

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Technology Competition Winners

The results of the FCS Student Technology Competition are in! Congratulations to Avishka G. in Mrs. Burnett's class (2nd Place in Mobile Apps) and Avya D. in Mrs. Mack's class (3rd Place in Video Production)! You represented Shakerag well!!



Tis the Season

This time of year, we often see a rise in illnesses. Please help us keep everyone healthy by reminding your children about washing their hands, practicing the elbow cough to cover their mouth when they cough or sneeze, and keeping your children home if they have a fever. Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications prior to returning to school. We appreciate everyone's help during this time of year.

Shakerag Elementary will soon teach kids to Think First & Stay Safe™

Fulton County Schools is excited to share that we will soon commence our personal safety education program for all elementary students called *Think First & Stay Safe™*. The *Think First & Stay Safe™* program is a research-based program that teaches specific personal safety education by way of interactive classroom lessons, classroom posters, role-plays and corresponding activities. *Think First & Stay Safe™* enables students to take an active and necessary role in protecting themselves from harassment, abduction, bullying, exploitation, and various forms of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional).

In February and March of this school year, *Think First & Stay Safe™* lessons will be implemented at Shakerag Elementary School for all K-5 students. You may preview this curriculum in the Shakerag Media Center from January 29, 2024, to February 9, 2024. You can also learn more about the detailed lesson plans and research behind this program at www.childluresprevention.com. Please be aware that more information is provided on the website than will actually be used in Fulton County Schools.

If you prefer that your child not participate in the *Think First & Stay Safe™* program, please sign the bottom of the parent letter and have your child return it to the school counselor, Ms. Paras, by Friday, February 2, 2024. The parent letter was sent home today in Friday Folders. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to our school counselor, Ms. Paras, at ParasM@fultonschools.org.

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

Save the Date... School Dance Coming Soon!

Shakerag's annual school dance will be February 9 in the school cafeteria! This year's theme is Around the World! There will be a professional DJ, games, photo booth, refreshments, and loads of fun! Come dressed up and represent any culture around the world! Please, no toy weapons.

There are two sessions for the dance - 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Grades PreK – 2) and 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5). Please be sure to select the proper session by grade level when ordering tickets. Please note: Due to capacity limitations, we encourage you to make your purchases early. Click [here](#) to order tickets. Online ticket sales will end at 12 a.m. on Thursday, February 8. THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. ONE ADULT PER FAMILY REQUIRED FOR ENTRY. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BRING CELL PHONES.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please click [here](#) and [here](#) to sign up to volunteer and/or make a donation. For more information, please contact Sonam Dewan at dewan.sonam@gmail.com or Sarah Chu at cigar1121@hotmail.com.

Artist Day- We need your help!

Shakerag's annual Artist Day needs your help! This year we are hoping to learn more about art and culture from our very own school family! To do this, we are looking for volunteers!

On March 29, we will be hosting an Artist and Culture Day at Shakerag. Students will have an opportunity to travel around the globe and learn about various forms of art and culture, but we need your help to do that! Do you paint, dance, sing or play a musical instrument? Would you like to showcase some art or activity from your culture? If so, we'd love to have you coordinate an activity with like-minded artists and share your talent with our students! Please reach out to the Artist and Culture Day chair Jen She at jen@fwdtalent.com if you're interested.

Yearbook Needs Your Pictures!

Please submit your 1st Day of School, Hands on Shakerag, Bingo Night, Red Ribbon Week, Community Night and Holiday Class Party pictures to this [Link](#). Don't miss out on ordering your yearbook! Click [Shakerag Elementary School PTO DULUTH, GA | Jostens](#) to order now.

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council Meeting

We invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or via our school website (click [here](#)) under the 'ABOUT' drop-down menu. Our latest Strategic Plan as well as other relevant SGC information is posted to this site for your convenience. Our next SGC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14 at 8:00 a.m.

A Message from Fulton County:

Hardship Transfer Application

Hardship transfer applications are available on Fulton County's website (click [here](#)) for parents who wish to apply for a 2024-2025 hardship transfer or to renew a current hardship to another Fulton elementary, middle, or high school. The deadline for submitting a transfer application is **February 29, 2024**.

In the Community:

Northview Techno Titans

The Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team will be hosting a STEM Night workshop at their team workspace located at 10700 Abbotts Bridge Road, Suite 120 in Johns Creek on Saturday, January 27 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!

