

# Shark Bytes

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**Thanksgiving Break: November 21-25 – No School for Staff and Students**

## Shark Tales:

### Thanksgiving Holiday

On behalf of all of us at Shakerag, we hope you enjoy the time off with your family and friends and are able to reflect on the many blessings we share. As principal, it truly is an honor to be able to work with such a dedicated staff, supportive community, and amazing children. From all of us at Shakerag, we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

### Progress Report Cards

Student progress report cards are now available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's 13.5-week progress report card, please click [here](#).

### Storybook Night... A HUGE Success!

Wow, what an amazing night! Thank you so much to our wonderful staff who took time out of their busy schedules to make some of our favorite stories come to life. There were smiles and laughs all around. It was truly a fabulous evening!

We would also like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers, the PTO, the Book Fair Committee, the Northview Titan athletes, and Storybook Night Co-Chairs, Katina Stahl and Yingchun Wang, for all their support.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair closed up shop today. Once again, teachers, volunteers, PTO, students, and staff came together to offer a wonderful event for our Shakerag families. Thank you to all who visited our Book Fair and supported our school. Special and heartfelt thanks to our PTO Book Fair Co-Chairs, Tomoko Herrick and Kathy Preuss, and the Book Fair Committee including Ms. Francis and Ms. Perrin. This team put forth many, many hours and tremendous effort to decorate, coordinate, and carry out our fabulous Book Fair. Shakerag says THANK YOU!

### Let Us Be Thankful Together: Kindergarten Food Drive

We would like to thank all students and staff who donated items to the Kindergarten Food Drive. With your generosity, we were able to collect crates full of food for North Fulton Community Charities. This charity provides meals for families in need within our community. Thank you!



### Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class spelling bee finalists and alternates. These students will represent their classes in the school spelling bee on Friday, December 9, 2022. If a classroom finalist is unable to participate in the spelling bee, the class alternate will take his/her place. We are so proud of all of our super spelling sharks.

Grade	Teacher	Finalist	Alternate
4	Babb	Ethan T.	Vishrut M.
4	Brown	Sasha D.	Vidhi S.
4	Kim	Annabel S.	Selena M.
4	Watkins	Jason L.	Adrian M.
5	Barlow	Kimberly G.	Faris M.
5	Burnett	Avi K.	Francis L.
5	Mack	Aayush S.	Arna D.
5	Searcy	Archith D.	Rudra K.

### Spirit Night at Culver's on Wednesday, November 30

Take a break from cooking dinner and join your friends and neighbors at Culver's (3135 Peachtree Parkway) on **Wednesday, November 30 from 5-8 PM** for our upcoming Spirit Night! Culver's has generously offered to donate 15% of ALL sales that evening towards our school for dine-in AND drive-thru orders. Each child will receive a free custard (Culver's specialty ice cream) with each kid's meal purchase.

### Remote Learning Day on December 6

**Tuesday, December 6** will become a Remote Learning Day in Fulton County Schools due to a statewide run-off election. The day originally was slated to be an in-person school day. Additional details regarding assignments and expectations for the day will be sent home on Friday, December 2.

## **Donate Back to Shakerag While You Shop!**

Publix and Amazon have partnered with Shakerag to donate a percentage back to the school on EVERY purchase you make! Here's how you can sign up:

### **PUBLIX:**

1. Join **Club Publix**, if you're not already a member. It's free.
2. Log in to your Club Publix account. Select **My Publix Partner** in your profile to choose your school. (scroll right in gray heading bar to find My Publix Partner, then click on My Publix Partner.)
3. Find/Search Shakerag Elementary School. **Select Shakerag.**
4. **Pay with the Publix app or enter your phone number EVERY TIME you checkout**, and Publix will donate a portion of your eligible purchase to our school.

### **AMAZON:**

1. Shop on **smile.amazon.com** instead of Amazon.com. You will find the exact same low prices, large selection and convenient shopping as Amazon.com.
2. Use your same Amazon account.
3. On your first visit to **smile.amazon.com**, it will ask you to select an organization. **Select Shakerag PTO or Foundation at Shakerag Elementary School.** After selecting, the website will look and operate just like Amazon.com.

## **Spotlight On Special Areas:**

### **What's Happening in Art with Mr. Avery this Month**

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

### **What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month**

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

### **What's Happening in Music with Ms. Housholder (Petty) and Mr. Denney this Month**

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

### **What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month**

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

## **A Message from the Shakerag PTO:**

### **Fifth Grade Baby Picture Submissions**

We are looking for every 5th grade student to have a baby picture to put in the 5th grade video montage, so your child has a special memento after they leave Shakerag. Please label the pictures with the student's full name and homeroom teacher (example: first.last.burnett.jpg). Submit your child's baby photo to [shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com](mailto:shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com) by **December 16, 2022.**

Also, the PTO is looking for any parents with video editing experience that can volunteer their skills and time to help with putting together the video montage. Please email [shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com](mailto:shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com) if interested.

### **Yearbook Needs Your Pictures!**

We have had a few events and we need pictures of: **Sneak Peek, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

## **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 Semester Action Plan as well as other relevant SGC information is posted to this site for your convenience. Our next SGC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.

## **FCS News:**

### **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:**

### **K-12 English Language Arts Standards Review**

The Georgia Department of Education has posted new K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) standards for a 30-day public comment period. If approved, the standards will be implemented in the 2024-2025 school year, following teacher training. [Click here](#) to review the draft standards and provide feedback by December 5.

### **STEM NIGHT WITH THE TECHNO TITANS**

Come join the Northview Techno Titans Robotics team for a fun STEM activity. It is being held on **Saturday, November 19** from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at their workspace located at 10700 Abbotts Bridge Road, Suite 120. There is no fee for this, but they do request people sign up. The activity is making a parachute person and learning the science behind it - gravity and air resistance. They will have some friendly competitions at the end. Please sign up by clicking [here](#) or see their website (click [here](#)) for more information.

**Have a wonderful break! Please be safe and stay warm!**

