

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary

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March 22, 23, & 24: Universal Remote Learning Days (See more details below)

Shark Tales:



Universal Remote Learning Days

All FCS elementary schools will be in Universal Remote Learning on Monday, March 22 – Wednesday, March 24 in order to support the district's efforts to provide vaccination opportunities for all school personnel. Teachers will be posting additional details in their weekly overviews. We look forward to "seeing" everyone on TEAMS Monday morning.

UPDATE: Originally, ALL students were going to be in Universal Remote Learning the week following Spring Break. At last night's board meeting, the district revised the plan to match the vaccine appointments for school personnel. Students will now be in Universal Remote Learning for Monday, April 12-Wednesday, April 14. We look forward to seeing students back in the building for face-to-face learning on Thursday, April 15. You can [Click here](#) for more information.

In-Progress Report Cards

Student In-Progress Report Cards are now available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's Quarter 3 In-Progress Report, please click [here](#).

The In-Progress Report is a snapshot of the student's grades at this time in the semester. The grades will continue to average until the completion of the semester, at which time students will receive their final report card. The In-Progress Report will look very similar to the standard report card. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

Last Day to Register for the Pre-K Lottery!

Registration for the Pre-K Lottery **ends today, March 19!** Registration is conducted through the district and the information can be found [here](#). If you miss today's deadline, you 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](#).

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](#).

Meal Kits for Face-to-Face Students (April 5-9)

To ensure children have access to essential nutrition over Spring Break, April 5-9, Fulton County School Nutrition is providing FREE Meals to students at your school. Your student's meal kit will contain 10 meals, 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches, to be enjoyed on the days that students are out of school. These meals are FREE for all face-to-face students. Meals will be distributed through our Bus Lane on **Thursday, April 1 from 8:30- 9:30AM**. Order forms were sent home with students in today's "Friday" Folders. Please complete the form and return it to your child's teacher no later than **Friday, March 26**.

Save the Date: Spring Picture Day

Shakerag's Spring Picture Day is coming up on Thursday, April 1. Just like the fall, we are thrilled to be able to offer school pictures to all of our Sharks, both face-to-face and remote! To order your school pictures, click [here](#) and enter the Picture Day ID: **EVT7DGNNS**. Please be sure to submit your order on or before **Thursday, April 1!**

Attention All Remote Learners:

Remote students are invited to come to Shakerag to have their pictures taken between 8:00-10:00 AM on Thursday, April 1. Please click [here](#) to indicate your intent to participate in Spring Picture Day if your child is a remote learner.

LAST DAY: GA Milestones Participation Survey for Students in Grades 3-5

This is the last chance for all families with students in grades 3-5 to complete the Georgia Milestones spring testing participation survey. If you haven't done so already, please click [here](#) to complete a survey for each of your children in grades 3-5 (you will need your child's student ID number). You will have the opportunity to indicate whether your child will or will not participate in Georgia Milestones this year! If you have already completed the survey, no further action is needed.

The survey will close today, Friday, March 19. Our goal is for ALL families to respond to the survey, including those

learning face-to-face and those learning remotely. If you have any questions, please reach out to our testing coordinator, Ms. Margaret Mathas, at mathasm@fultonschools.org.

We have frequently been asked the following question: If my child does not take Georgia Milestones, will there be any impact on my child's grades, placement, and/or ability to be promoted to the next grade level?

Answer: Georgia Milestones is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards. We are offering, and highly encourage, this testing opportunity for all students, however, there are no repercussions or consequences if your child does not participate. If you refuse testing, it will have no impact on end-of-year grades or next year, as it relates to promotion and retention.

Please see below for the district assessment schedule for face-to-face testing during the normal school day:

April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
	Grades 3-5 ELA Section 1	Grades 3-5 ELA Section 2	Grades 3-5 ELA Section 3	
May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7
	Grades 3-5 Math Section 1	Grades 3-5 Math Section 2	Grade 5 Science	

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 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](#).

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, April 15 at 8:00 AM** via Microsoft TEAMS.

A Message from the Foundation:

The Foundation at Shakerag Elementary School is currently in need of a **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. This position is a limited time commitment with a big impact to the school. We would love to welcome you to the foundation as our 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:

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:

Thank you, Klein and Klein Group for your Platinum Level Business Partnership!

Looking to sell your home and take advantage of this seller's market? Or looking to buy your dream home? Klein & Klein is ready to help! Klein & Klein is a Father-Daughter real estate team focusing in the North Atlanta area. Enrique & Jay spent 15+ years living in Johns Creek and know how special of a place it is. Fun fact, Jay was a Shakerag Shark!

Klein and Klein Group would be honored to serve you and your real estate needs. Next time you are thinking about buying or selling a home, think Klein & Klein Group. Because what's better than one Klein? Two Kleins. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Y Campus Connection- The YMCA

The Y will be holding **Y Campus Connection** (YCC) on the days that Fulton County Schools will be remote (March 22, 23, 24 and the week of April 12th). YCC will run from 7:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on those days and will serve participants in grades K-6. Spaces are limited, and all participants must be registered to attend. Registration is currently open online. ([Click Here](#))

Calling all Shakerag Youth Swimmers!!!

Join the Shakerag Sharks for our 28th season as part of the Atlanta Swim Association. All Shakerag Elementary students are eligible to join the team. Practice begins the week of May 17th with the season wrapping up at the end of June. The team accepts swimmers of all levels. The season consists of 5 meets against other subdivisions within the Johns Creek community and all of the team practices are held at the Shakerag HOA Pool. To learn more about how to register for the team, see the meet and practice schedule, and meet this years coaching staff, please visit the official team website at www.shakeragswimteam.com You can also reach the team via email at shakeragswimteam@gmail.com with any questions regarding the team. GO SHARKS!!!

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 AWESOME weekend!

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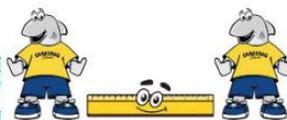
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Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

