



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning August 7, 2025

New Information

Dear Barnwell Families,

Thank you for an incredible first week of school! We are so excited about the positive tone that has been set and the energy our students, staff, and families have brought to the building.

Your continued support of our Barnwell Bears—both students and teachers—means so much. From smooth arrivals and encouraging words, to your partnership in helping students adjust to new routines, your involvement has helped make this a strong start.

We're looking forward to an amazing year ahead filled with growth, learning, and memorable moments. Together, we will continue to make Barnwell a place where every Bear can thrive.

[Early Literacy Informational Letter](#)

Recently, the state of Georgia introduced new early literacy legislation aimed at improving reading skills among our young learners. We want to make sure you are fully informed about what this means for your child.

What is Georgia's Early Literacy Legislation?

The new legislation is designed to ensure that all students in Georgia develop strong reading skills from an early age. Research shows that children who become proficient readers early in their education are more successful in school and beyond. This law focuses on ensuring all school districts in the state of Georgia have a district-wide process that identifies students needing targeted supports in reading or students demonstrating characteristics of dyslexia. The law also aims to ensure schools use high-quality materials and evidence-based instruction to support these students and their teachers.

All kindergarten through third grade students will participate in a screening process in the coming days. We want to make sure you are fully informed about what this means for your child. Please click the link for detailed information. [Early Literacy Parent Notification Letter 8.25.pdf](#)

[Code of Conduct Signatures Needed for Students Ages 10 and Up](#)

Fulton County Schools Code of Conduct is now ready for parents to review and sign in Infinite Campus. All parents and students (over 10 years old) MUST sign this form. Parents can find the form in the infinite campus parent/student portal.

Here is a [\(link\)](#) with instructions on how to complete the Acknowledgment of Receipt Form. Please complete this by **August 29th**. For new families, contact Ellen Basile (Basile@fultonschools.org) for step-by-step instructions on how to access the Parent Portal.

Curriculum Night – Thursday, August 28th

Mark your calendars to attend our Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 28th during the following times:

Date	Time	Grade Levels
Thursday, August 28 th	5:00 PM- 5:30 PM	PTO General Meeting
Thursday, August 28 th	5:45 PM – 6:30 PM	PK thru 2 nd
Thursday, August 28 th	6:45 PM – 7:30 PM	3 rd thru 5 th

All Pro Dad’s Breakfast – Friday, August 22nd

On **Friday, August 22nd at 6:45 AM**, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your student(s), 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

PTO Information

Join our PTO:

Your Barnwell PTO has been actively planning programs and events to enhance the student experience. To learn more, make a donation, or become a business partner, visit our PTO hub: [Barnwell PTO](#).

Recurring School and Community News

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.

Fulton County School Nutrition:

The cafeteria will serve breakfast and lunch for those that wish to participate. Breakfast will be served from 7:10 AM – 7:35 AM. Parents are encouraged to prepay for student meals and extra sales (cookies, ice cream, chips, etc.) using **MySchoolBucks**. Visit www.myschoolbucks.com to sign up and get started.

Meal Prices	Student	Adult
Breakfast	\$1.45	\$3.00
Lunch	\$2.85	\$5.00

Free & Reduced Meal Benefits Program is a part of the National Child Nutrition Program. A **NEW application must be completed for the 2025-2026 school year.** Applications are available online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>.

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

Bus Rider Information: Bus stop locations and times can be found on our county Transportation Website (<https://www.fultonschools.org/transportation>).

In addition, you can download the “Here Comes the Bus” app. “Here Comes the Bus” is a free, easy-to-use website and app that enables you to see the location of your child’s school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. This ensures that you are informed when the bus is approaching your stop, allowing you to send your child out on time.

Dates to Remember

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
All Pro Dad’s Breakfast	8/22	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
PTO Board Mtg	8/29	7:30 am-9:00 am	Adm Conf Room
Room Parent Mtg	TBD	9:00 am-10:00 am	Cafeteria
Curriculum Night PK-2 nd	8/28	5:45 pm-6:30 pm	Classrooms
PTO General Membership Mtg	8/28	5:00 pm-5:30 pm	Cafeteria
Curriculum Night 3 rd -5 th	8/28	6:45 pm-7:30 pm	Classrooms
Labor Day	9/1	School Closed	---
Fall Walk to School Day	9/17	7:10 am-7:40 am	---
Picture Day	9/10	During school day	---
VIP Grandparents Day Breakfast	9/12	6:45 am-7:40 am	Cafeteria
Publix Math Night	TBD	5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Haynes Publix
Principal Coffee Chat	9/17	8:00 am-9:00 am	Media Center
All Pro Dad’s Breakfast	9/19	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
PTO Board Mtg	9/19	7:30 am-9:00 am	Adm Conf Room
Art Extravaganza Contest Begins	9/22		---
PTO Family Portraits	TBD	TBD	TBD

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 - Diggelmann@fultonschools.org
- Alysia Muse, Curriculum Support Teacher - Musea@fultonschools.org
- Chelsea Garcia, School Counselor – GarciaC2@fultonschools.org
- Helen Herring, Instructional Support Teacher – Herringh@fultonschools.org
- Takisha Benning, Principal – Benning@fultonschools.org

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[Here Comes the Bus Info](#)

[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

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Principal