

Shark Bytes



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Shark Tales:

WriteScore Update

Students in grades 3-5 were scheduled to complete the WriteScore assessment during the week of January 18-20. Unfortunately, the vendor experienced an issue with their cloud services on Wednesday, January 18, causing some interruptions to the online platform. As a result, we immediately suspended testing to ensure our students had a stable testing environment. Those that began testing were able to quickly pivot and engage in regular instructional activities and the day resumed as normal. We have received word from the vendor and district leaders that the testing platform is up and operational. Our students resumed testing today, Friday, January 20, and will continue testing next week should they need additional time.

Fulton County's District Spelling Bee

Good luck to Kimberly G. in Mr. Barlow's 5th grade class, as she participates in Fulton County's District Spelling Bee tomorrow, Saturday, January 21! We are so proud of you!

Pack the Pantry

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation for the outpouring of treats from our PreK and Kindergarten families that started the Pack the Pantry program for the staff. A special thank you to Krista Zimmerman, Paula Perrin, and our amazing PTO for supporting this initiative. I know the teachers are going to enjoy grabbing a quick treat on the go as they need it.

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 will now be held on Thursday, February 9, at 8:00 a.m. At this meeting we will be holding a 10-minute public comment session. If you are interested in speaking at our public comment, please email Rashi Manaktala at manaktalar@fultonschools.org. Public comment will be held at the end of the meeting.

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

Shakerag School Dance - Friday January 27, 2023

Shakerag's Annual School Dance will be on January 27 in the school cafeteria. Purchase tickets here: <http://shakeragpto.org>
This year's theme is Disney! There will be a professional DJ, games, photo booth, refreshments, and loads of fun! Come dressed as your favorite Disney character or bring your Disney props! 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. Online ticket sales will end at 12 a.m. on Thursday, January 26. **THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. ONE ADULT PER FAMILY REQUIRED FOR ENTRY. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BRING CELL PHONES.** Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! To help with the dance, please sign up [here](#). For more information, please contact Sonam Dewan at dewan.sonam@gmail.com or Paiker Sayed at paikersayed@gmail.com. We are looking forward to having a 'magical' experience at the dance!

Yearbook Needs Your Pictures!

We have had a few events and we need pictures of: **Sneak Peek, 1st Day of School, Hands on Shakerag, Red Ribbon Week, Bingo Night, and Storybook Night.** Please click [here](#) to submit your pictures. If you would like to order a yearbook, please click [here](#).

Artist Day- We need your help!

Shakerag's Annual Artist Day is returning for 2023 and we need 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 31, 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 co-chair Crystal at crysgrim@yahoo.com if you're interested.

FCS News:

Hardship Transfer Application

Hardship transfer applications are available on Fulton County's website (click [here](#)) for parents who wish to apply for a 2023-2024 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 28, 2023**.

New Georgia Department of Education Math Standards: Beginning Fall 2023

In the fall, teachers and staff will be implementing the new Georgia K-12 Mathematics Standards. Please click [here](#) for additional details on this very important transition and for links to additional videos and resources.

ESOL Textbook Adoption

ESOL K-5 textbooks are on display for Public Review from **January 5 to February 6, 2023**. Teachers, school leaders, and EL families are encouraged to preview and provide feedback by visiting one of the on-site locations: Administrative Center, North Learning, South Learning, Campbell Elementary, Hapeville Elementary, Manning Oaks Elementary, or Wilson Creek Elementary. The rubric and link to submit feedback can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the ESOL Department.

Know When to Stay Home

Viral illnesses like the flu, RSV, Covid-19, and others are all going around! Please click [here](#) for more information from The Fulton County Board of Health on when to keep your child home.

In the Community:

City of Johns Creek's Lunar New Year Celebration

Celebrate Lunar New Year with cultural performances, traditional food, local vendors, and kids' activities on Saturday, January 21, from 1-4 p.m. at the Mark Burkhalter Amphitheater inside Newtown Park. The City of Johns Creek's Lunar New Year celebration is a family-friendly event that embraces cultural diversity in our community. Commonly known as the Spring Festival in East Asia, Lunar New Year commemorates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

