 2024

New Information

Dear Barnwell Families,

As we conclude our third week of school, we are proud of our students' remarkable progress. To support their success, please ensure they arrive on time, ready for the day (instruction begins at 7:40 AM) with all necessary items, including water bottles, snacks, lunch boxes, and backpacks.

Starting in September, our Principal Newsletter will be distributed biweekly on Thursdays, alternating with the PTO Beargram, which will be sent every other Tuesday. Our first September newsletter will be released on September 12th. You will continue to receive weekly updates regarding all school events through our newsletters and teacher weekly newsletters.

Our fifth-grade girls from Girl Scout Troop 23033 undertook a wonderful service project this past weekend focused on reducing trash pollution on our playground. The troop generously donated environmentally friendly trash containers for our back field.

Thank you to our girls and troop leader for helping to remind our students and staff about the importance of keeping our environment clean and using these new containers!

Upcoming Student Holidays:

In observance of Labor Day, Fulton County Schools will be closed on Monday, September 2nd. In addition, schools will be closed to students Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3rd and 4th for a teacher workday and professional learning, respectively. **School will resume for students on Thursday, September 5th.** Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2024-2025 calendar.

We hope this extended break allows you and your family to enjoy quality time together. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the building on Thursday, September 5th. We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring our students attend school punctually and consistently.

Upcoming Events/Save The Date:

All Pro Dad's Breakfast – August 23rd

Friday, August 23rd 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

Thursday, August 29th – Curriculum Night

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

September 13th – VIP Grandparents Day Breakfast: Please plan to join us for a heartwarming celebration at Barnwell’s Grandparents Day Breakfast. Please limit it to only two special people per family. Look for flyers to come home soon.

September 18th – Principals Coffee Chat: Please mark your calendars for the Principals Coffee Chat on Wednesday, September 18th from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM in the Media Center. This informal gathering offers a wonderful opportunity to connect, share your thoughts, ask questions, and receive updates on our initiatives for the school year.

To help us gauge participation, we have included a Signup Genius link. If you plan to attend, kindly click the link to let us know. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAA72AABFBC34-50745775-principal>

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.

Fall Picture Day – September 10th

Picture Day is coming Tuesday, September 10th! Be on the lookout for order flyers that will be sent home in your student’s folder soon. If you would like to volunteer on picture day, please [sign up here](#) and be sure to [click here to complete the volunteer protocol](#) prior to your arrival.

Recurring School and Community News

Barnwell PTO Family Portrait Day – September 28th and 29th

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.](#)

After School Programs

Below are the After School Programs that are offered at Barnwell Elementary this semester. Registration/payment is done through the companies listed below. Click on the flyers listed below for more information:

- Building Character - [Flyer](#)
- Challenge Island - [Flyer](#)
- Championship Chess - [Flyer](#)
- Coder School - [Flyer](#)
- Guitar Club - [Flyer](#)
- Kidz Keys - [Flyer](#)
- Little Medical School - [Flyer](#)
- Yoga - [Flyer](#)

Sign up for North Fulton United Boys Lacrosse!

North Fulton United is a combined youth rec lacrosse program for kids who are zoned to Johns Creek, Centennial and Alpharetta High Schools. Their goal is to increase local lacrosse participation and teach the fundamentals of the game. No experience necessary! Teams are based on current grade level:

U9 = 2nd and 3rd Grades U11 = 4th and 5th Grades

Sign up now at: <https://nofuboylax.com/registration/>

For FAQs and further contact info, please visit our website at www.nofuboylax.com

Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	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 nd	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 rd -5 th	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 – 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](#)

Takisha Benning
Principal