

Shark Bytes



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Staff and Student Holiday - School Closed Monday, October 10
Professional Development Day - No School for Students Tuesday, October 11
Teacher Workday - No School for Students Wednesday, October 12

Shark Tales:

NWEA MAP Assessment for Grades 2 and 4

Students in grades 2 and 4 took the MAP Growth Assessment in math this week and will take reading the next two weeks (October 13-21). The MAP is a computer adaptive assessment that measures each student's individual learning level. MAP Growth measures what students know and what they don't know, regardless of their grade level. This helps teachers adjust their instruction for each student.

Treats for Teachers

Thank you Fouzia Gadne, Margot Kelner, and the fabulous PTO for once again preparing a delicious lunch for our teachers and staff today! We greatly appreciate our PTO for taking such good care of us!

Flu Season and COVID Update

Flu viruses are common each year, usually between the months of October and May. Georgia continues to see a rise in flu cases. The signs and symptoms of flu include coughing, sore throat, chills, runny nose, diarrhea, vomiting and generally not feeling well. If you feel that your child is exhibiting these symptoms, please contact your physician and follow his/her instructions. Should your child be diagnosed with an upper respiratory infection or flu, please contact the school clinic so we can follow up with you and track student illnesses. The following are everyday actions you can take to stay healthy:

- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also have vomiting or diarrhea.
- **Wash hands often with soap and water**, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners/hand sanitizers are also effective when soap and water are not available.
- **Teach your children not to share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- **Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours** after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs or as recommended by a health care provider. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected. **Recovering students may need to stay home for a longer period of time as directed by a healthcare provider.**
- **Get vaccinated against the flu.** Influenza vaccination is the best defense against the flu.

Should your child be diagnosed with **COVID-19**, we are continuing to follow the district guidance below:

- 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.

FCS Technology Fair – Registration Open!

Registration for the 20th Annual Fulton County Student Technology Competition is officially open! This is going to be our best year yet! Click [here](#) for the promotional flyer. Below is information on registration:

- All students interested in participating in the FCS Student Technology Competition need to complete the [initial registration form and copyright form](#). They will need to submit both forms in-person to Mrs. Francis in the media center.
- Only 1 project per category per grade level band is eligible to move forward.
- The list of categories for the competition is located [here](#).
- Update for this school year: Students may compete in the programming challenge AND another category since they are no longer on the same date.

All forms are due to Mrs. Francis by **Tuesday, November 8**.

Science Olympiad 2022-2023: 3rd – 5th Grade Students

Are you interested in joining a team of young scientist and engineers? If so, Science Olympiad would be perfect for you! [Elementary Science Olympiad](#) takes advantage of the natural curiosity of each child and allows for in-depth hands-on learning opportunities in STEM. If you think your child will be interested, click [here](#) to complete an interest form. This form is intended to check the interest of the students in the school. If there is enough interest, students who have completed the form will be notified of their next step to becoming a part of our Science Olympiad team. For more information about Science Olympiad, please click [here](#).

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:

BINGO NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE!

The **SHAKERAG PTO** is excited to announce their biggest fall fundraising event of the year! Mark your calendar for this in-person Shakerag family event taking place on **October 28 (2 sessions 5:30-7:00 PM & 7:30-9:00 PM)**. We are bringing back all the elements you love about Bingo Night such as silent auction, raffle baskets, and many opportunities to score some AMAZING PRIZES!

Without your support, this event cannot be successful. Please help us continue to make this year's fall fundraiser as successful as it has been in the past by donating to our raffle items. The money raised from our fall fundraisers are used to support school programs and events. Help the PTO continue to support educational endeavors for our students and connect Shakerag families through your participation. Please donate by clicking here: www.shakeragpto.org → **CLICK STORE** → **"SHAKERAG BINGO NIGHT DONATION"**. **We will be accepting donations until October 14.** You can also visit www.shakeragpto.org for more information about this event.

Also, if you have any prize-worthy items/services that can be offered as silent auction or raffle prize items (e.g. game tickets, vacation home rentals, iPad, gift cards etc.), or if you are interested in volunteering to help on Bingo Night, please email ejkim81@hotmail.com. Stay tuned for more details on how to participate in Shakerag's Bingo Night! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PTO's Fall Fundraising Coordinator: Esther Ono ejkim81@hotmail.com or Krista Zimmerman kzimmerman73@gmail.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 Semester Action Plan as well as other relevant SGC information is posted to this site for your convenience. Our next SGC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, at 8:00 a.m. At this meeting we will be holding a 10-minute public comment session. If you are interested in speaking at our public comment, please email Rashi Manaktala at manaktalar@fultonschools.org. Public comment will be held at the end of the meeting.

FCS News:

Important District Reminder: Food on Campus

As we approach the upcoming holidays, Fulton County Schools would like for us to remind parents and families that candy, desserts, baked goods (store bought/homemade), or any other edible items **are not** to be sold or distributed at school or on the bus during school hours. Please discuss this expectation with your student(s). You can help us protect your student(s) by requesting that they not eat anything given to them by another person, anything that they have not brought from your home, or anything not in its original sealed package. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all of our students safe at school!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Fulton County Schools and The Office of Student Supports are excited to recognize October as National Bullying Prevention Month. On **Monday, October 17** all staff and students are encouraged to **WEAR ROYAL BLUE** and **#BeKind**. Please always remember to Be Kind, Stand Up for Others and S.H.A.R.E. See it. Hear it. And Report it Every Time.

In the Community:

STEM NIGHT WITH THE TECHNO TITANS

All students in grades 2-5 are invited to join the Northview Techno Titans Robotics team for a fun STEM activity. It is being held on Saturday, October 8 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at their workspace located at 10700 Abbots Bridge Road, Suite 120. There is no fee for this, but they do request people sign-up. Each child will build a catapult and learn the science behind it. They will have some friendly competitions at the end. Please sign-up by clicking [here](#) or visit their website at www.technotitans.org for more information.

**Have a wonderful LONG weekend!
BE SAFE!**