



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning December 19, 2024

New Information

FCS Schools Closed for Winter Break – December 23rd – January 6th

All FCS Schools will be closed for Winter Break beginning Monday, December 23, 2024, to Monday, January 6, 2025. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2024- 2025 school calendar.

We will welcome our students back on Tuesday, January 7th.

Giving Tree Thank You!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible generosity of our school community in supporting our 2024 Giving Tree. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to brighten the holiday and help many families experience the magic of the season. Your compassion and willingness to make a difference showcases the strength of our Barnwell community. Once again, thank you for your unwavering support.

Barnwell Entrepreneurs Club

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us this morning for the exciting “soft opening” of our *BE Club* Market Day! Your support made this day an incredible success for our entrepreneurial students, who worked tirelessly to bring their ideas to life. We are so proud of their efforts and grateful for our school community that champions the growth and learning of our students.

A special thank you to Mrs. Polli and Ms. Nevo for working and encouraging our students each week. We look forward to the next market day experience in May!



Lost and Found

Please encourage your student(s) to stop by our lost and found tomorrow for any coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, or lunch boxes they may have misplaced. **All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after school on Friday, December 20th.**



Change of School Assignment Information

Parents, Fulton County Schools is now using a new term for school choice: "Change 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 has been published on the COSA website. Parents can apply during the application window of December 9, 2024, through January 15, 2025. Learn more at www.fultonschools.org/COSA.

Mark Your 2025 Calendars for Family Bingo Night

Join us for a night of Bingo fun for the whole family!

Friday, January 17, 2025

Autrey Mill Middle School Cafeteria

5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Family packs are on sale now and include 1 large cheese or pepperoni pizza, 4 drinks and 2 Bingo cards. Purchase family packs here: <https://barnwellpto.membershiptoolkit.com/store/17029>
For more information, please click [here](#).

Tickets for pizza slices, drinks, candy, and additional Bingo cards will be available for sale at the event. *Tickets: \$1 each or 20 for \$15*

Pizza slice = 3 tickets, Candy = 2 tickets, Bingo cards and drinks = 1 ticket

Recurring School and Community News

Don't Miss the Beargram Fun! 🐻 📧

Stay informed and bring some joy to your inbox with the Beargram! PTO sends bi-weekly updates to help keep families connected to all the exciting happenings at Barnwell. Please 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!

You can also follow our Barnwell PTO on social media: **[Facebook](#)** | **[Instagram](#)**

Traffic, Bus Lane, and Carpool Safety

As you navigate the area around the 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 at those locations. Also, please 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.

Strive for Girls

Strive for Girls is asking for girls ages 7 to 11 to join their Girls Flag Football developmental league, coached by Strive coaches and current local area high school flag football players! If interested, please register at NewtownRec.com!

The first sessions will be instructional and team practices; followed by four sessions to include a short team practice and a game. For more information on STRIVE visit www.striveforgirls.com or @strive_for_girls on Instagram or call Colin Stroumpis 404-550-5361.

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