



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning April 2, 2026

New Information

Spring Break is here, and we hope you are as excited as we are! Whether you are traveling, spending time outdoors, or simply enjoying a slower pace at home, we wish all our Barnwell Bears a safe, joyful, and refreshing break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back rested, recharged, and ready to finish the school year strong. We have so many exciting moments ahead!

Have a fantastic Spring Break!

[FCS Schools Closed for Spring Break – April 6th – 10th](#)

All Fulton County Schools will be closed for Spring Break April 6th – April 10th. Please click [here](#) for the 2025-2026 school calendar. We will welcome all students back to school on Monday, April 13th.

[Parent Request Form for 2026-2027](#)

We are beginning the process of planning class placements for the 2026–2027 school year. Class placements are thoughtfully made using multiple factors, including students' academic progress, individual learning needs, and the instructional strengths of our teachers.

While we value parent insight and carefully review each request submitted, placement requests cannot be guaranteed. Please note that we are unable to honor specific teacher or friend requests. Our priority is to ensure each student is placed in the best possible learning environment to support both academic and social growth.

If you would like to share helpful information or considerations about your child, you may submit a [Parent Request Form](#) using the link below by **11:59 PM on Friday, April 17**.

Thank you for your partnership and trust as we work to create balanced and supportive classrooms for all students.

[Census Verification Update – Action Needed by May 31](#)

To ensure student safety, families are required to complete Census Verification each year. This information confirms your child's demographics, emergency contacts, and authorized individuals for student release, which is critical during emergencies or early dismissals.

Now through May 31st, families can complete census verification through [Infinite Campus Online Registration](#). Please take a few moments to review and update your information by May 31.

Keeping this information accurate helps us:

- Safely release students to authorized individuals
- Communicate effectively during emergencies
- Ensure smooth procedures during dismissals or evacuations

Thank you for your partnership in helping us keep all students safe.

Fulton Federal Funds Input Request

The Federal Programs Department is requesting parents, community, and staff input into how the district spends federal grant funds (Title I, II, III, IV, and IDEA) and our District Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Please view the [PowerPoint](#) for more information and complete the [feedback form](#) to give your input.

Georgia Milestone Testing

As we begin preparing for the upcoming Georgia Milestones Assessment, we want to share our testing schedule in advance so that you are aware of when your child will be participating in each portion of the assessment.

These testing days are extremely important, and we ask for your support in ensuring that all students are present, on time, and ready to do their very best. Consistent attendance during this window is critical to your child's success.

We kindly ask that you schedule any appointments outside of testing days whenever possible so that students can be present for each session. Being in the building and engaged in testing helps set our students up for success and allows them to demonstrate all they have learned this year. **Testing will begin promptly each day at 8:00 AM.**

Please remind students not to bring any electronic devices to school during testing (i.e., cellphones, smartwatches); all devices will be collected and returned after testing each day should students have them.

Milestone Assessment Testing Dates for 3rd through 5th Grades:

Content Area	Testing Date
ELA Section 1	April 29 th
ELA Section 2	April 30 th
ELA Section 3	May 1 st
Math Section 1	May 5 th
Math Section 2	May 6 th
Science (5 th Grade Only)	May 7 th

Kindergarten Round-Up—Tuesday, April 14th

Join us for Barnwell's Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, April 14th. Families will have the chance to tour the school, meet our wonderful teachers, and staff, and learn what to expect in kindergarten.

Spread the word—we can't wait to welcome our newest Barnwell Bears!
To RSVP, please click [Barnwell Kindergarten Round Up RSVP](#).

[Barnwell Spring Walk to School Day- April 15th](#)

Get ready to lace up your sneakers and enjoy the fresh spring air! Spring Walk to School Day is happening on Wednesday, April 15th, and we invite all families to participate in this fun and healthy way to start the day.

Walking to school promotes physical activity, reduces traffic congestion, and builds a sense of community. Whether you walk from home or park a little farther away to join in, we encourage everyone to participate!

Let's make it a great morning together—see you on the sidewalks!

[Principal's Coffee Chat – April 15th](#)

Please join me for our Principal's Coffee Chat on Wednesday, April 15th at 8:00 AM! Our middle school assistant principals will be “spilling the tea” on how to navigate middle school life.

Whether you have a rising middle schooler or want to learn more about Spring testing, this is a great opportunity to get insight, ask questions, and prepare for the next big step. Please mark your calendars, I hope to see you there!

[Yearbooks!](#)

Yearbooks are still available in a **limited quantity** for \$37 and can be purchased online at www.balfour.com. They are available until 4/15 or until they sell out! Help preserve those precious elementary school memories and order your book TODAY!

[All Pro Dad's Breakfast – April 17th](#)

Friday, April 17th at 6:45 AM, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your student, their school, and discuss topics that help students to build character. Upcoming topics include friendliness and compassion. (No child should feel left out - Moms or Guardians are welcome too) **PLEASE RSVP** at allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353

Recurring School and Community News

[Class of 2026 Graduating Seniors Barnwell Elementary Grad Walk:](#)

Attention all graduating seniors! Barnwell Elementary invites the esteemed Class of 2026 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 **Monday, May 11th at 1:45 PM** in the school cafeteria. The walk will begin at **2:00 PM**. 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 [Barnwell's Class of 2026 Senior Walk](#) to confirm your attendance by Wednesday May 6th. 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 Katie Stiers (StiersK@fultonschools.org).

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
5 th Grade Singo Event	4/3	2:30 PM-4:15 PM	Cafeteria
Spring Break	4/6- 4/10	FCS Closed	-----
Kindergarten Roundup	4/14	8:00 AM-9:30 AM	Cafeteria
Spring Walk to School Day	4/15	7:10 AM-7:40 AM	-----
Principal Coffee Chat	4/15	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Media Center
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	4/17	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
Student of the Month Celebration – April	4/22	7:00 AM-7:30 AM	Celebration
PTO Board Meeting	4/24	7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Adm Conf Room
GMAS ELA 1 - Grades 3-5	4/29	School Day	Barnwell
GMAS ELA 2 - Grades 3-5	4/30	School Day	Barnwell
GMAS ELA 3 – Grades 3-5	5/1	School Day	Barnwell
GMAS Math 1 – Grades 3-5	5/5	School Day	Barnwell
GMAS Math 2 – Grades 3-5	5/6	School Day	Barnwell
GMAS Science – Grade 5	5/7	School Day	Barnwell
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	5/8	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafeteria
Barnival (Spring Carnival)	5/8	5:00 PM-8:00 PM	Backfield
Senior Walk	5/11	1:45 PM-2:15 PM	Barnwell
Bruster's Spirit Night	5/13	4:00 PM-7:00 PM	Bruster's Ellard
Field Day	5/15	TBD	Backfield
Last Day of School	5/21	2:20 PM	-----

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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[25-26 Lunch Schedule](#)

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Principal