

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary

Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.

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NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12: Fulton County Professional Development Day

Shark Tales:

Fulton Full-Time Online School: Registration closes tonight at MIDNIGHT!

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 opened at 12 a.m. EST on January 25, and will **close at midnight tonight, February 5**. The link to the application [can be found here](#). For additional details, please [click here](#) for the latest list of Frequently Asked Questions.



Thank You PTO!

We want to send a huge thank you to our PTO for spoiling us again with lunch today. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Happy Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week!

Instead of waiting for National Teacher Appreciation week in May, it is a tradition at Shakerag to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week the second week of February. As the proud principal of Shakerag, I want to give a huge shout out to our teachers and staff. They have worked so hard, and just as we all have, they have learned so much to ensure learning continues during this pandemic. Please join me in reaching out to our amazing staff and sending them a quick note of appreciation and continued encouragement throughout the week of February 8-12.

Valentine's Day is Coming Soon!

Sunday, February 14 is Valentine's Day. It is a long-standing tradition to exchange cards and sweets with the ones you love. As this day approaches, we have been faced with yet another challenge during these difficult times. After much debate, we have decided to forgo the traditional exchange of Valentine's Day cards, and instead have replaced it with an entire week of celebrating friendships in connection with Random Acts of Kindness Day on **Wednesday, February 17**.

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. In support of including both our face-to-face and remote learners, we felt that a Friendship Week would be a great way for us to celebrate everyone. Please see below, or click [here](#), for the activities for each day the week of February 15- February 19.

- **Monday, 2/15** – NO SCHOOL: While at home, share kind compliments with your family members!
- **Tuesday, 2/16** – Powered by Friendship: Friendships are powerful! Dress as a super hero!
- **Wednesday, 2/17** – Random Acts of Kindness Day: Share your kindness, and wear red or pink to show your love!
- **Thursday, 2/18** – Say Aloha to a New Friend: Wear something tropical or your favorite bright colors!
- **Friday, 2/19** – Wild About Friendship: Wear your favorite animal print pattern, or dress as your favorite animal!

New District-Wide Attendance Policy

At the January 21 FCS Board meeting, a new, district-wide attendance policy was approved. Please click [here](#) to review the latest updates and policy changes. Should you have any questions, please reach out to our Data Clerk, Ms. Sydney Johnson at johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org.

P.E. Update

Due to personal reasons, Coach Akins will no longer be teaching at Shakerag Elementary. We are working closely with the Fulton County Health & Physical Education Department to fill this sudden vacancy. As we work to find the best fit for Shakerag, we are collaborating with other PE teachers in the area to ensure our students continue to learn healthy habits and keep moving!

Middle School Placement: Attention Parents of ALL Rising 6th Grade Students

It's hard to believe it is already time for our 5th graders to select which courses they will be taking in 6th grade at River Trail Middle School (RTMS)! RTMS is asking parents to make their selection for Reading/World Language and Connections. The descriptions of the courses and the link to the electronic registration form can be found by clicking [here](#). **All Rising 6th Grade Course Selections are due by Friday, February 12, 2021**. If the form is not completed for your student(s), they will be placed in Reading and General Connections. If you have any questions, or if your child will not be attending River Trail in the fall, please reach out to Sydney Johnson at johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org. **If your child is in our TAG program, the TAG teachers will be reaching out to you directly regarding middle school TAG courses.**

SGC Elections

It is time for the election of new members to our School Governance Council. The School Governance Council has both parent/guardian and teacher positions open for election. Parents or guardians of students who will be attending our school during **both** the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years are eligible to run for the parent/guardian SGC positions.

Our School Governance Council (SGC) plays a critical role in the success of our school. The SGC works with school leadership and the community to help determine the long-term direction of the school, design innovative solutions to increase academic achievement, and serve as school ambassadors to the local community. Specifically, the School Governance Council:

- Creates, approves, and monitors the implementation of the school strategic plan
- Manages the Request for Flexibility process
- Approves the annual budget recommendations and related allocations
- Participates in the hiring of the principal, in the case of a vacancy
- Provides annual feedback to the Area Superintendent on principal performance

If you are interested in running for a position on the School Governance Council, please complete and submit a Parent/Guardian Candidate Declaration Form by clicking [here](#). **Forms will be available Wednesday, February 3rd through Friday, February 26th. Voting for new SGC members will occur March 17 – 24, 2021.** For more information about our charter system or SGC elections, please click [here](#).

A Message from PTO:

It's Not Too Late to Order Your Yearbook!

It's not too late, but you better hurry, the yearbook order deadline is rapidly approaching! Order your 2021 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.

Fulton County Board of Health COVID-19 Reporting Site

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

We hope you all have a FANTASTIC weekend!

Remember to...

Wear Your Mask...



Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

