

Shark Bytes



Shakerag Elementary
Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.
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Shark Tales:

2021-2022 School Year

At the April 22 FCS Board Meeting, it was announced that all students would be returning to face-to-face instruction in August. There are some virtual options available for students in grades 3-12. Please [click here](#) for additional details regarding virtual learning opportunities for the 2021-2022 school year.

FCS Mask Update

As Fulton County continues to move forward with caution under the guidance and direction of the CDC and the Fulton County Board of Health, at the elementary level, effective Monday, May 17, masks will be highly recommended, but not required for students and staff when **outside**. All other safety protocols will remain in effect for the duration of the school year. Teachers and staff will no longer be enforcing the wearing of masks while outside beginning May 17. Please make sure your child knows and understands your desires as a family. If you would like for them to continue to wear a mask while outside, please review this family expectation with them. Please [click here](#) for additional information.

Increased Carpool Traffic and Safety Reminders

Over the course of the next two weeks, we will be welcoming back several of our 3rd – 5th grade remote learners in the morning for the Georgia Milestones assessment. Please plan to leave early as we anticipate increased traffic each morning of testing. The remote learners who will be joining us for testing are welcome to ride the bus TO school as well. Parents of our remote learners will be required to pick students up at the end of each testing session. Please see below for additional testing reminders.

Please help us keep everyone safe by following these important carpool reminders:

- While we prefer for students to be in their classrooms when the bell rings at 7:40 a.m., students are marked tardy if they are not in the building when the bell rings.
- Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:10 a.m.
- All parents must remain in the carpool line.
- Drive slowly, be attentive, and refrain from using your cell phone while driving through the carpool lane.
- Please do not pass other vehicles.
- Children are only permitted to exit from car doors on the right passenger side. If needed, staff monitors will assist your child from the car. Parents need to stay inside their vehicles at all times.
- To prevent accidents, please **do not double-park** and always park in a marked **parking spot**.

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 p.m. 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](#)

Georgia Milestones Reminders for Students in Grades 3-5

Georgia Milestones is upon us! Those 3rd – 5th grade students who are participating will begin testing next week on Tuesday, April 27. As previously shared, **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 are not participating in testing will be provided asynchronous activities that they will be required to complete each day during the testing sessions.

Throughout the testing window, please make sure your child is present and arrives no later than 7:40 a.m. each day! We encourage all students participating in Georgia Milestones to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast each morning. It is imperative that all students bring their FULLY CHARGED Fulton County device and charging cord to school. Aside from the FCS device, students **should not** bring any additional electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) into the classroom on testing days.

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	

We are so excited that our 3rd – 5th grade Sharks will have the opportunity to show us what they know and do their very best on the Georgia Milestones! We are so proud of all of their hard work this year! If you have any questions regarding Georgia Milestones, please feel free to reach out to our Testing Coordinator, Margaret Mathas, at mathasm@fultonschools.org.

Textbook Return for Remote Students

Science textbooks were checked out to all 3rd and 4th grade remote students. ESOL textbooks were checked out to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade ESOL students. If your child is a remote learner and they are coming to Shakerag to take the Georgia Milestones assessment, please have them bring their science and ESOL textbooks to school when they come for testing. For those that have opted out of Georgia Milestones, there will be a bin placed outside the front of the school April 26 – May 7 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for you to drop off your child's textbook(s). Please reach out to our Curriculum Support Teacher, Jill O'Neill, oneillj@fultonschools.org with any questions.

Thank You, Foundation!

We want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Widad Saad and our Foundation for the delicious staff lunch from Carrabba's on Tuesday! A special thank you to Carrabba's Italian Grill (420 Peachtree Parkway) for their generous donation.

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 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.

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**.

Café News

Last week the Shakerag cafeteria was inspected by the Fulton County Board of Health and for 7 years in a row, received a 100 on their inspection. Way to go, café staff!

Media Center

The last day for face-to-face students to check out books in the Media Center is Monday, May 1. Holds will be disabled in Destiny Discover on Friday, April 30. Fines for lost books must be paid for through our Online School Payments system ([Click Here](#)) prior to the last day of school. **Please have all books returned by Friday, May 7.**

Spring Pictures

Great news! Our Lifetouch pictures have arrived! If your child is a remote learner **AND** you joined us for Picture Day on April 1, please come to the school to pick-up your pictures between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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 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):

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 for more information.

FCS News:

DEA Drug Takeback Events

FCS is supporting the DEA Drug Takeback Event that allows household pharmaceutical drugs to be properly disposed of through a collection site. Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment. Join us in the DEA Drug Takeback Event on **Saturday, April 24 from 10 am – 2 pm**. For more information, [click here](#) or view their video [here](#).

Facility Plan Community Meetings

Fulton County Schools is hosting [four community engagements](#) in late April to share information on the Facility Plan under development and to collect feedback. Due to the pandemic and safety concerns, the meetings have a blended approach that allows employees, parents, and other key community groups to participate at their comfort level, either in-person or completely online. Meeting dates and times can be viewed on the Facility Plan website (www.fultonschools.org/facilityplan) as well as the State of School Facilities report presented at the School Board's March 9 work session and an overview video. A special Facility Plan survey will go live the week of April 26 to collect input on planning priorities and it will be shared at both the in-person and online meetings.

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:

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.

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

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 28th 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. You can also reach the team via email at 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 - 5, 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](#).

Kid Chess

Kid Chess is offering Online Summer Camps! Join one of their (free) open house sessions to see their platform and ask questions. They cannot wait to be back in person, but until then, students can enjoy the Kid Chess Online program! For more information, [click here](#).

We hope you all have an AMAZING weekend!

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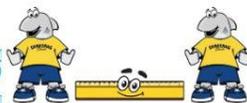
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Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

