



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning February 29, 2024

New Information

With only eleven more weeks left in the school year, let's make every moment count. Together let's finish strong, supporting and encouraging one another every step of the way. Whether celebrating achievements, overcoming challenges, or simply enjoying the journey, let's make these final weeks memorable.

We have many activities for our students and families to engage in as the year progresses. Please be sure to read our weekly communications to remain current on Barnwell events.

Annual Parent Perception Survey

Fulton County Schools truly values the feedback of our parents about their experiences with the district and their child's school. I encourage all parents to take the Annual Parent Perception Survey to share your thoughts about your experience as a parent at Barnwell and the district. The survey is anonymous and confidential and is open until March 15th. The annual perception survey is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Hindi, and Punjabi. If your language is not listed, please contact your school principal.

The parent FAQ is now available in:

- [English FAQ](#)
- [Spanish FAQ](#)
- [Chinese \(Simplified\) FAQ](#)
- [Korean FAQ](#)
- [Hindi FAQ](#)
- [Punjabi FAQ](#)

To access the [Annual Parent Survey](#), please click the link.

Additionally, students in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to take the **Annual Student Perception Survey** during school hours. We value their opinions too! In our ongoing efforts to remain transparent with parents, please take a moment to review the [3-5 student survey](#) for a peak into the questions your students will be responding to.

Thank you for contributing to our continuous improvement efforts and for making your voice heard!

Celebrating Girl Scout Week

We are excited to celebrate Girl Scout Week March 13th – March 15th as a part of a national annual tradition! Barnwell is proud to have ten (10) Girl Scout Troops that will be participating in a fun-filled week packed with activities to include a Parent's Lunch and BBTV Spotlight on March 14th, Troop-led Pledge, and Girl Scout Cookies for our amazing staff donated by the local Service Unit.

Please join us in celebrating the founding of Girl Scouts and the many contributions Barnwell Troops make in our community by finding your own unique way to serve others!

Ms. Lazzari Wants Your Pictures!

Our Bears are very physically active and can be spotted around town playing sports, riding bikes, or enjoying the great outdoors. Please send in a picture of your child participating in a physical activity, or email one to lazzarik1@fultonschools.org and it will be displayed on our "Bear Sightings" bulletin board in PE.

During the month of March, students in 1st-5th grades will participate in FitnessGram testing during PE. Students in grades 1st through 3rd will only have height and weight recorded. Students in 4th and 5th will complete a series of fitness tests as well as the recording of their height and weight as required by the state of Georgia. These measurements are taken discreetly, and a report will be sent home with FitnessGram results. For more information please visit <http://www.cooperinstitute.org/fitnessgram> or contact lazzarik1@fultonschools.org.

No Parent Lunch Visits (March 13th, 14th, 18th, & 19th)

Due to the use of the stage for our school Chorus concert rehearsals and performances, we regretfully must suspend parent lunch visits due to limited cafeteria seating from Wednesday, March 13th through Tuesday, March 19th. We will resume our normal parent lunch visit schedule on Wednesday, March 20th.

FCS Schools Will Be Closed March 11th and 12th for Students

All Fulton County Schools will be closed for students on Monday, March 11th for a Teacher Workday and Tuesday, March 12th due to a Professional Development Day for staff. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Rising 6th Grade Upcoming Parent Night – AMMS – March 26th

Autrey Mill Middle School will host their rising 6th grade parent night, Tuesday, March 26, 2024, to provide information regarding the upcoming school year. The meeting will be held in the Autrey Mill Cafeteria at 6:00 PM. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Rising 6th Grade Upcoming Parent Night -HBMS – March 26th

Haynes Bridge Middle School will host their parent night on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, to provide information about their school and special programs. The Spanish speaking information session begins at 5:15 PM, in the Media Center and the general information session and school tour will occur from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM in the school gymnasium. Please click on the flyers for additional information about the upcoming parent night event and agenda below:

- [HBMS Parent Information English Flyer 2024](#)
- [HBMS Parent Information Spanish Flyer 2024](#)

Class Pictures

As you know, Class Pictures were taken earlier this week. Families will receive a proof of their child's Class Picture from LifeTouch. This will allow the parents/guardians to order Class Pictures and have them shipped directly to your home.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast

Friday, March 8th at 6:45am, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your student, their school, and discuss topics that help students to build character. Upcoming topics include Courage, Forgiveness, and Integrity. *(No child*

should feel left out - Moms or Guardians are welcome too) **PLEASE**
RSVP at allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353

Annual Federal Programs Input Meeting

The Federal Programs Department is holding their annual district Federal Programs Input Meeting. The department is requesting input from parents, community, and staff into how federal grant funds (Title I, II, III, IV, and IDEA) are spent and our District Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The meeting dates are March 26th at 9:00 AM and March 27th at 1:00 PM. The meetings are scheduled to take place on Microsoft Teams, please use the links below to join the sessions. Your input is essential, and your feedback is valued.

