

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Curriculum Night – Thank you!

We truly appreciate your support as we begin the new year. We hope you were able to join your child's teacher(s) for curriculum night this week. If you have questions or concerns about your child's classroom, please communicate them with your child's teacher by writing a note or sending an email. We look forward to a great year and appreciate your partnership!



Mark Your Calendars: No school on September 5 and Remote Learning Day on September 6

All staff and students will be off on **Monday, September 5** in observance of the Labor Day holiday. **Tuesday, September 6** will be a Remote Learning Day for all students. Students will participate in asynchronous learning at home on this day. Teachers will be sending lessons and activities home with the students on **Friday, September 2**. Please look over your child's assignments and email your teacher(s) with any questions. Teachers will be engaged in professional development sessions all day on Tuesday so they will have limited access to their email. They will do their best between sessions to periodically check for questions and/or concerns and try to respond as quickly as possible.

Teacher Assignments

The district is continuing to place surplus teachers and make allocation adjustments across the district. At this time, what we do know is our teacher allocations for PreK, and grades 1-5 are set. We are optimistic that we will be given an additional allocation in kindergarten. As soon as we have additional details on staffing, we will provide all of our kindergarten families with an update.

PALS and Media Center Volunteers Needed

Teachers need help getting handouts and worksheets copied for their classes. Volunteers can pick the day and time they volunteer! It is a flexible opportunity and great way to learn what is happening in school. A quick training for PALS and Media Center Volunteers will be offered this Wednesday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Archana at ramaswamy.archana@gmail.com to help.

Newcomers Coffee

If you are NEW to Shakerag... Welcome to the family! Please mark your calendar for our Newcomers Coffee on Wednesday, September 14, at 8:00 a.m. in the media center.

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

PTO Sponsorship

Our PTO has consistently provided our students with outstanding and fun activities/events over the years. Your financial support directly impacts the quality and quantity of academic programs, materials, and fun events like Treats for Teachers, Science Fun, Bingo Night, School Dance, Movie Night, Field Day, Holiday Party, End of Year Party, and many more that we can provide. A paid PTO membership helps support all events above and is one of the best ways to make a direct impact to support our students' activities. You don't need to organize an event or be a volunteer to be part of the PTO. Plus, your membership gives you access to the school directory. To find out more about the PTO, please visit PTO's website (click [here](#)) and view upcoming events. Every membership makes a huge difference!

Shakerag Spirit Wear

NEW!!! We are taking pre-orders until Monday, August 29th on two NEW hoodie designs so now is the time to get the design and items you want! We have also replenished our t-shirt inventory and if you didn't grab one at Sneak Peek, this is your chance! Please place your order online at <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Grant at kkb500@yahoo.com.

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council Meeting

We invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or via our school website (click [here](#)) under the 'ABOUT' drop-down menu. 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, September 8, at 8:00 a.m.

FCS News:

Student Success Skills

All FCS parents/guardians will continue to have access to all Student Success Skill lessons that are in the FCS RethinkEd lesson database. Directions for establishing an account and accessing all Student Success Skills lessons and home discussion guides in RethinkEd can be found by clicking [here](#). Students in grades 3-5 will be taking a pre-survey during the screening window of August 29 – September 9. As a school, we will use this information to guide our lessons and classroom conversations as we support our children in becoming socially and emotionally aware and confident. Please contact Michelle Paras, School Counselor, at ParasM@fultonschools.org with additional questions.

COVID-19 Procedures and Protocols:

As directed by the district, we will be following the protocols listed below as we start the school year. Please note that these are subject to change at any time.

- Masks are **optional** at this time. Masks are recommended for all employees and students, but not required, including on FCS school buses. Teachers and staff will no longer be enforcing the wearing of masks. 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, please review this family expectation with them.
- Parents are required to report student positive cases through the [Parent Portal](#).
- Quarantine rules will follow CDC, state, and County Board of Health guidelines.
- Public health officials strongly encourage individuals directly exposed to COVID-19 to get tested after 3-5 days of exposure.
- Mask wearing is recommended following an exposure for 10 days but is not required.

Café News - Birthday Treats

Class birthday treats may be purchased for students to enjoy during lunch. Parents need to contact the cafeteria manager Santanav@fultonschools.org and the classroom teacher at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the celebration. If there are multiple children with the same birthday, only one birthday treat will be served on that day. **No outside food, goody bags, or class gifts are permitted for distribution to students.**

Have a wonderful weekend!