

# Shark Bytes

## Shakerag Elementary

*Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.*

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## Shark Tales:

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Commitments – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins on Tuesday, March 16

It is so hard to believe the final quarter of the school year is almost here. It is time for families to make a commitment for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. All students will remain in their current learning model (Remote or Face-to-Face) **UNLESS** a parent makes a request directly to the school to make a change for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. **If you would like for your child to remain in their current learning model, no further action is needed.**

#### Current Remote Learners:

If your child is currently Remote and you would like for them to begin attending school Face-to-Face on **Tuesday, March 16**, please [click here](#) to complete a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter change request.

#### Current Face-to-Face Learners:

If your child is currently attending school Face-to-Face and you would like for them to switch to Remote learning on **Tuesday, March 16**, please [click here](#) to complete a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter change request.

**All 4<sup>th</sup> quarter change requests MUST be submitted on or before Wednesday, March 10.** After Wednesday, March 10, the district Learning Environment Hardship request process will go back into effect.

## Welcome to the Shakerag Family Coach Smith

Please join me in welcoming Coach Jarrett Smith to the Shakerag family! Coach Smith has taught in Fulton County for many years and joins us from Woodland Elementary School. He will officially call Shakerag home on Monday, March 1.

## Read Across America Week

Read Across America Week is **Monday, March 1 through Friday, March 5**. During this week, we will be promoting a love of reading with fun dress-up days. See below for the daily dress-up themes, or click [here](#) for more information.

- Monday - Fox in Socks: wear silly socks!
- Tuesday - The Cat in the Hat: wear your favorite hat or dress in red and white!
- Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday: wacky hair and/or mismatched clothes!
- Thursday - Green Eggs and Ham: wear green!
- Friday - I Am NOT Going to Get Up Today: wear your pajamas! (be sure to have appropriate shoes)

## FCS Kindergarten Round Up

Fulton County will host a Kindergarten Round Up for all parents whose child will be attending Kindergarten in the 2021-2022 school year. The event will be held on **March 4 at 12:00 PM** via Microsoft TEAMS. [Click here to join the event](#). The event will allow parents to meet Fulton County staff, review the registration and enrollment process, review the required documents needed, discuss health and safety, and provide free learning resources. You can also register for drawings and giveaways! Click [here](#) for more information.

## Spring Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

Spring Registration will be held on **March 31-April 1** for NEW students (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) who will be joining us at Shakerag in August. Registration will be conducted all **online**. 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](#).

Registration for the Pre-K Lottery is **March 1-March 19**. Registration is conducted through the district and the information can be found [here](#). If a parent misses the March 19 deadline, they will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. The lottery will be held on **April 1 at 3:30 PM**. It will be recorded and posted on our website. For more information on the lottery process at Shakerag, please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

## Student Agenda Cover Contest

We need help from our students to design the 2021-2022 student agenda cover. Face-to-Face students who are interested in submitting a design should return their artwork and entry form to the front desk by **Thursday, March 11**. Virtual students may email their entry, along with the entry form, to PTO contact: Alex Reece at [alex.reece@gmail.com](mailto:alex.reece@gmail.com). All entries will be submitted to a PTO committee who will pick the top six covers. Students will then have their chance to vote on their favorite design. Use the Shakerag Sharks' school wide expectations... "Leadership, Kindness and Respect" in your masterpiece. We will NOT be able to use any cover that mentions the 7-Habits due to copyright. Good luck to all! The PTO is excited to see your artwork! Please click [here](#) for a link to the entry form.

## SGC Elections – TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DECLARE YOUR CANDIDACY - WE NEED YOU!

Our 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. We really need your help and support to ensure we have a full council!

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 Few Messages for our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

### Last Call for All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirt Orders!

The deadline to order your one-of-a-kind, 5<sup>th</sup> grade T-Shirt has been extended to **Friday, March 5 at 9:00 PM**. For additional details, please refer to the weekly newsletter from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team that is sent out by your child's teacher.