March 26th: [Input Meeting 1](#)

March 27th: [Input Meeting 2](#)

Father/Daughter Dance - March 15th

Mark your calendars and purchase tickets for this year's Father/Daughter Dance. The theme is ***Under the Lights***, and we cannot wait to greet our stars as they walk the red carpet. Tickets are [on sale now](#) with more information to come soon. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Summer @ The Summit

School may be out...but school-based mental health is still in. The Summit is offering individual, family, and group services throughout the Summer. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Interested in Joining PTO?

We are always looking for enthusiastic parents like yourself to join our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and help us with various family engagement activities. Your contributions make a significant impact on our students' educational experiences and overall school environment.

If you are interested in joining the PTO or assisting with family engagement initiatives, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Megan Gann at megantgann@gmail.com. She will provide you with more information and guide you on how you can get involved.

Thank you once again for your commitment to our school. We look forward to potentially working together to create a positive and engaging learning community for our students.

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 **Jamie Silverboard, First Grade Teacher**.

Congratulations to **Jamie Silverboard** for being Barnwell's Best!



Recurring School and Community News

Barnwell's SGC Needs You!

It's time for the election of new members to our School Governance Council. Barnwell will have **one parent/guardian position** open for election this upcoming school year. The elected candidates

will serve for two years (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026). If you have a child that will attend Barnwell for at least two consecutive years, you are eligible to run for election.

Our School Governance Council (SGC) plays a critical role in the success of our school. The SGC works with school leadership and the community to help determine the long-term direction of the school, design innovative solutions to increase academic achievement, and serve as school ambassadors to the local community.

The candidate declaration period runs February 5th through March 29th with elections being held April 17th -April 24th. If you are interested in running for a position on SGC, visit our SGC website [here](#) and click **Elections** for a candidate guide and/declaration form.

For specific information about Barnwell's SGC, please reach out to me at Benning@fultonschools.org.

Fulton County Schools 2024-2025 Pre-K Lottery Registration

Barnwell is expected to have two Pre-K classes for the upcoming school year. Our lottery registration is now open until 11:59 PM on March 8th. The lottery will take place on Wednesday, March 27th.

For additional information and the link to register, click [here](#) for the English flyer and [here](#) for the Spanish flyer. For additional information regarding the 2024-2025 Pre-K Lottery & Pre-Registration Guidelines, please click [here](#).

Kids' Heart Challenge-Deadline Tomorrow!

Our school just kicked off the American Heart Association **Kids Heart Challenge!** Students and staff are excited to care for their hearts and minds, help kids with special hearts and learn lifesaving Hands-Only CPR!



If you haven't joined our Kids Heart Challenge team yet, get started today! We need your help to reach our goal of 100% of families completing Finn's Mission!

Here's a [sneak peek of this year's Kids Heart Challenge!](#) You'll want to check it out!

Here's how you can help:

- **[Register Online](#)** or download the free "AHA Schools" app.
- **Complete Finn's Mission:** Watch the 2-minute Hands-Only CPR video featuring cardiac arrest survivor, Damar Hamlin, and watch a music video on the warning signs of a stroke (F.A.S.T.).
- **Share with Family & Friends:** Send messages via social media, text messages and/or email.

Help our class win the classroom challenge by registering and completing Finn's Mission. We can create a community of lifesavers! **[See what classes are in the lead!](#)**

Did you know students and families at our school have been personally impacted by heart disease? Your participation in Kids Heart Challenge helps the American Heart Association fund research that helps these students have longer and stronger lives!

Barnwell Silent Auction/Kids Raffle Donation

We are already hard at work planning the best Barnival ever and we need your help! The 2024 Barnival committee is seeking donations for our Silent Auction and Kid Raffle. Do you or someone you know own a local business that could donate items or gift certificates? Have access to tickets to our local sports teams and/or events? Have a special talent/skill you'd like to share with our school community through a donation of your time? Toys, art supplies, or activity kits that kids would love. No item/amount/time donation is too small!

If you have ANYTHING you'd like to donate toward the Silent Auction or Kid Raffle - please reach out to Heather Roberts at heatherdm@gmail.com.

Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
March			
Tumbles Spirit Night	03/01/2024	6:00 PM-9:00 PM	Tumbles
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	03/08/2024	6:45 AM-7:30 AM	Café
Teacher Workday	03/11/2024	No School Students	-----
Teacher Professional Day	03/12/2024	No School Students	-----
Father/Daughter Dance	03/15/2024	6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Café
Staff Appreciation Week	03/18-03/22	School Day	
Chorus Concert for Parents	03/19/2024	6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Cafe
PTO Board Meeting	03/22/2024	9:00 AM-10:30 AM	Admin Conf Room
Craft Burger Spirit Day	03/28/2024	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Craft Burger

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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