



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning April 30, 2026

New Information

We had a great first two days of testing and will complete ELA testing tomorrow. Thank you for your support in ensuring students arrive on time and are ready to give their best effort.

Next week, students will finish testing. Fifth grade will test May 5th –May 7th, while third and fourth grade will test May 5th –May 6th. Whenever possible, we kindly ask that appointments be scheduled outside of testing days so students can be present for each session.

Being in the building and engaged in testing helps students demonstrate all they have learned this year. **Please note that testing begins promptly each day at 8:00 a.m.**

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

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

Content Area	Testing Date
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

Milestone Resources

If you have not already done so, please check out helpful resources to support students in feeling prepared and confident. The resources linked below allow students and parents to:

- Become familiar with the format and question types
- Practice using online testing tools
- Build confidence with the testing experience

These resources work best when accessed using the Chrome browser, as this mirrors the platform students will use during the Milestones assessments at school.

Milestone Resources

Parent & Student Resources:

[Parent Q&A English](#)

Understanding Student Reports:

[Parent Guide to Interpreting the Individual Student Report](#)

Study Guides:

[Online Study Guides for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies](#)

Practice Tests

[Experience Online Testing Georgia](#)

Achievement Level Descriptors

[Understanding the Georgia Milestones Achievement Levels](#)

Census Verification Update – Action Needed by May 31st

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.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast – May 8th

Friday, May 8 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. Our final topic of the year is: Compassion. (No child should feel left out - Moms or Guardians are welcome too) PLEASE RSVP at allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353

Early Bird Barnival Tickets!

WHAT: BARNIVAL 2026 event tickets

WHEN: Early Bird pricing through May 6th

WHERE: Pre-ordered tickets will be available to pick up at "Will Call"

Tickets are on sale now, and we recommend starting with 20 tickets per child.

Admission is FREE, with rides, games, food, treats, and more available for purchase inside the event.

Tickets are the only form of currency at BARNIVAL—event vendors will not accept cash or credit cards.

Advance ticket pickup:

Tickets purchased ahead of time will be available for pickup at the “will call” tables starting at 5:15 PM on Friday, May 8th.

Day-of-pricing:

Tickets purchased at the gate will cost \$2.50 each (the same as the single-ticket online price) and can be paid for with cash or credit at the ticket table.

Recurring School and Community News

[BBTV News Crew Applications: Due, Monday May 4th](#)

Our amazing BBTv morning news show is looking for crew members for the 2026-2027 school year! Students currently in 3rd and 4th grade are eligible to apply for next year’s BBTv Crew. BBTv is our daily student led morning news show. Selected students plan, write, and produce segments for the show and work with Mrs. Shapiro, our school media specialist. **BBTV is a year-long commitment. All information for applicants can be found on our BBTv application website: <https://tinyurl.com/BBTVnewsapp>.**

Be sure to carefully read through the Parent Q&A sheet to determine if BBTv will be a good fit and fun for your child. Applicants have **THREE** tasks to complete by **May 4th**: a parent signature on the Q&A sheet (please print, read carefully, & sign—hard copies are available in the media center), an online form with short answer essay questions and a creative video. No late applications will be accepted. Email Mrs. Shapiro at shapiro@fultonschools.org with any questions.

[Join our 2026-27 Reading Bowl Team](#)

We’re looking for **RISING** 4th and 5th grade students who **LOVE** to read! Barnwell will be participating in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl next school year! This is a fun game show type competition where students will compete against other schools in the county to test their knowledge of the selected books. At the bowl, contestants will compete to “buzz” in and correctly answer questions about the selected books faster than the opposing teams.

This club is for serious book lovers – you will have to read A LOT! Students will be required to read at least 2 books of their choice from the list over the summer or before our first meeting in September. Click [HERE](#) for more information and the book list. Formal sign-ups will come in August, but all interested readers should begin reading at least 2 books over the summer. Please reach out to Mrs. Shapiro at shapiro@fultonschools.org with any questions.

[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
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 (Rain Date: 5/18/2026)	5/15	PK-2 nd 8:30 AM-10:30 AM 3 rd -5 th 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM	Backfield
Class End of Year Celebrations	5/19 & 5/20	School Day	Classrooms
5 th Grade Last Lunch, Yearbook Signing & Final Walk	5/19	School Day	Barnwell
5 th Grade Moving On Celebration	5/21	8:15 AM-10:30 AM	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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[Bus Stop Information](#)

[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

[25-26 Lunch Schedule](#)

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Principal