### River Trail Music Recruitment Message for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

The fabulous music department at River Trail Middle School wish to send a welcome message to our out-going 5th grade class. While we were not able to host our visitation concert for 5th Grade this year, the Band, Orchestra, and Choral departments have each prepared special video messages to show the exciting opportunities their programs offer. Even if students have already turned in their intent forms for next year, we encourage them to check out these videos. These groups will still be available to join and build musical skills and memories that will last a lifetime!

#### [River Trail Band](#)

#### [River Trail Orchestra](#)

#### **River Trail Chorus**

Please check out our weebly page [RTMSChorus.Weebly.com](http://RTMSChorus.Weebly.com) under "More" for photos and links in our "Sound Gallery"

Additionally, if students have any questions about any of these groups, they can post their questions on this live Padlet where the MS music directors and Miss Petty will answer their questions! <https://padlet.com/pettys/lrfs0fk41e4wl7s1>

#### **Toolbox, Inc.**

Fulton County Schools has partnered with Toolbox, Inc. to offer the Young Apprentice Construction Club (YACC). YACC is a virtual program that is offered FREE to 10 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at each Fulton County elementary school. For more details on this unique experience, please click [here](#).

## A Message from PTO:

### Through My Eyes Art Contest

The results of the 2020-2021 Through My Eyes Art Contest are in! This year's theme was "My Hope for 2021..." And the winners are....

**Visual Art:** Daniel C., Ishayu D., Pearl G., Alainna H., Prisha K., Emma M., Aashi S., Maahi S., Jae Ryin Y.

**Creative Writing:** Kovid C., Melina H., Sahana M., Jae Ryin Y.

**Dance:** Zoya M., Sruthi R.

**Film:** Avishka G.

**Photography:** Kovid C., Adelene H., Alainna H., Vedha T., Jae Ryin Y., David Z.

**Music Composition:** Eva D., Adalene H., Alainna H., Sruthi R.

The Johns Creek cluster level competition has been cancelled due to multiple schools not participating. On behalf of the Shakerag PTO Academic Enrichment team, we would like to congratulate the winners of this virtual contest!

### 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).

## 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 **Thursday, March 11 at 8:00 AM** via Microsoft TEAMS.

## A Message from the Foundation:

The Foundation at Shakerag Elementary School is currently in need of a **President and Secretary** for the 2021-2022 school year. The foundation is a separate 501 (c) 3 organization formed to benefit the school through fundraising activities and community engagement. The community outreach collection of school supplies and coats for Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary School, spirit nights, teacher appreciation gift cards, business partnership program, and employee matching contributions are just a few of this year's activities. These positions are a limited time commitment with a big impact to the school. We would love to welcome you to the foundation as our President or Secretary. The Foundation at Shakerag Elementary School is also looking to expand its members. We currently have a 7-person organization. As a member at large, you would participate in meetings, approximately once a month, and volunteer if needed for any upcoming fundraiser activities hosted by the foundation. Please contact Karen James at [jamesk@fultonschools.org](mailto:jamesk@fultonschools.org) for more information.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 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).

### Math Tournament Opportunity for Students in Grades 4 and 5

Northview's Mu Alpha Theta club (Math Honors Society) would like to invite our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to their second annual **North Fulton Elementary School Math Tournament!** The purpose of this tournament is to encourage students' interest in mathematics at a young age, so they will be more eager to join advanced classes in middle school and Mu Alpha Theta / Math Team in high school. This creates a creative, competitive math environment for students, and they hope the participating students will leave the competition with a heightened appreciation for math.

The tournament is completely virtual and free of cost this year! The tournament date is set for Saturday, March 13, 2021. More information can be found at <https://northviewhsmat.wixsite.com/nofutourn>. Students will register and compete individually. The link to register is: <https://forms.gle/oxJC3hcAY3y68eRm9>.

### 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)

## 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 PM Monday – Friday. Please click [here](#) for additional details and registration information.

**We hope you all have an AMAZING weekend!**