



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning January 23, 2025

New Information

Welcome Back! I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your patience and understanding during this week's weather challenges. Your support in transitioning to remote learning has been invaluable, and we appreciate your flexibility in adapting to these unexpected changes.

Your cooperation has ensured that our students continue to receive quality education despite the circumstances. Thank you for being such an integral part of our community and for your unwavering commitment to your children's learning.

MLK Day Community Outreach Project – Thank you!

Thank you to the families, PTO chairs, and our community members that contributed to the success of our MLK Day Outreach Project. Your participation helped our team exceed our goal of contributing over 400 sandwiches to "The Sandwich Project" and make a meaningful impact in our community.

Your generosity, time, and commitment embody the spirit of service and unity that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood for. We are grateful for your partnership and proud of what we accomplished together. Way to go Bears!

First Semester Report Cards -Distributed, Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Report cards were sent home last week with your student. If you have any questions regarding your student's academic performance, please reach out to your student's teacher. You can also access the first semester report cards in the parent portal in Infinite Campus.

Fulton County Schools 2025-2026 Pre-K Lottery Registration

We are excited to announce that **our Pre-K lottery is now open! Registration is open until 11:59 PM, March 5th**. Our school lottery will take place on Monday, March 24th.

For additional information on the process and to complete the registration, please click [here](#) for the English flyer and [here](#) for the Spanish flyer. Thank you for your interest in our Pre-K program! If you have any questions, please reach out to Ellen Basile (Basile@fultonschools.org).

Reading Bowl Competition

Join us in wishing our Reading Bowl Team good luck as they participate in the Fulton County Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl this Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Sandy Springs Middle School.

Led by Mrs. Shapiro and Mrs. Michaelis, our team of 4th and 5th graders will compete against teams across the district. We are proud of our team and know they will represent Barnwell well. GO BEARS!

Hands and Feet Collection

We are excited to announce our **Hands and Feet Collection Drive** to support those in need through North Fulton Charity. Our Barnwell Student Council will be collecting **new hats, gloves, and socks** to help keep our community warm this season.

Donations will be collected each morning at the bus and carpool entrances January 27th through January 31st. Thank you for helping us spread warmth and kindness; your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many.

Upcoming PTO Spirit Nights

- **Tumbles Spirit Night** – Friday, January 24th (5:00 PM-8:00 PM)
- **Papa John's Spirit Nights** – Monday, January 27th and Thursday, January 30th (**Use Promo Code: BARNWELL**)

Last Day to Pre-Order Yearbooks – January 31st

Friday, January 31st is the last day to guarantee a yearbook for your child. After that date books will only be available in a limited quantity until sold out. Yearbooks are \$37.00 and can be purchased online at www.balfour.com.

Important District Reminders and Updates for Valentine's Day

As Valentine's Day approaches, it is very tempting to send in treats. Your child's classroom teacher will be communicating what their classroom will be doing for a Valentine's Day exchange if they have not done so already. We are asking that no food be sent in with your child in alignment with the district's request below:

*As we approach Valentine's Day, it is important to ensure that all homemade candy, desserts, baked goods, or other edible items **are not** sold or distributed during school hours. Please know that taking this measure will help us maintain a safe environment for all students with allergies, etc. You can help us protect your student(s) by requesting that they not eat anything given to them by another person, anything that they have not brought from your home, or anything not in its original sealed package without parent permission. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all our students safe at school!*

Teacher of the Year and Professional of the Year Nominations

Barnwell is fortunate to have a multitude of great teachers and staff members on our team. To celebrate the work of these awesome staff members, each year Fulton County honors a Teacher of the Year and Professional of the Year from each school. To help us with this process this year, we would like to include our community in the nomination process for our candidates.

Please take a moment to complete [this form](#) to nominate your student's favorite teacher and professional of the year and tell us why they should be selected. **The form will close tomorrow at 11:59 PM, Friday, January 24th.**

FCS Schools Will Be Closed February 17th and 18th

All Fulton County Schools will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day. Students will also be off Tuesday, February 18th, due to a Professional Development Day for staff. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2024-2025 School Calendar.

Recurring School and Community News

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.

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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Principal