



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning December 18, 2025

New Information

[Wishing You a Joyful Winter Break!](#)

As we wrap up an amazing semester, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our school community for your support and partnership. May your winter break be filled with laughter, relaxation, and special moments with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, refreshed and ready for a strong start to the new semester! See everyone back on January 6, 2026!

[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.

[Giving Tree Thank You!](#)

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible generosity of our school community in supporting our 2025 Giving Tree. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to brighten the holiday and help many families experience the magic of the season. Your compassion and willingness to make a difference showcases the strength of our Barnwell community. Once again, thank you for your unwavering support.

[Barnwell Entrepreneurs Club](#)

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us this morning for the exciting “soft opening” of our *BE Club* Market Day! Your support made this day an incredible success for our entrepreneurial students, who worked tirelessly to bring their ideas to life. We are so proud of their efforts and grateful for our school community that champions the growth and learning of our students.

A special thank you to Mrs. Polli and all our parent volunteers for working and encouraging our students each week. We look forward to the next market day experience in May!

[Change of School Assignment](#)

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 school 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](#).

[Pre-K Lottery and Registration Information](#)

The application window for the 2026-2027 Pre-Kindergarten Lottery will open on **January 12, 2026, and close at 11:59 pm on March 3, 2026.**

Individual school lotteries will be conducted March 23rd through March 25th, with schools notifying parents of results by the end of the day on March 27, 2026.

Eligibility:

- Only students who are 4 years old at 11:59 PM on 9/1/26 AND
- Only students who reside in the FCS school district are eligible to attend an FCS Pre-K program.

Additional information will be shared as the application window approaches.

[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 DOE School Climate Family Survey. Please take a few moments to complete the survey by February 20, 2026. The survey can be accessed by clicking the link: [Barnwell ES GADOE Family Climate Survey](#)

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

[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.



Recurring School and Community News

[Free FCS App to Monitor and Manage your Child's Online Activity](#)

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.

Celebrating Our 2024–2025 CCRPI Success!

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

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.

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
Winter Break	12/22 – 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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[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

[25-26 Lunch Schedule](#)

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