

Shark Bytes

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No School April 3 - 7: Spring Break

Shark Tales:

Happy Spring Break!

It is so hard to believe April is already here. Wishing all of our Sharks a safe and relaxing Spring Break! Everyone has worked so hard this year. We are so proud! Get lots of rest so we can return and finish strong!

Artist Day

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTO and all of the amazing artists and volunteers that made this special Artist Day come to life! The students had a blast. An extra special thank you to Jen She and Crystal Epstein for their dedication in organizing this event.

The Lion King - Kids!

We want to thank all of the wonderful performers and volunteers who worked so hard on this fabulous performance. We would also like to thank Mrs. Housholder, Mrs. Kulamer, Mrs. Mack, Mrs. Manaktala, Ms. Nephew, Dr. Sumrak, and Mrs. Tindall for all of their hard work and dedication. What an amazing show!

PTO Agenda Cover Contest Winners

Thank you to all of the students that submitted artwork for our agenda cover contest. Congratulations to this year's Agenda Cover Contest winners, Shaaswat S. (4th grade) and Anyi W. (2nd grade)! The winning cover art from Anyi will be placed on next year's agendas used by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders while Shaaswat's artwork will be displayed on the agendas used by the 4th and 5th graders. Great job! Congratulations again to our winners!

5th Grade Panoramic Picture

5th graders will take their panoramic picture on Wednesday, April 12. Students should wear their 5th grade shirt, or a royal blue shirt for the picture. If you would like to order pictures, please return the order form that was previously sent home or purchase online at www.mylifetouch.com.

State of the School Address – Save the Date

ALL PARENTS are invited to attend our annual State of the School Address on Thursday, April 13, at 8:30 a.m. in our Media Center. Please plan to attend the PTO meeting following at 9:00 a.m.

GA Milestones

Our 3rd through 5th grade students will get to show what they know in May on the Georgia Milestones. For more information about the Georgia Milestones, visit our state testing website by clicking [here](#). We will be in "testing mode" throughout our building from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. each day during the testing window and will not be accepting volunteers during that time. The specials schedule will also be modified depending on the testing day. Thank you for your support and flexibility. If you have any questions, please contact our testing coordinator, Emily Davis, at davise@fultonschools.org. Below you will find the Milestones testing schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 1	May 2	May 3 ELA – Section 1	May 4 ELA – Section 2	May 5 ELA – Section 3
May 8	May 9 Math – Section 1	May 10 Math – Section 2	May 11 Science – 5 th Grade Only	May 12

Reserve Your Seats for Shakerag's 25-Year Celebration & Movie Night

Please join us in celebrating 25 years (+1) at Shakerag Elementary School. We might be a year late due to the pandemic, but we didn't want to miss out on celebrating this amazing community and all of the students and staff that have contributed to our success. Even if you submitted your intent to attend, now's the time to actually reserve your seats.

Who is invited:

- Current Shakerag students and family members
- Current and former Shakerag Staff
- Special district and community guests

When: Friday, April 14 (Rain Date: April 28) ~ The fun will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m. with the movie beginning at sundown (Line begins at 5:30 p.m. – Gates open at 5:45 p.m.)

Where: The white top and field behind the gym at Shakerag (Bring your blankets and chairs)

Please reserve your seats by Tuesday, April 11, using the following link: [Reserve Here](#). Once completed, your name and number of attendees will be added to our guest list. Guests will check in at the gate on the evening of the event.

Click [here](#) for additional details. We hope to see you there!

Pre-K Lottery Drawing Results

The Lottery for the 2023-2024 Pre-K Class has concluded. Results can be found [here](#). If you missed the deadline to register, please contact Courtney Gatlin Cleary, school data clerk, at gatlinclarec@fultonschools.org to be placed on the waiting list. You will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list in the order that your communication is received.

Student Success Skills Post-Survey

All year, we have continued to support and develop the social and emotional learning of our students through the implementation of Fulton County's Student Success Skills program using rethink Ed. All FCS parents/guardians will continue to have access to all Student Success Skill lessons that are in the FCS rethink Ed lesson database. Directions for establishing an account and accessing all Student Success Skills lessons and home discussion guides in rethink Ed can be found by clicking [here](#). Students in grades 3-5 will be taking a post-survey during the screening window of April 17-21. As a school, we will use this information to guide our lessons and classroom conversations as we support our children in becoming socially and emotionally aware and confident. Please contact Michelle Paras, School Counselor, at ParasM@fultonschools.org with additional questions.

