



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning August 15, 2024

New Information

Dear Barnwell Families,

Thank you for another GREAT week at Barnwell. The students have done an awesome job getting to know our routines and procedures in their classrooms and throughout the school. We have been teaching/reviewing what it means to be a Barnwell Bear – to be kind, respectful, and positive. Click [here](#) to read the Barnwell Promise. I encourage all parents to have conversations about these expectations and support our efforts to foster kindness, respect, and make positive choices in and out of school.

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.

Dates to Save:

- **August 29th** – Curriculum Night
- **September 13th** – VIP Grandparents Day Breakfast: Please plan to join us for a heartwarming celebration at Barnwell's Grandparents Day Breakfast. Please limit to only 2 special people per family. Look for flyers to come home soon.
- **September 18th** – Principals Coffee Chat: Please save the date for the Principals Coffee Chat at 8:00 AM-9:00 AM in the Media Center. This casual gathering provides an excellent opportunity for you to connect with me, share thoughts, ask questions, and hear updates about our initiatives this school year.

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 last week; please review this letter for detailed 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** must sign to acknowledge review of the code of conduct. Students at least 10 years of age **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 Friday, **August 16th** (tomorrow).

For new families, contact Ellen Basile (Basile@fultonschools.org) for step-by-step instructions on how to access the Parent Portal.

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

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.

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](#)

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.](#)

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.

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://nofuboysslax.com/registration/>

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

JCHS Volleyball Fundraiser

Tomorrow, August 16th - Friday Night Spikes - prizes, food trucks, DJ and more. Johns Creek High School girls Volleyball team will be playing the football team at a fun family event. Come join the fun and cheer for your favorite team. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

JCHS Dribblers Club for Girls Basketball

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

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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Takisha Benning
Principal