



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning December 4, 2025

New Information

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful Thanksgiving break with family and friends. We are officially in the home stretch of the semester, and the next two weeks will be filled with learning, celebration, and the wonderful energy that comes with this festive season.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We're excited to make these last days of 2025 memorable for our Bears and to head into the winter holiday break on a strong and positive note.

[Did You Know Barnwell is on the COSA – Change of School Assignment List?](#)

Do you know someone who would love to be a part of our Barnwell community?

Barnwell is on the COSA list for next school year! If you or someone you know has moved outside of our attendance zone but would like to remain at Barnwell—or if you know a family who would love to join our amazing community—please consider applying for COSA.

COSA applications are open now through January 9th. Applications and additional information regarding the COSA process can be found on the [COSA website](#).

We would be thrilled to welcome new families and continue supporting our current Bears who wish to stay with us. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

[Giving Tree Collection – December 8th – 12th](#)

This holiday season, our Barnwell Bears can spread joy to families in need. From December 8th – 12th please join us in supporting the North Fulton Community Charities by donating a **NEW UNWRAPPED** item or gift card to help those in need. Please click [here](#) for more information.

[Barnwell Market Day 2025](#)

We are excited to announce our upcoming 2025 Barnwell Market Day “soft opening”. During this special event, our student entrepreneurs showcase and sell their creative self-made products.

Our students can explore real-world skills in business, marketing, and customer service- while having fun.

Our Market Day “soft opening” is scheduled for **Thursday, December 18th** for students in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade **only**. Students will have the chance to shop with their class during scheduled times to purchase fall/winter holiday-themed accessories, fun novelty items, and thoughtful gifts.

To help support our entrepreneurs, we ask that you please send your child with small bills—\$1 and \$5 only on market day. No bills larger than \$5, please, as our young sellers may not be able to provide change for larger denominations. Coins are also welcome and appreciated!

Thank you in advance for supporting our student entrepreneurs and helping to make this a fun and successful event for all!

Did you know that you can monitor and manage your child's online activity using a free app from Fulton County Schools??

Qustodio, is a new tool for families to monitor and manage your child's online activity. As part of our ongoing efforts to support digital safety, we're excited to share that Fulton County Schools launched Qustodio on October 20th. Qustodio is a free app that helps parents monitor and manage their child's online activity. This tool gives families insight into how students use both district-issued and personal devices.

For district-issued devices:

- Parents can see how much time their child spends online, which apps are being used, and what searches are conducted during the school day.
- Families can also set time limits and restrictions outside of normal school hours to encourage healthy screen time habits.

For student personal devices (optional):

- Parents can choose to install Qustodio on personal devices to monitor usage and set limits at home.
- Fulton County Schools does not have any visibility or access to data from student or parent/guardian personal devices — that information is visible only to the parent or guardian who installs the app.

If you are interested use this link: qustodio.com/my-school to begin Qustodio. Please use your Parent Portal email address during the sign-up process.

Thank you for helping us promote responsible digital habits and strengthen the partnership between home and school. For any questions or support, please contact myschool@qustodio.com.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is beginning to fill up with coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, and lunch boxes. Please be sure to label your child's items to allow items to be returned to students. In addition, encourage your student(s) to stop by our lost and found to collect any item(s) they have misplaced. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity during winter break.



FCS Schools Closed for Winter Break – December 22nd – January 5th.

All FCS Schools will be closed for Winter Break beginning December 22, 2025, to January 5, 2026. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2025- 2026 school calendar.

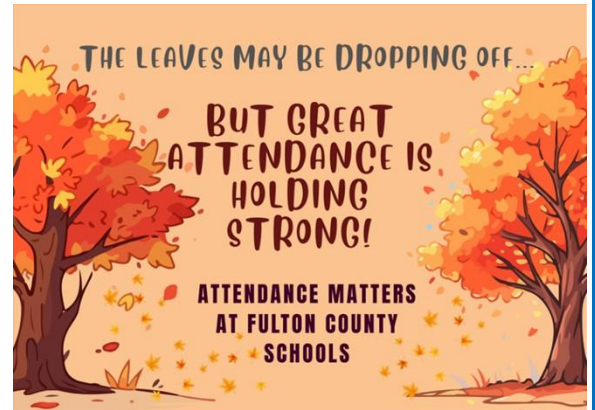
All In On Attendance – Show Up to Shine!

With the holidays approaching, maintaining strong attendance is key to finishing the semester successfully. Every day is a valuable learning experience for our students.

If your family is planning to travel before the semester ends, please consider using Remote Participation for your student. Remote Participation allows students to complete assignments while away and still be counted present, rather than marked absent.

Choosing this option not only keeps your child engaged in learning but also supports our school's overall attendance rate.

If you would like to request Remote Participation, please click to complete the form [Participated Remotely Form Barnwell.2.docx](#). Forms can be emailed to Benning@fultonschools.org.



Recurring School and Community News

Celebrating Our 2024–2025 CCRPI Success!

I am thrilled to share that our 2024–2025 CCRPI (College and Career Ready Performance Index) scores are in, and our Barnwell Bears saw tremendous gains!

These results reflect the hard work, dedication, and growth of our students, as well as the incredible instruction and support from our teachers and staff. We are so proud of the progress happening in every classroom, every day. Kudos to our students and teachers for their commitment to learning and excellence.

This success is also a celebration of our families and community, whose partnership makes a powerful difference. We are excited to continue this great work and keep pushing our Bears to even higher levels of achievement. Thank you for all you do to support Barnwell Elementary!

SY	Content Mastery Content Mastery addresses whether students are achieving at the level necessary to be prepared for the next grade, college, or career.	Progress Progress measures how much growth students demonstrate in English Language Arts and Math and how well English Learners are progressing towards English language proficiency.	Closing Gaps Closing Gaps sets the expectation that all students and all student groups make improvements in achievement rates.	Readiness Readiness measures whether students are participating in activities preparing them for and demonstrating readiness for the next level, college, or career.
2024-2025	100%	100%	100%	96.6%
2023-2024	100%	91.3%	80.0%	94.5%

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.**

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

Register today for ALL Girls Flag Football! This program is for girls ages 7/8, 9/10, and 11-13. The program is held on Sundays only at East Roswell Park from February 15th – May 2nd. The **cost is \$90** (\$135 for non-Roswell Residents). **To register, please visit:** www.striveforgirls.com.

Questions: Email: striveforgirls@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Giving Tree	12/8-12/12	School Day	Car & Bus Drop Off
5 th Grade Bowlero Event	12/12	4:15 PM-6:15 PM	Bowlero
Winter Break	12/19 – 1/5	-----	-----
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	1/16	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
Family Bingo Night	1/16	5:00 PM-8:00 PM	AMMS Cafeteria
MLK, Jr Day	1/19	FCS Schools Closed	-----
PTO Board Meeting	1/23	7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Adm Conf Room
SGC Meeting	2/3	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Adm Conf Room
Papa John's Spirit Night	2/9-2/12	4:00 PM-Close	Papa John's
Teacher Workday	2/16	No School Students	-----
Professional Dev Day	2/17	No School Students	-----
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	2/20	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
Spring & Class Pictures	2/24	School Day	Barnwell
PTO Board Meeting	2/27	7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Adm Conf Room

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
- Dr. Helen Herring, Instructional Support Teacher – Herringh@fultonschools.org
- Takisha Benning, Principal – Benning@fultonschools.org

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Principal