



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning January 22, 2026

New Information

As we head into the weekend, we want to share that we are closely monitoring the potential for inclement weather this weekend and early next week. While it is still too early to make any decisions, we want to be proactive in our communication and preparation.

As a precaution, teachers will include information in their class newsletters going home Friday, along with remote learning assignments, should they be needed. This is part of the district's guidance to ensure students and families have advance notice and are prepared in the event school operations are impacted.

In the meantime, please remain vigilant, stay warm, and take care of your families. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to keep our students safe, prepared, and learning.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast

Friday, January 23rd at 6:45 AM, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your student, our school, and discuss topics that help students to build character.

Upcoming topics include Optimism, Responsibility, and Patience. (No child should feel left out - Moms and/or Guardians are welcome too) PLEASE RSVP at allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353

Barnwell's Night with the Atlanta Hawks

Our Barnwell Chorus has been invited to sing the National Anthem at the Atlanta Hawks Basketball Game on Friday, January 23, 2026, at State Farm Arena. The Hawks will take on the Pheonix Suns at 7:30 PM.

If you would like to support our chorus and attend the game, you can purchase tickets at www.Hawkspromos.com/barnwell. Tickets start at \$47.40 per ticket, and for every ticket you purchase, the Hawks will donate a portion of the ticket sales back to our chorus. Bring your entire family along and help support Barnwell's Chorus! Thank you for your support.

MLK Day Community Service Project – Thank you!

Thank you to the families, PTO chairs, and our school community that contributed to the success of our Martin Luther King Day Service Project. Your participation helped our team exceed our goal of

contributing almost 700 sandwiches to “*The Sandwich Project*” and make a meaningful impact in our community.

This experience not only honored Dr. King’s legacy of service and compassion but also provided our students with a real and memorable opportunity to give back to others. It was a beautiful example of community, teamwork, and heart in action. We are grateful for your partnership and proud of what we accomplished together. Way to go Bears!

Pre-K Lottery and Registration Information

The application window for the 2026-2027 Pre-Kindergarten Lottery now open until **11:59 PM, Tuesday, 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.

Please click [here](#) for the English Flyer and [here](#) for the Spanish Flyer.

Son + One Dance – Friday, February 6th

Wear your brightest neon to our Son + One Glow Party Dance on Friday, February 6th from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Barnwell. A \$25 family ticket admits one adult and their child(ren) and includes drinks, dessert, photo booths, a glow goody bag, and a DJ and dancing, of course! Tickets can be purchased in advance here (<https://barnwellpto.membershiptoolkit.com/2026dances>). We’re also looking for a few volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly the day of the event, sign up to help here ([https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A9AC2AA3FFC61-61754407-sonone#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A9AC2AA3FFC61-61754407-sonone#/))! Please click [here](#) for additional information on the Son+One Glow Party.

(Details coming soon for the Date with Your Daughter Dance on Friday, March 13th!)

Yearbooks for Sale!

January 31st is the final day to guarantee a yearbook for your child!

After this date, we can’t adjust our order with the publisher, and only a limited number of extra books will be available until they sell out.

Yearbooks are \$37 and can be purchased at www.balfour.com. Preserve those special Barnwell memories—order today!

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](#)

Recurring School and Community News

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

[Elementary School Night at Johns Creek High School Basketball!](#)

Friday, January 30th students, families, and staff are invited to cheer on the Gladiators at the varsity basketball games—girls at 6:00 pm and boys at 7:30 pm. All elementary students will be recognized during the games, and each student who shows the attached graphic at concessions will receive free popcorn. Please click [here](#) for the graphic.

We'd love to see you there supporting our teams and enjoying a fun night of school spirit!

[Innovation Academy Stem Night—February 13th](#)

Innovation Academy is offering a STEM Camp for students in grades 3 through 5. The camp offers hands-on experiences in IT, Engineering, and Health Science, giving students the chance to code, build prototypes, and explore cutting-edge health technologies. Please click here for more information: [STEM Camp Flyer 2026](#)

[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

[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.

[Dates to Remember](#)

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	1/23	6:45 AM-9:00 AM	Cafeteria
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
Son + One Glow Party	2/6	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Cafeteria
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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Takisha Benning
Principal