



# BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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*A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning February 20, 2025*

## New Information

As we move through the heart of winter, I hope this message finds you well and staying warm. The coming weeks will be a busy and exciting time for our school, with many important events, activities, and opportunities for students and families.

Please take a moment to review our latest newsletter, which is packed with essential updates, upcoming dates, and reminders to help you stay informed and engaged. Whether it's academic milestones, extracurricular events, or community initiatives, there is so much happening, and we appreciate your continued support in making it all possible.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community. Your involvement, encouragement, and partnership mean so much to us. Let's make the most of the weeks ahead!

### [FCS Schools Will Be Closed March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>](#)

Please note, all Fulton County schools will be closed **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** for students. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2024-2025 School Calendar.

### [Spring Individual and Class Pictures – Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>](#)

Mark your calendars! Students will take Spring pictures on **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Order forms and flyers were sent home today with your student. Order now for early Picture Day pricing at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). You can create an account or login with **Picture Day ID: EVTPJCZJP**.

### [Volunteers Needed](#)

If you are available to volunteer to assist us on Picture Day, please click the link below to sign-up: [Barnwell Picture Day Volunteers](#). We need six more volunteers.

### [Barnwell's SGC Needs You!](#)

Barnwell has **two parent/guardian SGC positions** open for election this upcoming school year. If you have a child that will attend Barnwell for at least two consecutive years, you are eligible to run for election.

**The candidate declaration period is now open and ends Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> with elections being held April 16<sup>th</sup> -April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** If you are interested in running for a position on SGC, click [here](#) for a candidate guide and/declaration form. For specific information about Barnwell's SGC, feel free to contact me at [Benning@fultonschools.org](mailto:Benning@fultonschools.org).

### [Georgia School Climate Student Survey](#)

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[www.barnwellpta.org](http://www.barnwellpta.org)

Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will take the student climate survey the week of February 24<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked about the quality of teaching and learning, the school environment, support for students, and how commonly students in the school face challenges (such as being bullied). You may review the survey questions at [Georgia School Climate Survey Students 3-5.pdf](#). Opt-out letters were sent home should a parent wish to do so for their student.

### **Georgia School Climate Parent Survey**

Your voice matters! Help us create a safe, supportive, and thriving environment for our students by participating in the **Georgia School Climate Survey**.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey by **March 31, 2025**. The survey can be accessed by clicking the link: [Barnwell ES Climate Survey](#)

Thank you in advance for your partnership in making our school the best it can be!

### **Publix Partners**

Raise money for our school every time you shop. Simply join Club Publix and log into your account. Go to **Settings** and select **Choose Publix Partner** to find our school. Every time you enter your phone number or purchase on the Publix app, Publix will set aside a portion of your eligible purchase to donate to our school.

### **Kids Heart Challenge**

We have officially kicked off our **Kids Heart Challenge** with the American Heart Association in our Health and PE classes and we need your help getting your student registered online! Over the next few weeks, students will be learning about heart health and raising awareness for the American Heart Association. Please review class newsletters this week on how to get your students registered.

### **PTO Spirit Night**

Join the Barnwell Elementary PTO at **Crave for Spirit Night on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to close**. Grab dessert for your family and support Barnwell in the process. Crave is located at 3719 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek.

### **Media Center Summer Renovation**

We are excited to share that our media center will be undergoing extensive renovation this summer! This transformation will provide an enhanced learning environment and updated resources for our students. All checked books should be returned by **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Date with Your Daughter Dance!**

It's time to grab your friendship bracelets, sparkly outfits and dancing shoes and join us for the Date with Your Daughter dance! Join us on Friday, March 14, 2025, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

There will be light refreshments, a live DJ and lots of sparkly fun! Tickets are on sale now on Membership Toolkit and are \$30 for one adult + one student and \$10 for additional students. <https://barnwellpto.membershiptoolkit.com/store/17200>

Sign up to volunteer below!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848ADAC29A2FD0-55203091-barnwell#/>

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>**. Our school lottery will take place on **Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**.

For additional information on the process and to complete the registration, please click [here](#) for the 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](mailto:Basile@fultonschools.org)).

### **Class of 2025 Graduating Seniors Barnwell Elementary Grad Walk**

Attention all graduating seniors! Barnwell Elementary School invites the esteemed Class of 2025 to commemorate your incredible journey by taking one final stroll through the halls where it all began. If you are a proud student of Barnwell Elementary, we cordially invite you to join us on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m. in the media center. Let us come together and celebrate the remarkable path that led us here, from the very beginning.

To RSVP for this special event, please click the link to confirm your attendance: [RSVP Class 2025 by May 7<sup>th</sup>](#). We encourage you to share this information with your classmates, whether they attend schools in surrounding counties or private schools. Don't forget to wear your cap and gown for this momentous occasion. If you have a T-shirt that signifies your college plans, kindly wear it underneath your gown. We eagerly anticipate this joyous reunion with all of you! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Kristin Miglietta at [miglietta@fultonschools.org](mailto:miglietta@fultonschools.org).

### **Dates to Remember**

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	2/21	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
PTO Board Meeting	2/21	7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Adm Conf Rm
Spring/Class Pictures	2/25	8:00 AM-2:00 PM	Barnwell
Student of the Month	2/26	7:00 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
PTO Spirit Night – Crave	2/26	4:00 PM-Close	Crave Location
Teacher Workday	3/3	No School Students	----
Professional Development	3/4	No School Students	----
Girl Scout Week	3/5-7		----
Humane Society Donation	3/10-14	7:10 AM-7:40 AM	Car/Bus Area
Date w/Daughter Dance	3/14	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Cafeteria
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	3/21	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
PTO Board Meeting	3/21	7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Adm Conf Rm
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fiesta	3/21	2:30 PM-4:30 PM	Cafeteria
Staff Appreciation Week	3/24-28	During school day	Barnwell
Student of the Month	03/26	7:00 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:Diggelmannr@fultonschools.org)
- Alysia Muse, Curriculum Support Teacher - [Musea@fultonschools.org](mailto:Musea@fultonschools.org)
- Chelsea Garcia, School Counselor – [GarciaC2@fultonschools.org](mailto:GarciaC2@fultonschools.org)
- Eden Griffin, Instructional Support Teacher – [GriffinE1@fultonschools.org](mailto:GriffinE1@fultonschools.org)
- Takisha Benning, Principal – [Benning@fultonschools.org](mailto:Benning@fultonschools.org)

### **Quick Links**

[Attendance Options](#)

[Bus Stop Information](#)

[Here Comes the Bus Info](#)

[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

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