



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning November 21, 2024

New Information

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the numerous blessings within our school community. This season of gratitude allows the perfect opportunity to reflect on the meaningful moments we've experienced together.

We are thankful for our dedicated teachers, who inspire and guide our students every day. We appreciate our hardworking staff, who keep our school running efficiently. We are most grateful for our students, whose curiosity and enthusiasm make our school a vibrant place of learning. And we are thankful for our supportive families, who partner with us each day in nurturing and educating our children.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and peaceful Thanksgiving!

[FCS Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break](#)

All Fulton County Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving Break, November 25th - November 29th. Please click [here](#) for the FCS School Calendar.

[Barnwell Spelling Bee Winner](#)

We are proud to announce our Spelling Bee Winner for the 2024-2025 school year, Eyal Moreno-Ravid. Eyal will represent Barnwell at the District Spelling Bee early next year. Congratulations Eyal, Barnwell is so proud of you!



[Giving Tree Collection – December 2nd – 11th](#)

This holiday season, our Barnwell Bears can spread joy to families in need. From December 9th to 11th, please support the North Fulton Community Charities by donating a **NEW, UNWRAPPED**

item or gift card to help stock their Toyland Shop. Please click [here](#) for more information and gift ideas.

Annual Parent 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 **tomorrow, 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!



Don't Miss the Beargram Fun! 🐻✉️

Stay informed and bring some joy to your inbox with the Beargram! Our bi-weekly updates will keep you connected to all the exciting happenings at Barnwell—from the thrills of Barnival, the joy of the Date with your Daughter Dance, and inspiring moments during STEAM Week, to the spook-tacular festivities of Trunk-or-Treat.

Signing up is simple! Visit barnwellpto.membershiptoolkit.com to create your profile and opt-in for emails, or reach out to communications@barnwellpto.org for assistance. No donation is required for you to join membership toolkit to receive our PTO updates!

To stay even more connected, follow us on social media: **Facebook** | **Instagram**

Join the fun—sign up for the Beargram today! 🐻 ✨

Be Smart Virtual Presentation

Please click [here](#) to join the BE SMART presentation to help raise safety awareness. The presentation will be December 12th 6:00 – 6:30 PM.

Change of School Assignment Information

Parents, Fulton County Schools is now using a new term for school choice: “Change of School Assignment.” Last spring, the Fulton County School Board revised its policy governing student

transfers and changes of school assignment. Any student wishing to attend a school outside of their home attendance boundary will need to follow the new Change of School Assignment (COSA) process and timeline. The process applies to all transfer-related programs, including previous options like hardship transfers, open enrollment, transfers for employees' children, Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program transfers, and requests to schools offering International Baccalaureate or magnet programs. A list of schools accepting transfers will be published on the COSA website on December 9, 2024. Parents can apply during the application window of December 9, 2024, through January 15, 2025. Learn more at www.fultonschools.org/COSA.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is beginning to fill up with coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, and lunch boxes. Please be sure to label your child's items to allow items to be returned to students. In addition, encourage your student(s) to stop by our lost and found to collect any item(s) they have misplaced. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity during winter break.



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
Book Fair closes at 10:00 AM today.	11/22	School Day	Media Center
Art Extravaganza Awards	11/22	7:00 AM-8:00 AM	Cafe
Thanksgiving Break	11/25 - 11/29	FCS Schools Closed	---
Giving Tree Collection	12/9 – 12/11	During morning arrival	Bus and Carpool Lanes

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

Quick Links

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[Bus Stop Information](#)

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[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

Takisha Benning
Principal