

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary

Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.

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NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, MARCH 12: Teacher Workday
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MARCH 15: Professional Development Day

Shark Tales:

4th Quarter Commitments – Deadline is Wednesday, March 10!

4th 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 4th 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 4th 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 4th 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 4th quarter change request.

All 4th 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. All requests will have to be made directly to our Zone Superintendent.

K-2 Textbook Adoption

Our district is in the final phases of adopting a new textbook series for Reading and Language Arts for Kindergarten through 2nd grade. The textbook options have been narrowed to two resources: *Benchmark Workshop* and *Wonders*. There will be an extended public review of the materials at each school. Parents and teachers are invited to review the two resources and complete the electronic survey located on the district website. Materials for the two textbook series will be set up in the front entryway of Shakerag Elementary for public review beginning next week through March 26. The selection of the textbook resource will be recommended to the FCS school board in April, with a final decision made in May. For additional details, please [click here](#).

Spring Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

Spring Registration will be held on **March 31-April 1** for NEW students (Kindergarten through 5th 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. 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.

Student Devices Grades 2-5

As a reminder, student devices are the property of Fulton County Schools. By accepting a student device, you have agreed to the Device User Acceptance Terms. Students agree to take care of their device, keep food and beverages away from it, use it in ways that are appropriate, and understand that nothing done or kept on the device is private. Please click [here](#) to see the full version of the Device User Acceptance Form and help your child understand that the device is school property and things such as stickers should not be placed on the device. Devices should be treated like they treat books borrowed from the media center. Fines for lost/stolen and or damaged devices are included in the User Agreement.

A Few Messages for our 5th Grade Students:

Last Call for All 5th Grade T-Shirt Orders!

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

River Trail Music Recruitment Message for Rising 6th 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 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 5th grade students at each Fulton County elementary school. For more details on this unique experience, please click [here](#).

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. Please [Click here to join the meeting](#).

Are you interested in joining the SGC? The district has extended the declaration for candidates to **Wednesday, March 10 at 5:00 PM**. **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](#).**

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 for more information.

FCS News:

Sesquicentennial Anniversary – Celebrating the Journey

Fulton County Schools is celebrating its **Sesquicentennial Anniversary** this year. Created in February 1871, our district is now **150 years old** and the Teaching Museums and the Communications Department are partnering to create awareness of this milestone. During a year-long campaign, we will unveil 12 videos in a series called "Celebrating the Journey," the first of which was debuted at the February 9 school board work session. Each episode will chronicle Fulton County Schools over the past 150 years. You can view the [first episode](#) here, as well as visit the [special Sesquicentennial section](#) that has been added to the Teaching Museum's website. On this page you can access information on the Sesquicentennial as well as special videos and other educational pieces.

Math Tournament Opportunity for Students in Grades 4 and 5

Northview's Mu Alpha Theta club (Math Honors Society) would like to invite our 4th and 5th 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 the 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://northviewhsmao.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

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!

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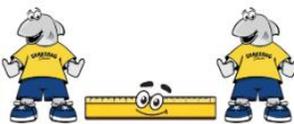
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Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

