

Shark Bytes



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NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!

REMOTE LEARNING DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – FCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Shark Tales:

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 today in their Friday folders. 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.



Afterschool Enrichments start next week!

If your child is signed up for any of our afterschool enrichments starting next week, please send in a dismissal note the day the enrichment starts and the day it ends. Please [click here](#) to access our Change of Dismissal form.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Judy Lozada De Castillo

We would like to welcome Ms. Castillo to Shakerag. Ms Castillo will be taking over the front desk for Ms. James who has transferred part-time to Northview HS. Should you need to reach the front office, you may email her at castillov@fultonschools.org or by phone at 470-254-3880.

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. Please contact Archana at ramaswamy.archana@gmail.com to help.

Fall Picture Day

Fall Picture Day is Friday, September 16. Lifetouch will be taking our individual portraits for the yearbook. These pictures will be available for purchase at mylifetouch.com. Order forms were also sent home today in your child's Friday folder.

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.

Spotlight On Special Areas:

What's Happening in Art with Mr. Avery this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

What's Happening in Music with Ms. Petty and Mr. Denney this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

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!

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.

Summer Learning Parent Survey

Fulton County Schools (FCS) district leaders are committed to hearing about parents' experiences with Summer Learning 2022. In keeping with this commitment, we are now offering a Summer Learning Survey to gather the insights about your children's learning experiences this summer why you may or may not have chosen for your child to attend Summer Learning.

This survey is for ALL parents of invited students, whether or not your child attended summer school.

The FCS Summer Learning Survey will be available to parents from August 22nd through September 9th. You can access it through the QR code below or on the FCS website.

Please note that you do not need to take this survey if you already completed a survey in July about your children's Summer Learning experiences OR if your child was not invited to participate in Summer Learning 2022.

https://fultonschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6SClyUXiN4jN4DY

Additional Survey Information:

FCS has contracted Gibson Consulting Group (Gibson) to evaluate Summer Learning during 2022. As part of this evaluation, FCS and Gibson have created a survey for parents of ALL students who were invited to attend Summer Learning. We want to know about your experiences with Summer Learning, why you may or may not have chosen for your child to attend Summer Learning, and your overall satisfaction with the Summer Learning process.

Information gathered from these surveys will be kept confidential and presented to the district as an aggregate. All anonymized results shared with FCS will be used to guide decision making about future implementation of Summer Learning programs.

Please contact Dr. Stacia L. Long, Research Associate at Gibson (support@gibsonconsult.com), with any questions you may have about the survey.

We look forward to learning from your experiences and survey responses!

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 LONG weekend!
Thank you for an amazing start to the school year!
Be SAFE!