



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning November 2, 2023

New Information

Our amazing PTO did it again! Friday night's first ever Trunk-or-Treat and annual Family Movie Night was one for the books! A HUGE thank you to our PTO for never disappointing and for making these events incredibly fun and engaging for our Barnwell families!

Our staff would also like to send a "HEARTY" thank you to the PTO and all our Barnwell families for the delicious chili lunch and sweet treats shared Monday. What a fantastic way to start our week! Thank you for your unending support of our teachers and staff!

Don't Forget to "Fall Back" This Weekend

A friendly reminder that this weekend, we will "fall back" as Daylight Saving Time comes to an end. It's time to set our clocks back one hour and adjust to the new time. This small change gives us an extra hour of sleep and brings a touch of coziness to our evenings as the days grow shorter.

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 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>

Food Drive – November 6th – 10th

Our Student Council and PTO will collect food items for North Fulton Community Charities. Food donations will be accepted November 6th – November 10th. Items will be collected in your child's classroom. Flyers were sent home this week with a suggestion of items to donate. Please click [here](#) for more information. Thank you for helping us support those in need this holiday season.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast – November 10th

Friday, November 10th at 6:45 AM, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your students, their school, and discuss topics that help students to build character. Upcoming topics include Contentment, Service, and Dependability. (No child should feel left out - Moms or Guardians are welcome too) **PLEASE RSVP** at allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353

Holiday STEM Camp at Newtown Park

Newtown Park is excited to host another Holiday Camp during winter break!

Please join our Barnwell teachers, Mrs. Stiers and Mrs. Mavridoglou for this fun filled holiday camp of arts, crafts, games, and STEM activities! The camp will run Monday, December 18th to Friday December 22nd from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. If you cannot make it the entire week, choose the days that work best for you. Visit newtownrec.com to sign up today!

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 misplaced. All items unclaimed items will be donated to charity during winter break.

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>

Lunch with Students

Parents are welcome 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

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.

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 sixty 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>November</u>			
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	Marlow's
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	Media Center
PTO Papa John's Spirit Week	11/13-11/16	All Day	Papa John's
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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