



# BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton  
County Schools  
Where Students Come First

*A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning January 18, 2024*

## New Information

As winter settles in, we want to ensure everyone's safety and well-being during these frigid months. Please make sure you are informed of weather forecasts and any changes in normal school operations. As students are layering up with additional warm clothing and accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, etc.) please add your student's name to their winter gear. This helps us return any misplaced items promptly to the appropriate person.

Stay warm and safe!!

### Checkmate Replaced Raptor Check-In System

Our Raptor front office visitor/volunteer check-in system has been replaced with Checkmate. Please be sure to complete the new volunteer application process if you have not already done so. **All volunteers must complete the application again to register into our new system.** All visitors and volunteers are required to scan their Driver's License ID or Government ID when visiting/volunteering at Barnwell.

Please click [to re-register here](#). Upon completion and approval, volunteers will not be required to register again until May 31, 2026.

### Room Parent Meeting

PTO will host this school year's final **Room Parent meeting, Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria from 9:00 AM– 10:00 AM.** PTO is asking at least one room parent from each class to attend the meeting. Please plan to arrive early to allow time for check-in; please bring your driver's license. Thank you!

### Valentine's Day Treats

As we approach Valentine's Day, it is important to ensure that all homemade candy, desserts, baked goods, or other edible items **are not** to be sold or distributed during school hours, and that appropriate store-bought items are approved by the administration. Please know that taking this measure will help us maintain a safe environment for all students with allergies, etc.

You can help us protect your student(s) by engaging in conversations at home advising students to not eat anything given to them by another person or anything they have not brought from your home. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all our students safe at school!

### **FCS Schools Will Be Closed February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

All Fulton County Schools will be closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. Students will also be off Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> due to a Professional Development Day for staff. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2023-2024 School Calendar.

### **Barnwell's Best Award!**

Each week our team recognizes a staff member that exemplifies Barnwell's BEST – someone who leads by example, shares their positive energy, and exudes enthusiasm with our school family. This week's Barnwell's BEST recipient is Rebecca Polli, Second Grade Teacher.



## **Recurring School and Community News**

### **Deadline for Fulton County Schools Hardship Transfer Applications is February 29, 2024**

Applications for parents who wish to apply for a 2024-25 hardship transfer or to renew a current hardship to another Fulton County elementary, middle, or high school are available now.

The deadline for submitting a transfer application is Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, by 4:30 PM., with no exceptions or extensions granted. All requests must be received or postmarked by this date and time. In addition, school system employees who have children receiving an employee hardship transfer must renew their request.

Parents with questions or who need more information about hardship transfers can contact the Fulton County Schools' Student Assignment Office at 470-254-5550 or visit the [FCS Hardship Transfer webpage](#).

### **Johns Creek HS Drama Department Presents: *Mamma Mia***

Johns Creek High School Drama Department is proud to present *Mamma Mia*: February 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at <https://jchstheater.booktix.com/>. If you know a crew/cast member in the show, please identify their name when you order your tickets.

## Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>January</b>			
PTO Board Meeting	01/19/2024	9:00 AM-10:30 AM	Admin Conf Room
PTO Room Parent Meeting	01/22/2024	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Cafe
PTO Marlow's Spirit Night	01/24/2024	4:00 PM-9:00 PM	Marlow's
PTO Tumbles Spirit Night	01/26/2024	5:00 PM-8:00 PM	Tumbles
PTO Papa John's Spirit Night	01/29-02/01	4:00 PM-9:00 PM	Papa Johns
<b>February</b>			
PTO Craft Burgers Spirit Night	02/01/2024	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Craft Burgers
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	02/09/2024	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Cafe
Theatre Production	02/09/2024	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Cafe
Theatre Production	02/10/2024	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	Cafe
Fun w/ your Son Glow Party	02/16/2024	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	Cafe
President's Day	02/19/2024	FCS Schools Closed	-----
Professional Development Day	02/20/2024	No School Students	-----
PTO Sky Zone	02/22/2024	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Sky Zone
PTO Board Meeting	02/23/2024	9:00 AM-10:30 AM	Admin Conf Room
Spring Individual/Class Pictures	02/27/2024	8:00 AM-2:00 PM	Barnwell

## 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](mailto:MorrisRA@fultonschools.org)
- Alysia Muse, Curriculum Support Teacher – [Musea@fultonschools.org](mailto:Musea@fultonschools.org)
- Chelsea Garcia, School Counselor – [GarciaC2@fultonschools.org](mailto:GarciaC2@fultonschools.org)
- Eden Griffin, Instructional Support Teacher – [GriffinE1@fultonschools.org](mailto:GriffinE1@fultonschools.org)
- Takisha Benning, Principal – [Benning@fultonschools.org](mailto:Benning@fultonschools.org)

## Quick Links

[Attendance Options](#)

[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

Takisha Benning, Principal