

# Shark Bytes

**Shakerag Elementary**  
Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.  
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## Shark Tales:

### Enrollment Intent for the 2021-2022 School Year

As we begin to plan for the 2021-2022 school year, having an accurate student count is very important. We are asking parents to help us now in order to ensure we know who will be in our building next year. If your child will **NOT** be returning to Shakerag next school year, please contact Sydney Johnson at [johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org](mailto:johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org) for information regarding the withdrawal process. If you have a child that will be **NEW** to Shakerag next year, please visit our website by clicking [here](#) to register your child. Spring registration began on March 31. We are asking parents to register sooner rather than later! Thank you for your help as we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year.

### Pre-K Lottery Drawing Results

The Lottery for the 2021-2022 Pre-K Class has concluded. Results can be found 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 in the order that your communication is received.

### Student Placement Support Request for the 2021-2022 School Year

If you feel your child has a specific need that we should be aware of when considering class placements for the 2021-2022 school year, please carefully read and review the Student Placement Support Request Form by clicking [here](#). If needed, please submit the form on or before **3:00 PM on Monday, May 3**. The form will no longer be available after **May 3**.


### Thank You PTO!

We want to send a huge thank you to our PTO for spoiling us again with lunch today. A special thank you to Ms. Cleary and Ms. Gadne for organizing these great events for us. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### Important Georgia Milestones Updates for Students in Grades 3-5

Georgia Milestones is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering state-adopted content standards. We are excited that so many of our students will be participating in this testing opportunity, as it will give us the valuable information we need to drive instructional planning decisions and student support moving forward! **If your child is a remote learner and participating in Georgia Milestones testing, please click [here](#) for additional guidance.** Remote and face-to-face students who will not be participating in Georgia Milestones testing will be provided asynchronous activities that they will be required to complete each day during the testing sessions.

Students participating in Georgia Milestones can review and familiarize themselves with the test format by clicking [here](#) to use the Experience Online Testing Georgia platform. We also invite you to explore the resources below:

- [EOG Study/Resource Guides](#)
-  [Georgia Milestones End of Grade \(EOG\) Parent Informational Video](#)

For your reference, please see below for our assessment schedule:

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	

If you have any questions regarding our Georgia Milestones administration this spring, please feel free to reach out to our Testing Coordinator, Margaret Mathas, at [mathasm@fultonschools.org](mailto:mathasm@fultonschools.org).

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families: Save the Date!

We are excited to announce the date for this year's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade "Drive-Thru" Ceremony. Our "Drive-Thru" Ceremony last year was a lot of fun! More details will be coming as we get closer to the date.

**When: Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

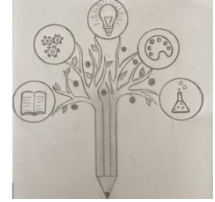
5:30-6:00 PM – Ms. Hall's Class

6:00-7:00 PM – Ms. Burnett and Ms. Hessler's Classes

7:00-8:00 PM – Mr. King and Ms. Mack's Classes

## Congratulations to our Shakerag Sharks!

CONGRATULATIONS to Aashi S. in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade for winning the Fulton County TAG Department's T-Shirt Design Contest! Her creative design will appear on t-shirts that will be given to all FCS Elementary and Middle School TAG teachers! We had many amazing entries from Shakerag that we proudly passed on to the county judges. Designs were evaluated on creativity, originality, and overall interpretation of the theme #DiscoverFultonTAG. Ms. Carrier, Ms. Sawyer, and Ms. Weisberg can't wait to wear these shirts proudly next year to celebrate Aashi and the Fulton County TAG Department! Aashi's winning design is included on the right!



We would also like to CONGRATULATE Faith K. in Ms. St John's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. Her artwork was the winning piece in the PTO Agenda Cover Contest. Look for her beautiful artwork when you receive your agendas next year.

## A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

### Save the Date: General PTO Meeting on April 26 at 6:30 PM

Please join us for our next General PTO Meeting on Monday, April 26 at 6:30 PM. Principal Lemerond will be providing a State of the School update. The PTO will also present the 2021-2022 PTO Executive Board. PTO members in attendance will be asked to cast their vote to approve next year's Board. We hope you will join us by clicking the following link to join via Microsoft Teams. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### 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):

Thank you for voting in our recent SGC elections. A special thank you to all of our candidates for their dedication and commitment to our school. The Shakerag SGC would like to welcome Rashi Manaktala as our newest teacher representative and Nicky Dallin and Tania Lopez-Harvey as our parent representatives.

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, May 13 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:

### 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 **Please continue to make reports over Spring Break!**

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:

### 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 Football Program

Northview Jr Titans Football program is planning a 2021 Speed & Agility Clinic. This event is free and open to any youth in the community. It's 3 days of fun drills to improve young athletes' speed and agility. We are planning to host this event **May 11th – May 13th from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** at Northview High School's stadium. This is a great way to get prepared for any summer sports. To register for the event and for information about playing football visit [northviewjrtitansfootball.com](http://northviewjrtitansfootball.com). Registration is open for K-5 Flag Football with the Johns Creek Hawks! Practice starts this summer for the fall season. Click the link to join the fun [jchawks.org](http://jchawks.org)

### 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!!!

### The Y Afterschool Programs for the 2021-2022 School Year

Y afterschool programs provide a safe, nurturing environment where children are inspired to achieve their full potential. Their programs offer creative and engaging ways for kids, grades Pre-K to 5th, to stay active and connected during afterschool hours. We know safety is top-of-mind for parents now more than ever. You can rest assured knowing that child safety is the Y's first priority. For more information about Y Afterschool and Registration, please [click here](#) to go to their website or [click here](#) for the program flyer.

### 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!**

### Remember to...

Wear Your Mask...



Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

