



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning October 26, 2023

New Information

I would like to thank our amazing PTO and wonderful Barnwell families that made International Night a huge success! The evening was filled with celebrating and learning the diversity of cultures within our school, while reminding us of the strength and unity that exists within our community.

PTO Trunk-or-Treat & Family Movie Night is Tomorrow Night!

Join us tomorrow, Friday, October 27th at 6:00 PM for Family Movie Night and our NEW Trunk-or-Treat event! Treating will begin in the parking lot at 6:00 PM. Make sure to wear your costumes and bring your treat buckets!

After the treating fun, please join us on the backfield with your picnic blankets and low beach chairs for “*Night at the Museum*”! FREE popcorn and water will be available; all candy will be available for purchase. Cash only, please!

Lunch with Students

Next week we will welcome parents to come in for lunch with their student(s). Per FCS nutrition policies, outside food **will not** be allowed. Parents may purchase lunch from the cafeteria; cost \$4.75 (cash or check accepted for payment). Due to limited seating, tables and chairs have been added to the stage to accommodate parents and their student(s). In addition, please see the schedule below for grade level lunch days. This timeframe is the grade level window, please double check with your student’s teacher for class lunch times. Parents are only allowed to pull their student(s) for lunch.

Grade Level/s	Assigned Day
Grade 4: 12:00– 12:27	Mondays
Grade 5: 11:45 – 12:12	
KK: 10:45– 11:14	Tuesdays
Grade 2: 11:25 -11:54	
Grade 1: 11:15 – 11:44	Wednesdays
Grade 3: 12:25 – 12:54	
PK: 10:40 – 11:05	Thursdays

Book Character “Dress-Up” Day

We invite all our students to embrace their inner bookworm and celebrate “Book Character Day” with us on Tuesday, October 31st. Let’s make Book Character Day a memorable and entertaining celebration of literature and imagination as our students and staff bring their favorite characters to life. Please make sure the characters are school appropriate (no masks, no prop weapons, no scary costumes).

Barnwell PTO Treats Staff to “Great Bowls of Chili”

Do you have a crock pot and an awesome chili recipe? If so, Barnwell’s PTO Hospitality Committee needs your help! Monday, October 30th, we are organizing a "Great Bowls of Chili" luncheon for our one hundred staff members. We would love for you to sign up to bring in a large crock pot filled with your favorite homemade chili recipe, corn bread, or dessert for the staff to feast on. Please click the link to sign-up: **Great Bowls of Chili Staff Luncheon**.

Candy for a Cause

Are you dreading the continued sugar rush that lingers in your home post Halloween? We have the solution for you! Donate your excess candy to “🍬 Candy for a Cause 🍬!” We will gladly help take that candy out of your hands and donate it to various local organizations! Collections will take place on Friday, November 3rd at the carpool drop off lane and bus unloading. Please sign up to help collect the candy! <https://barnwellpto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/119347>

Barnwell Road Closure until November 11th

The Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge intersection improvement project remains in effect. This closure is expected to conclude on Saturday, November 11, 2023. Please click [here](#) for more information on the City of Johns Creek website.

FCS transportation will communicate adjusted pick-up and drop-off times for students impacted by the road closure. Parents of students riding bus 4426 (Blue Whale), please click [here](#) to view the adjusted bus schedule. Please plan accordingly for morning and afternoon traffic delays.

Safety and Security Update

If you have visited the building recently you may have noticed a change before entry is granted at the front door. In our ongoing efforts to ensure building safety, our front office personnel will be asking all visitors to show their Driver’s License or Government Issued ID to the camera, prior to buzzing visitors into the building.

Barnwell Theatre Presents.... Dream Weaver (Interest Meeting)

Attention 3rd – 5th Grade Students! For our 2023-2024 production, Dream Weaver, the Barnwell Theatre is thrilled to announce a renewed partnership with Building Character’s Whitney King.

Please attend the Interest Meeting on Thursday, November 2nd at 3:30 PM for parents and 2:30 PM for students in the Media Center. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Recurring School and Community News

Meet your School Governance Council (SGC)!

The School Governance Council is a group of elected and appointed teachers, staff, parents, and community members who are responsible for making decisions regarding the strategic direction of the school. The SGC operates under the control and management of the Board of Education and performs tasks such as approving the school strategic plan and updates, the annual budget and resource allocations, the request for flexibility process, and other functions.

This year's SGC members are Principal Takisha Benning, Assistant Principal Renee Morris, teachers Breana Rounds, Joanna Thomas, and Amber Wells, parents Dyuti Amin, Holli Freeman, and Lissa Webber, and community members Saudhy Fahm and Stacy Skinner.

You can read more about the SGC, including agendas and minutes from previous meetings, contact information for all SGC members, and upcoming dates for SGC meetings on our website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/6137>

Haynes Bridge Middle School Fall Festival

Did you know that Haynes Bridge Middle School has been serving the Alpharetta Community for 40 years? Our school was established in 1983 as the first 6-8 middle school for this community. To celebrate our long history in the community and celebrate a successful start to our year, we will be hosting a Fall Festival. You can view the Festival Flyer [HERE](#). To help with planning, please RSVP [HERE](#) if you plan to attend.

Student Checkouts – Driver's License ID or Government ID Required

As a reminder, a state issued Driver's License or Government Issued ID is required for all student checkouts. When checking out a student early, please send in a [Dismissal Change Form](#) to your child's teacher. All early checkouts must be done by 2:00 PM so we do not have interruptions to the end of day dismissal process.

JCHS Gladiator Soccer – 5K for Heroes

JCHS is hosting a 5K Walk and Fun Run for HEROES on Veterans Day, November 11th at 9:00 AM. Please click [here](#) for more information.

AMMS Musical – Matilda, Jr.

Get your tickets today to see Autrey Mill Middle School's production of Matilda Jr. on Saturday, November 11th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Over 60 students are involved in this production- you don't want to miss it!

It is a gleefully witty musical about a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires. This musical will have the audience cheering from their seats as we are all reminded of the power of imagination! Tickets can be purchased here - <https://autreymillms.seatyourself.biz>

Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<u>October</u>			
PTO Movie Night/Trunk or Treat	10/27/2023	6:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Backfield
Book Character Day Celebration	10/31/2023	All Day	School
<u>November</u>			
Theatre Information Meeting	11/2/2023	2:30 PM Students	Media Center
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PTO Candy for a Cause	11/3/2023	7:10 AM – 7:40 AM	Car/Bus Entrances
PTO Food Drive	11/6 – 11/10	7:10 AM – 7:40 AM	Car/Bus Entrances
Election Day/Remote Learning	11/7	All Day	Remote Day
PTO Marlow's Spirit Night	11/8	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM	
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	11/10	6:45 AM – 7:30 AM	Cafe
Book Fair	11/10	7:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Media Center
Book Fair Family Night	11/14	Time TBD	Media Center
Book Fair	11/10 – 11/17	7:10 AM – 2:00 PM	Media Center
Book Fair (last day)	11/17	7:10 AM – 10:30 AM	
PTO Papa John's Spirit Week	11/13-11/16	All Day	
Art Extravaganza Awards	11/17	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Cafe
Thanksgiving Break	11/20-11/24	FCS School Closed	

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, Assistant Principal – MorrisRA@fultonschools.org
- Alysia Muse, Curriculum Support Teacher – Musea@fultonschools.org
- Chelsea Garcia, School Counselor – GarciaC2@fultonschools.org
- Eden Griffin, Instructional Support Teacher – GriffinE1@fultonschools.org
- Takisha Benning, Principal – Benning@fultonschools.org

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