

# Shark Bytes

**Shakerag Elementary**

*Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.*

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**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15: President's Day**

## Shark Tales:



### 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, 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, and 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 superhero!
- **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](mailto:johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org).

## 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.

### SGC Elections – WE NEED YOU!

It is time for the election of new members to our School Governance Council. The School Governance Council has **TWO** elected parent/guardian and **ONE** elected 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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:

### 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!

### 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](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com).

## FCS News:

### Fulton County Technology Competition

Student registration for the Fulton County Schools Technology Fair is NOW open until February 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a 100% virtual competition. All 3rd -12th grade Fulton County students are invited to enter a student created Technology Project that aligns with a variety of categories including animation, digital photo production, mobile apps, robotics, video production and more! All the details can be found by clicking on this link for the [FCS Technology Fair Website](#). Please contact Mrs. Alison Francis with questions at [francis@fultonschools.org](mailto:francis@fultonschools.org).

### 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](http://www.fultonschools.org/ReportCOVID)

We hope you all have a FANTASTIC weekend!

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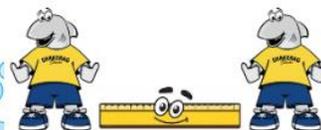
Wear Your Mask...



Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

