

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary

Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.

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Shark Tales:



It was so wonderful to welcome back our face-to-face students this week. We were thrilled to see and hear their excitement to be in the building. We want to thank each of you for helping to keep all of our students and staff safe by having your child(ren) remain at home if they are experiencing any symptoms. **Should your child come in direct contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, have a pending COVID-19 test, or receive a positive COVID-19 result, please follow the guidance below from the Fulton County Board of Health (FCBOH) and Fulton County Schools.** A new feature has been added that will allow families to select their preferred language. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

The Fulton County Board of Health and Fulton County Schools have developed an on-line portal for FCS parents/guardians to report student COVID-19 related cases. The portal has been updated to include Spanish, Korean, and Chinese language options. FCS parent/guardians will find a dropdown at the top right for translations. Please make a report to the FCBOH when your student is **COVID-19 positive, has a pending COVID-19 test result, or has been in direct contact with a COVID-19 positive person.** Also, please use this resource for official reporting rather than alerting the school and/or teacher. If you must engage the school/teacher, please do so after you have made an official report to the FCBOH. Lastly, to ensure the protection of our school community, please **do not** allow your child to attend school or school-sponsored events when he/she is ill and/or has any of the above COVID-19 concerns. **Please click [here](#) for more details and consider posting this document in a visible location, i.e. the refrigerator, for easy access.**

www.fultonschools.org/ReportCOVID

Fulton County's District Spelling Bee

Good luck to Jeetu S. in Ms. Hessler's 5th grade class, as he participates in Fulton County's District Spelling Bee tomorrow, Saturday, January 23 at North Springs High School! We're proud of you!

Fulton Full-Time Online School

Beginning January 25, parents and students interested in a full-time online school option for School Year 2021-2022 and beyond may apply via the FCS website. During the December Board Work Session, [Dr. Gyimah Whitaker, Deputy Chief Academic Officer](#) presented information about the school, including the origination of the concept and need. Now, more details are available for potential students to review via the [Full-Time Online Schools' information page](#), including a timeline and key milestones, proposed course offerings, examples of a "Day-in-the-Life" for students grades 3 through high school, and how to apply. The application portal will open at 12 a.m. EST on January 25, and close at midnight, February 5. The link to the application [can be found here](#).

K-2 ELA Textbook Adoption

The public review period for the K-2 Textbook Adoption ends today, January 22. Teachers, parents, and stakeholders can review the following resources and provide feedback: (1) Benchmark Workshop (Benchmark), (2) Into Reading (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), and (3) Wonders (McGraw Hill). Digital resources are posted [here](#). Stakeholders can review displays with print and digital resources at the Administration building, the NLC, or the SLC.

A Message from PTO:

5th Annual Through My Eyes Contest

The Shakerag PTO is proud to sponsor our 5th annual Through My Eyes Contest as a virtual event. This year's theme is "My Hope for 2021...". Students are encouraged to participate in the following categories: photography, visual art, dance choreography, film production, music composition, or creative writing. The entry form and rules can be found on the [Shakerag PTO website](#) or by clicking [here](#). **Deadline for submission is Monday, January 25, 2021.** Winners of the school level will go on to the cluster level to compete with entries from Wilson Creek ES and Medlock Bridge ES. Contact Mugdha Cerejo at mcerejo@gmail.com with any questions.

It's Not Too Late to Order Your Yearbook!

It's not too late, but you better hurry, they yearbook order deadline is rapidly approaching! Order your 2022 Shakerag Elementary yearbook by [February 28th](#) to guarantee that your student will have a yearbook in May. Don't delay, order today at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

HELP!!!! We need your pictures!

This yearbook is going to be a special one, but we need your help! We would love for families to submit pictures from home by clicking here: <https://images.jostens.com/415465617>. Thank you for helping us create a memorable yearbook!

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

We invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). 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, February 24 at 8:00 a.m.** via Microsoft TEAMS.

FCS News:

Fulton County Schools COVID-19 Information Site

The FCS COVID-19 site provides updates regarding resources, cases, positive trend rates, and pediatric reports. For the latest information on COVID-19 in Fulton County, please click [here](#) to access the site.

In the Community:

Tutor Shop

The Tutor Shop Afterschool Program has begun, and they are still accepting student applications. The program is offered on the Shakerag campus from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Please click [here](#) for additional details and registration information.

Kid Chess



Chess makes you smart, we make it fun! You'll love our reimagines online clubs. *Thrill of Victory:* Get in on the excitement of competition with ratings, leagues, standings and more. *Online Advantage:* Improve through computer evaluation and training with our coaches. *100% Safe:* Hosted on our state-of-the-art playground. *Tremendous Flexibility:* Your preferred time and day of the week. Join today at kidchess.com or contact us at 770-575-5802 or info@kidchess.com. For more information, click [here](#).

FineArtsMatter

FineArtsMatter is ready to give your child the very best in virtual learning this year. Their [KidzKeys](#), [Guitar Club](#), [Beat Makers](#), and [Let's Dance](#) classes are open for registration now at their online partner website [here](#). New classes also include Chess Club, Cooking, Art Classes, Spanish, Filmmaking, Drama, and Coding! Click [here](#) for more information.

We hope you all have an AMAZING weekend!

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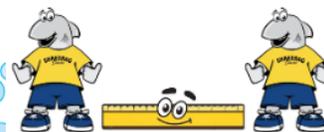
Wear Your Mask...



Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

