



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning November 16, 2023

New Information

As we prepare to gather with family and friends, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful school community. May your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth, laughter, and the company of loved ones.

This is also a fitting moment to give thanks to my wonderful staff and amazing students! Tuesday, U.S. News published the 2024 Best Elementary Schools for the state of Georgia. Barnwell is ranked among the top 40% of elementary schools in the state, making Barnwell a U.S. News Best Elementary School. Specifically, Barnwell is ranked as #14 in the state and #3 among Fulton County Elementary Schools. Please click the link to see how we rank across schools in the state: [Best Elementary Schools in Georgia - U.S. News Education \(usnews.com\)](https://www.usnews.com/education/best-elementary-schools/georgia)

Thank you to our parents for your support and partnership in making Barnwell the Best Elementary School in Zone 6!!

Barnwell Spelling Bee Winner

We are proud to announce our Spelling Bee Winner for 2023-24 school year, Eyal Moreno Ravid. Eyal will represent Barnwell at the District Spelling Bee in January. Congratulation Eyal, Barnwell is proud of you!



FCS Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break

All Fulton County Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving Break, November 20th – November 24th. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the building, Monday, November 27th. Please click [here](#) for the FCS School Calendar.

Book Fair Ends Tomorrow!

Tomorrow is the last day for our Literati Book Fair with an online companion. The Book Fair will be open Friday from 7:10 AM – 10:30 AM. 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. Thank you for supporting our Literati Book Fair!

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](#)

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

Please have your student check our lost and found for any item(s) that have been lost. We have a significant number of coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, and lunch boxes. Be sure to label your child's items to allow items to be returned to students. 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>

Dates to Remember

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <u>November</u> | | | |
| 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 | 12/4 – 12/15 | School Day | Barnwell |
| Hands & Feet Collection | 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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