

# Shark Bytes

**Shakerag Elementary**

*Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.*

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## Shark Tales:



### Update Your Calendar...Universal Remote Learning Days

All FCS schools will be participating in Universal Remote Learning on **Monday, April 12 – Wednesday, April 14** in order to support the district's efforts to provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of vaccinations for all school personnel. Teachers will be posting additional details in their weekly overviews following Spring Break. We look forward to "seeing" everyone on TEAMS April 12-14. You can [Click here](#) for more information.

### Pre-K Lottery Drawing

Registration for the Pre-K lottery has closed. The lottery will be recorded on **April 1** and posted to our website around **3:30 PM**. For more information on the lottery process at Shakerag, please visit our website by clicking [here](#). If you missed the deadline to register, please contact Sydney Johnson, school data clerk, at [johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org](mailto:johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org) to be placed on the waiting list. You will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list after the lottery in the order that your communication was received.

### Spring Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

Spring Registration will be held **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 **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 last week with students. If you did not have a chance to complete the order form by today's deadline, please complete it and return it to your child's teacher no later than **Monday, March 29**.

### Spring Picture Day

Shakerag's Spring Picture Day is next **Thursday, April 1**. Similar to 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!**

### 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. If you haven't done so already, please click [here](#) to indicate your intent to participate in Spring Picture Day if your child is a remote learner. When you arrive at Shakerag, we ask that you pull-up in the bus lane (by the cafeteria). All cars should form one line, and families should remain in their vehicles. Shakerag staff members will be outside to direct students into the building to have their pictures taken. All students coming to have their picture taken **must** have their masks on prior to exiting their vehicles. Upon arrival, a staff member will take your child's temperature and direct them to the stage in the cafeteria, where our photographers will be located. Once your child has had their picture taken, they will be able to promptly exit the building and return to your car!

## A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

### PTO Volunteers

Your Shakerag PTO needs **YOU!** The PTO is currently recruiting volunteers for the 2021-2022 board and we sure would hate for you to miss out on the ability to serve your awesome school, community and our amazing teachers and kids! We have needs of varying levels from Financial Secretary to many event Chair positions. A list of open positions with brief descriptions can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/shakeragpto>. Whatever your interest level may be, we are confident we can find the perfect fit for you. Please email us at [shakeragpto@gmail.com](mailto:shakeragpto@gmail.com) with your interest and/or any

questions you may have, and we will be happy to discuss it with you. We look forward to hearing from you and having you be a part of the Shakerag PTO fun!

## A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

### School Governance Council (SGC) Elections

Please click [here](#) for an important announcement from some of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and Sharky!

The voting ballots for next year's council are now available through **Wednesday, March 31**. A special thank you to **Nicky Dallin, Jonathan Duvall, and Tania Lopez-Harvey** for declaring their candidacy for our SGC parent elections. Please click [here](#) to learn more about each candidate.

Each parent should have received a link to a unique ballot connected to their email address in Infinite Campus. Please do the following to vote:

1. Look for an email with the Subject Line: SGC Election – Your Vote Matters
2. Open the email to access the ballot
3. Click on the "Take the Survey" link to enter your unique ballot
4. Parents will select their candidate(s) based on the number of open positions on the council
5. Once you "Submit the Ballot", your vote is final

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](mailto:jamesk@fultonschools.org) for more information.

## FCS News:

### FCS Federal Programs Input Meeting

The Federal Programs Department is holding a district Federal Programs Input Meeting. They are requesting parent, community, and staff input into how they spend federal grant funds (Title I, II, III, IV, and IDEA) and feedback on the District Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The meeting dates are March 31 at 9:00 AM (Join here [https://bit.ly/District\\_Input\\_1](https://bit.ly/District_Input_1)) and April 1 at 1:00 PM (join here [https://bit.ly/District\\_Input\\_2](https://bit.ly/District_Input_2)). The meetings are scheduled to take place on Microsoft Teams. **Your input is essential, and they value your feedback.** For more information, click [here](#).

### 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:

### Y Campus Connection- The YMCA

The Y will be holding **Y Campus Connection** (YCC) on the days that Fulton County Schools will be remote (April 12-14). 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](#))

### Camp Invention

The fun, hands-on STEM activities at this year's Camp Invention program, Recharge, are just what children need this summer. Camp Invention at Home- Johns Creek will be hosting this wonderful program online during the week of June 7-11 for students entering grades K-6. For more information, click [here](#).

### Northview Jr. Titans Cheer Program

Open enrollment for the Northview Jr. Titans Cheerleaders is here! All 4th-8th grade youth who live in the Northview High School district are welcome to enroll. No experience necessary! For more information and to enroll for our upcoming season, please visit their website at <http://www.jrtitanscheer.com/> or click [here](#).

### Calling all Shakerag Youth Swimmers!!!

Join the Shakerag Sharks for their 28<sup>th</sup> season as part of the Atlanta Swim Association. All Shakerag Elementary students are eligible to join the team. Practices begin the week of May 17 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](http://www.shakeragswimteam.com). You can also reach the team via email at [shakeragswimteam@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Enrollment for next year has begun! Purchase any package before April 30 to receive \$100 off! For more information, click [here](#).

**We hope you all have a FANTASTIC weekend!**

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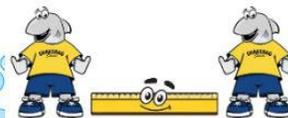
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Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



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