



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning January 9, 2025

New Information

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!! We are excited to welcome our students and families back and look forward to a wonderful semester of learning and growth together. Please be sure to read our bi-weekly newsletters as we share exciting news and events with our Barnwell community.

Due to expected inclement weather, tomorrow, Friday, January 10th will be a remote learning day. Teachers will notify parents about assignments that will accompany students home today. Please ensure your student completes their work as outlined by their teacher.

Given no power outages, teachers will be available via email during normal school hours, from 7:40 AM to 2:20 PM, to answer questions and provide academic support if needed.

FCS Schools Closed on January 20th

All Fulton County Schools will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please click [here](#) for the 2024-2025 FCS School Calendar.

MLK Day Community Outreach Project

In commemoration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., our PTO has partnered with The Sandwich Project to make hearty sandwiches to help with food insecurity in our community. Please click the [flyer](#) for information on how you and your student can be apart of this awesome service project.

PAW MART Volunteers Needed

Once again, this semester, our Bears will be earning PBIS points for their kind, respectful, and positive behavior. Every week, students will have the opportunity to spend their points on various rewards at our PAW Mart. We need a group of committed parents who can volunteer a small amount of time each month to help sort rewards and get them ready to be delivered to classrooms. The volunteer day would be Thursdays, but the hours can be flexible. If you are interested in helping us, please fill out the Sign Up Genius- [Paw Mart: PAW MART Volunteer-Semester 2](#) or contact Joanna Thomas with questions (thomasjoanna@fultonschools.org).

All Pro Dad's Breakfast

Friday, January 17th at 6:45 AM, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your student, 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

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

Change of School Assignment Information

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.

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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