

Shark Bytes

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Mask Status: Required until further notice

Shark Tales:



SHAKERAG BINGO NIGHT IS TONIGHT!

There are so many amazing prizes you can win by participating in Bingo Night, raffle baskets, and the silent auction. This year's prizes include Razor scooter, Yeti cooler, \$100 Amazon gift card, police car ride to school, virtual bedtime story read by your teacher, and so much more! Help the PTO continue to support educational endeavors for our students and connect Shakerag families through your participation. Your participation is very important since this will be our only fundraiser of the year! Kona Ice will be there too! It's not too late to get your tickets for Bingo Night! **We have a limited number of tickets available at the door, first come first serve.** (2 sessions - 5:30pm-7:00pm and 7:30pm-9:00pm). Our silent auction also ends tonight at 9pm. To begin bidding please visit www.biddingowl.com/shakeragpto. Hope to see everyone tonight! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PTO's Fall Fundraising Coordinators: Esther Ono at ejkim81@hotmail.com or Stacey Villaran villhome@hotmail.com. Please click [here](#) for more details!

Late Start Day – October 25 – Regular Schedule: Please arrive by 7:40 as usual!

As we have shared, there are six "Late Start Days" on the FCS school calendar this year. The superintendent added these days to provide teachers and staff with additional opportunities to collaborate. Schools are being given some flexibility on implementation. At Shakerag, we have decided to proceed with our regular school schedule as to not interrupt the rest of the school day. Our buses, carpool, and breakfast schedule will remain the same as always on "Late Start Days". We would like to ask all students to still arrive by 7:40 a.m., as usual, on these dates. We appreciate the district giving schools the flexibility to develop a plan that best fits their school's needs. Therefore, if you have children at other schools within Fulton County, their plan may look a little different.

Red Ribbon Week (October 25-29) – Sponsored by our Counseling Department

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. At Shakerag, we communicate to our students the importance of making mindful and healthy choices in your life, about respecting yourself, and about respecting others. Our theme for this week is: **Drug Free Looks Like Me**. Click [here](#) for a reminder flyer to post in a convenient location.

You can use the following topics as conversation starters at home.

- **Monday- Sock it to Drugs!**: Wear your wildest socks today! You can talk about how dangerous it is to use drugs and the importance of being drug-free.
- **Tuesday- Hats Off to Being Drug Free!**: Wear your craziest hat to show you are putting a lid on using drugs. By wearing our crazy hats, we are showing each other that we will remain drug-free by keeping our lids (hats) closed to drugs.
- **Wednesday- Team Up Against Drugs!**: We are all wearing our favorite team jersey or team attire because, at Shakerag, we are all part of a team. We are each responsible for making healthy choices for ourselves, but we can also provide encouragement and support to our teammates so that they, too, can make healthy choices. When we work together to make healthy choices, we show respect for ourselves AND others.
- **Thursday- Use Your Head, Wear Red!**: We will continue to talk about wearing red to remind students and adults to respect themselves and others, regardless of their differences.
- **Friday- I Can, You Can, WE Can Be Drug Free!**: Wear your Shakerag Spirit Wear! It is important that we not only make good choices about our actions and behavior; we must also make good choices about what we do for our bodies (e.g. healthy choices about diet, exercise, sleep and what we put in our bodies). We only have one body, so we need to take good care of it.

Holidays

As we start to enter the holiday season, in an effort to limit the exchange of items, it is in alignment with district policy that candy, desserts, baked goods (store bought/homemade), or other edible items **are not** to be sold or distributed by students during school hours. We truly appreciate your support and understanding.

Pen Pal Club

The Pen Pal Club will have its first meeting on **Monday, November 1**. Students will meet before school starting at 7:10 a.m. Students should come to room B-167 (the last room at the end of the second-grade hall when they arrive. The Pen Pal Club is open to all 3rd - 5th grade students!

Paraprofessional Position Available

We are excited to be looking for new staff to join the Shakerag team. If you know of anyone interested in a paraprofessional position at Shakerag, please have them send their resume and letter of interest to Mrs. Lemerond at Lemerond@fultonschools.org.

November 2 Election Day

The November 2nd Election Day is NOT considered a statewide election; therefore, **does not** meet FCS criteria to be a remote learning day. We will have a regular school day. Please plan accordingly for additional traffic in our parking lot as voters come and go. Additional security will be on campus throughout the day!

Willy Wonka Kids!

