



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning November 9, 2023

New Information

We are inspired by the generosity and compassion of our school community and want to express our sincere gratitude for your participation in donating to Candy for A Cause and our annual Food Drive.

Tomorrow is the last day for food drive donations. If you haven't had a chance to contribute, there's still time to make a difference and impact families who rely on North Fulton Community Charities for support. Please click [here](#) for items to donate. Thank you again for helping us support those in need this holiday season.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast – November 10th

Tomorrow, 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

FCS Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break

All Fulton County Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving Break, November 20th – November 24th. Please click [here](#) for the FCS School Calendar.

Georgia Parent Survey:

Your opinion matters! Tell us about your experiences with the district and our school by filling out the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) **Georgia Parent Survey** required by the Georgia Department of Education. This survey provides a foundation for your school's Climate Star rating score and is part of the CCRPI. These climate scores are an important indicator of culture and climate within each school in the district. Each school will receive a 1–5-star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement. The surveys are anonymous and confidential and will remain open through **Friday, December 15th**. To access the parent CCRPI survey, click [here](#).

Georgia Student Health Survey:

The Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) requires all public-school students in grades 3-12 to participate in their Georgia Student Health Survey. To see the GA DOE informational website [click here](#). This GA DOE developed survey asks questions that are covered by the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). For more information about PPRA, [click here](#). PPRA requires that schools provide parents/guardians with advanced notice of student participation, the option to preview the student survey, and the ability for parents/guardians to opt their students out of any

surveys that include PPRA protected areas. If you would like to opt your student out of participation in this survey, please email Benning@fultonschools.org requesting that your student **not** participate in Georgia Health Survey **prior to November 17th**. **All students will participate in this survey beginning Monday, November 27th**.

For links to preview the student surveys, click on the links below.

Georgia Student Health Survey- Elementary (grades 3-5)

English: [click here](#)

Spanish: [click here](#)

It's BOOK FAIR time!

Barnwell is excited to have an in-person Literati Book Fair this year with an online companion. The online fair is now open, and our in-person fair will run November 10th through November 17th. For every purchase made, our school earns rewards. Check the [schedule](#) to find out which day your child will be visiting the book fair with their class. Volunteers will be available to help students shop with their class.

Parents are encouraged to shop with their child during Family Night. **Our Family Night will be held Tuesday, November 14th from 3:30-6:30 PM—all families are welcome to attend!** It's a great opportunity to get some holiday gifts and pick out some books from your child's teacher's wish list.

Planning to attend All-Pro Dads tomorrow? Stop by for a special ***early access*** shopping experience with dad from 7:30-8:00 AM after the All-Pro Dads Breakfast (tardies will be excused for students who are shopping with Dad). All forms of payment are accepted. You may purchase a gift card for your child to use. You can print it or let it automatically sync with our registers. Gift cards and books can be purchased from our online fair [HERE](#). All books purchased online will be shipped to the school, and our school still earns rewards.

Back again this year—check out Literati Book Clubs to get personalized book boxes delivered to your child monthly! 10% of every dollar spent will go back to Barnwell.

Please [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer at the Book Fair. Thank you in advance for your help.

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 have misplaced. All 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

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>			
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	3:30 PM – 6:30 PM	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 Schools Closed	
<u>December</u>			
PTO Spirit Night – Tumbles	12/1	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Tumbles
Giving Tree – Hands & Feet	12/4 – 12/15	School Day	Barnwell
SGC Meeting	12/7	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Media Center
PTO Spirit Night – Craft Burgers	12/7	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Craft Burger
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	12/8	6:45 AM – 7:30 AM	Cafe
PTO Spirit Night – Marlow's	12/13	All Day	Marlow's
Winter Break	12/18-1/2	FCS Schools 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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