

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary
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Thanksgiving Break: November 20-24 – 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!



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!

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](#).

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade class spelling bee finalists and alternates. These students will represent their classes in the school spelling bee on Friday, December 8, 2023. 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	Brown	Caleb L.	Adithri S.
4	Davis	Zoey V.	Ridhwan C.
4	Gokhale	Susan T.	Landan R.
4	Green	Alainna H.	Shrianya S.
4	Watkins	Leah Y.	Rushank K.
5	Barlow	Jordyn R.	Sarah K.
5	Burnett	Jason L.	Ellie Y.
5	Dowling	Dylan H.	Joanna K.
5	Mack	Vidhi S.	Sahasra D..
5	Searcy	Pranav A.	Akira S.

Welcome to Shakerag!

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Tammy Otsubo to Shakerag as our new Clinic Assistant. We are so lucky to have her as part of our Shakerag family. If you need to contact Ms. Otsubo in the clinic, please call her at 470-254-8834 or email her at otsubot@fultonschools.org.

Clinic Needs

The clinic is in need of new underwear for boys (all ages) and gently used clothing. Long sleeve shirts/sweatshirts ages 5-7 and pants ages 9-14 for the boys and girls leggings/pants ages 8-12 and long sleeve shirts/sweatshirts ages 5-12. All donations can be sent in with your child and dropped off at the clinic. We truly appreciate your support and donations.

Save the Date! Book Fair & Storybook Night

Book Fair: December 4 – December 8

This year, we're hosting a Literati Book Fair, and the theme is Crack the Case! Click [here](#) to preview the book fair online. When students come to shop, online payment is preferred via Literati Gift Card. See more information below. We need parent volunteers for the book fair! Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Cash Free shopping option for this year's Literati Book Fair:

Purchasing Gift Cards:

1. Go to <https://efairs.literati.com>
2. Select the "GIFT CARDS" tab at the top of the page.
3. Choose a gift card amount. (For a custom amount, select "Choose Your Own Gift Card.")
4. If it's a gift to a teacher or another student, check "Send as Gift?" and enter your recipient's email, your name, and an optional message.
5. Click **Add to Cart**, then continue to checkout.

*Cashiers will have access to each student's gift card(s) and can apply funds directly from the register meaning that once you set up a Literati Gift Card online, students can shop without having to bring anything with them at all. All funds must be spent at the book fair and no reimbursements will be provided.

Storybook Night: Thursday, December 7

We're excited to continue the fun with our annual Storybook Night. Join us from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. as Shakerag teachers and staff perform their favorite mystery stories. Come early to shop at the book fair from 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.

A Message from the Shakerag Foundation

Spirit Night at Craft Burger on Medlock Bridge Road: Wednesday, November 29

Ready to catch up with friends after Thanksgiving Break? Join us on Wednesday, November 29 at Craft Burger (10900 Medlock Bridge Road) for Spirit Night! They offer hand crafted burgers, chicken sandwiches, vegetarian burgers, salads and a great kids' menu. Craft Burger will generously donate proceeds from all-day sales (11:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.) so both lunch and dinner count. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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, December 13 at 8:00 a.m.

FCS News:

GA CCRPI Parent Survey:

Your opinion matters! Tell us about your experiences with the district and your school by filling out the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) **Georgia Parent Survey** required by the Georgia Department of Education. This survey provides a foundation for our school's Climate Star rating score and is part of the CCRPI. These climate scores are an important indicator of culture and climate within each school in the district. Each school will receive a 1–5-star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement. The surveys are anonymous and confidential and will remain open through **Friday, December 15**. To access the CCRPI survey, click [here](#).

Georgia Student Health Survey

The Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) requires all public schools to participate in their Georgia Student Health Survey. To see the GA DOE informational website [click here](#). The survey has two parts: one for parents and one for students in grades 3 - 12. Each school must have a 75% participation rate on the student portion of the survey. Schools failing to meet the 75% student participation rate will score 0.00 points on the school's CCRPI survey calculation under the survey portion of the School Climate Star Rating. **At Shakerag, students in grades 3-5 will participate in this survey the week of November 27.**

This GA DOE developed survey asks questions that are covered by the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). For more information about PPRA, [click here](#). PPRA requires that schools provide parents/guardians with advanced notice of student participation, the option to preview the student survey, and the ability for parents/guardians to opt their students out of any surveys that include PPRA protected areas. If you would like to opt your student out of participation in this survey, please email our assistant principal, **Samantha Weaver**, **prior to Friday, November 17**, requesting that your student not participate in the Georgia Health Survey.

For links to preview the student surveys, click below:

Georgia Student Health Survey- Elementary (grades 3-5)

English: [click here](#) Spanish: [click here](#)

Parent/Family Online Early Literacy Learning Experience

As a reminder, Fulton County Schools is providing self-paced and interactive parent/family learning to support early literacy development at home through a series of engaging online experiences. We hope you and your student enjoyed working on the first Parent Unit, Oral Language, together. Our second Parent Unit, which was released last week, has been developed to focus on vocabulary.

Literacy:

Unit 1: Oral Language

Unit 2: Vocabulary

Unit 3: Reading with your child

Writing:

Unit 4: Early Writing Development (PK - K)

Unit 5: Beginning Writing Development (1st - 2nd)

Unit 6: Transitional Writing Development (2nd - 3rd)

Unit 7: Advanced Writing Development (4th / 5th grade and above)

Multiple languages will be provided as well as additional supportive resources. The units and resources can be found on the [district website](#) and are also linked at the bottom of all elementary school websites. Parents will have the opportunity to earn a certificate for completing each unit.

Family Matters Celebration: November 29

Hello FCS Families! Get ready for the ultimate blast this November because it's National Family Engagement Month, and we're gearing up for our second annual "Family Matters" extravaganza – just for YOU!

Here's What's Cooking:

- It's In the Bag! A Family Cooking Adventure
- Star lab
- Chinese Brush Painting
- Vision Board Workshop
- Microsoft Translation Workshop
- HBCU Dance Boot Camp
- Battle of the Drones

Expect fantastic vendors, mind-blowing entertainment, and fabulous giveaways. Did we mention family fun? You can't miss it! Two nights of learning fun and over 25 sessions. To see session descriptions please visit our website.

www.fultonschools.org/FamilyEngagementMonth

Feldwood Elementary School | Nov 29 | 4:30-8:00 p.m.**

Registration is a must to secure your spot in this epic celebration as spaces are limited! Please RSVP now and find out more at www.fultonschools.org/FamilyEngagementMonth . Register by November 1 to guarantee your family's place at the event of the year and get set for unforgettable memories – see you there!

Have a wonderful break! Please be safe!