The Shakerag Elementary Music and Theatre Department is proud to announce our 2022 Spring Musical: **Willy Wonka Kids!** We are excited to bring back this wonderful show and bring it to life with a new cast! All 4th & 5th Grade students are invited to audition. Students can sign up for Round 1 Audition slots beginning Nov. 1st - Nov. 5th. Until then, check next week's Shark Bytes for more information to come. We look forward to seeing some really "sweet" talent this year! 🍬🎭

Book Character Dress-Up Day & Storybook Night - November 5

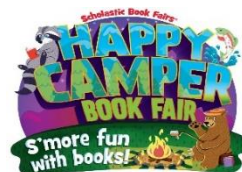
To celebrate the return of the Book Fair, we're having Book Character Dress-Up Day on Friday, November 5. No costume masks or props are permitted.

We're also celebrating the return of the Book Fair with a virtual Story Book Night on Friday, November 5. The theme is "Stories by the Campfire" and will feature fun videos from your favorite Shakerag teachers and staff. Access to the Story Book Night video channel will be e-mailed to all families on Friday, November 5 with Shark Bytes. Get your campfire, PJs, sleeping bags and S'mores ready for a fun kick-off to book fair week.

Scholastic Book Fair! (Volunteers Needed)

We are so excited to announce the return of an in-person Book Fair at Shakerag! The Book Fair is a fun and exciting way for our media center to earn rewards that support literacy for all students.

The Scholastic Happy Camper Book Fair will be in the media center **Monday, November 8 – Friday, November 12**. Students will visit the fair with their class during that week. Please be sure to visit our Book Fair website (<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/shakerag>) to set up your child's eWallet for easy, safe shopping during the fair. Online shopping will also be available at that same website beginning November 8.



We will also be asking for a limited number of volunteers to assist with the Book Fair! We cannot have a successful fair without volunteers! Please use the links below to sign up to help!

Book Fair Work Shifts During the School Day: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084AACAE2BA0F49-book>

Set-Up & Family Night*: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084AACAE2BA0F49-2021>

*Family Night will be contingent on having volunteers signed up to assist.

Clinic Needs

With the colder weather coming up, the clinic is looking for donations of gently used long pants for boys and girls ages 4-10.

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

Yearbook

Don't forget to order a copy of our 2021-2022 Shakerag Elementary Yearbook for only \$42.00 each. Click [here](#) to order online now!

Box Tops

Everyone's favorite Halloween monsters are back with a spook-tastic bonus opportunity! Enter now for a chance to win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops to support Shakerag this fall. Five schools will win. Enter to win until October 31, 2021. Start scanning!!! Download the app, scan your store receipts, and Box Tops are automatically credited to our school. Tap here to download the app now: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> Shakerag School ID: **219664** or just look for the school.

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 **Thursday, November 11 at 8:00 a.m.**

FCS News:

ESPLOST Flyers

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing and seeing more information about Fulton County Schools' next Capital Plan and the projects that will improve our schools over the next five years. Included in your child's Friday folder, you will find more information that explains the investments being made throughout the school district as well as what the one-penny sales tax for education,

ESPLOST, has been doing for our students. More information about our school's specific improvements is posted at www.fultonschools.org/ESPLOST.

Fall into Purpose with Purposity

FCS continues to partner with Purposity to help meet the needs of students and families across the district. The Purposity platform allows for members in the community to purchase specific items for students and families in FCS. Some examples of identified items posted to the Purposity platform include laundry detergent, sheets, towels, socks, and shoes. Please click [here](#) for additional details on how you can help!

FCS COVID 19 Reporting Procedures

Due to the ever-changing nature of this pandemic, the district will continue to monitor COVID data and recommendations, consult with public health officials, and make additional adjustments as necessary. **If your child is sick, please keep them home.** Families are still required to report a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, a pending COVID-19 test result (*regardless of the reason for testing*), and a direct contact with a person who is COVID-19 positive. FCS student/parents must use the [Parent Reporting Portal](#) to make the COVID-19 report.

In the Community:

Science 4 Kids

The Northview students will be offering free science tutoring once a month virtually. Please click [here](#) for more information. Please use the following link to sign-up: <https://forms.gle/soLA22uYqcJvejWKA>

Have a wonderful weekend!

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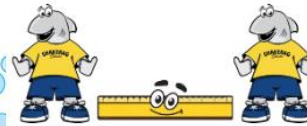
Wear Your Mask...



Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

