



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning March 7, 2024

New Information

Barnwell Families!! Don't forget about the upcoming time change this weekend; please plan to adjust your clocks forward by one hour.

Also, take a moment to read this week's newsletter in its entirety. Our PTO needs your support in making many of our upcoming events a success.

Please mark your calendars and plan to make the most of the extra daylight enjoying our upcoming school and community events.

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.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast

Tomorrow, Friday, March 8th at 6:45 AM, 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

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

As a final reminder, next week 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 Wednesday, March 13th through Tuesday, March 19th. We will resume our normal parent lunch visit schedule on Wednesday, March 20th.

A quick reminder regarding parent lunches on the stage: students must remain seated with their parents during the visit for everyone's safety. It's important that students do not go behind the stage curtains or interact with friends in the lunch line to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Registration for Kindergarten and New Students – 2024-2025

Online Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Parents should use the online enrollment application process to register. Please click [here](#) for the 2024-2025 for

Kindergarten/New Student English Information and click [here](#) for the Spanish Registration Information.

Students currently enrolled in a Fulton County Schools Pre-K Program will automatically be enrolled in their home school. Please visit the following link to enroll any new K-5 student: <https://www.fultonschools.org/enrollment>. Email your application number to Basile@fultonschools.org. If you do not have access to online registration, contact Basile@fultonschools.org to make an appointment for registration.

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!

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](#)

Summer STEM Camp

Calling all STEM lovers! Join Barnwell Teachers, Mrs. Stiers and Mrs. Mavridoglou this summer for STEM camp at Newtown Park. This camp is designed to teach science, engineering, and mathematics to students of all ages in a fun and engaging way. Students learn basic STEM skills while making new friends and improving social skills. Camp will run the following weeks:

June 17-21: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
June 24-28: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
July 8-12: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Sign-up today! Visit www.newtownrec.com, click register, sign in to your account OR create an account if you do not have one to sign-up for the camp. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer. Questions? Contact use at stiersk@fultonschools.org OR mavridogloua@fultonschools.org.

PTO Information

Staff Appreciation Week

Barnwell Families, we need your support!!

Staff Appreciation Week is right around the corner (March 18th -22nd) and PTO needs your support to thank our staff for making us the happiest campers around!

How can you help us prepare for a week of adventures and happy trails?

- Make a monetary contribution using the QR code on the flyer or this link [2024 Staff Appreciation Week Donations](#) to help us ensure that every staff member gets little gifts throughout the week and a \$25 gift card.
- Donate items/gift cards from your business or local businesses for an end-of-week special staff raffle.
- Sign up to volunteer in the staff lounge or provide food/snack items throughout the week (Links to sign-up will be shared soon)

Please contact Meaghan Prindle, our Staff Appreciation Week Chair, (Meaghan.prindle@gmail.com) if you have an item to donate for the staff raffle or have any questions.

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.

Here is the link for volunteer signups: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FA9A723AAF94-48302296-barnwell#

Barnival Coming Soon!

We're so excited! Barnival is coming Friday, May 10th and tickets and t-shirts are on sale NOW on Membership Toolkit - <https://barnwellpto.membershiptoolkit.com/Barnival>



SILENT AUCTION/KID RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are 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 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?
- Have 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

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 have 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.

Recurring School and Community News

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!

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.

Final Days to Register: 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](#).

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.

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](#)

JCHS Summer Volleyball Camp 2024

Johns Creek High School (JCHS) is offering a Volleyball Camp on July 17 – 19, 2024 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM for students ages 9 – 14 years old. 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.

Dates to Remember

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <u>March</u> | | | |
| 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

Quick Links

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[Bus Stop Information](#)

[Here Comes the Bus Info](#)

[Dismissal Change Form](#)

[Birthday Celebration Form](#)

Takisha Benning, Principal