Cafeteria Updates – Last Day to ORDER Birthday Treats is April 14

In order to ensure we have enough inventory, all Birthday Treats for the remainder of the year must be preordered by **Friday, April 14**. Please contact Ms. Vanesa Santana (Santanav@fultonschools.org) in our cafeteria to ensure your birthday order is submitted in time. At this time, we are unable to guarantee flavors.

As the end of the school year nears, please be mindful that that school lunch menu may change slightly due to availability of items received from our vendors. We truly appreciate your flexibility and understanding!

Shakerag's Kindergarten Round-Up:

We would like to invite all of our new Kindergarten students to join us on Monday, April 24, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. as we go fishing for information on how to make Kindergarten at Shakerag a success. Please click [here](#) for additional details. To RSVP, please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/4su7UJhgpz> to register by Wednesday, April 19 (Pre-K students who currently attend Shakerag do not need to attend.)

Donations for ASL

ASL is collecting cereal boxes for upcoming STEM projects. If you have any boxes your family would like to donate, please have your child drop them off to Ms. Pennywell at the front office or during ASL.

Donate Back to Shakerag While You Shop at Amazon!

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

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 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, April 13, at 8:00 a.m.

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

Yearbook

Don't miss out on a copy of our 2022-2023 Shakerag Elementary Yearbook!!! Click [here](#) to order online now before they run out!

FCS News:

Nashville Tragedy

We at Fulton County Schools are painfully aware of the tragedy in Nashville and join the community in mourning their loss. As we follow each of these tragic events, we continue to learn from others' experience and monitor our own processes.

FCS has continually made investments in the safety and security efforts for our district. The extensive listing of security measures, certifications, trainings, and emergency protocols already in place are readily available for the public. Detailed explanations of these efforts are included in our [Safety Plans and Drills](#) and [Investments in Safety](#) documents, which can be found on the [Culture of Safety](#) page of our website.

Parents know their children best and whether they may need additional support during this time. We have these [resources available](#) to help parents and teachers talk with children and teens about violence. We encourage parents to reach out to our school counselors, social workers, psychologists and administrators if they or their student need help.

Fulton County Public Schools Bridge to Success Plan and ARP Funding

Fulton County Schools is soliciting your input on the six-month review of our Bridge to Success plan to support our students and staff with the federal funds received through the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The purpose of these federal funds is to help sustain the safe and effective operations of our schools and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our students and staff.

Your input is essential to the district's process of addressing learning loss through evidence-based interventions and maintaining a safe learning environment for our students and staff. The survey window opened Monday, March 14, and will close on Friday, March 31, for all stakeholders including parents, staff, and students. Thank you in advance for your valuable input on the district's Bridge to Success Plan and budget for the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds.

Please click [here](#) to take the survey. For more information about the FCS Bridge to Success Plan, visit <https://www.fultonschools.org/bridgetosuccess>.

Spring Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year

Spring Registration has begun! Registration will be conducted all **online**. Please click [here](#) for the online registration process. If your child is currently enrolled at Shakerag, there are no actions needed for enrollment for next school year. If you know of any families new to the area, or meet a new family over the summer, please encourage them to enroll as soon as possible! For more information, please visit our [website](#).

In the Community:

Aurora Cineplex April Events

You are All Invited to Aurora Cineplex's Spring Break & Easter at The Fringe. Movies & Mini Golf Open Extended Hours will be 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily, Friday, 3/31 – Saturday, 4/08 and Easter Sunday, 4/09 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. For more information, please click [here](#). Facebook Event details-- <https://fb.me/e/TTdXIB5r>

Calling all Shakerag Youth Swimmers – Registration ENDS 4/15!!!

Join the Shakerag Sharks Swim Team for the 2023 season! All Shakerag Elementary students are eligible to join the team. Practice begins the week of May 15 with the season wrapping up at the end of June. While we have a variety of ability levels on the team, each child needs to be able to swim independently before joining the team. The season consists of 5 meets against other subdivisions within the Johns Creek community and all the team practices are held at the Shakerag HOA Pool. To learn more about how to register for the team, see the meet and practice schedule, and meet this year's coaching staff, please visit the official team website at www.shakeragswimteam.com. You can also reach the team via email at shakeragswimteam@gmail.com with any questions regarding the team. Registration is open from March 1-**April 15**. GO SHARKS!!!

Jr. Titans Cheer Tryouts

Northview Jr. Titans Cheerleading registration is here! All 4th-8th grade youth who live in the Northview High School district are encouraged to register. No experience necessary for sideline cheer. Rising 6th grade students will participate in tryouts for our middle school competition team. For more information and to enroll for our upcoming season, please visit the website at <http://www.jrtitanscheer.com/>, read our [flyer](#) or complete the interest form directly here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzripwr>

**We hope you all have an amazing Spring Break!
Please stay safe and ENJOY!**

