

Shark Bytes



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Shark Tales:

Vision Screening

Annual vision screenings for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will take place on Wednesday, October 26. All opt-outs were due TODAY. If you would like to opt-out, please return your letter to Dr. Davis no later than Monday, October 24. If you have any additional questions, please contact Emily Davis at davise@fultonschools.org.

Red Ribbon Week (October 24-28)

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. At Shakerag, we communicate to our students the importance of making mindful and healthy choices in their lives, about respecting yourself, and respecting others. The National theme for this week is: **Celebrate Life Drug Free.**

You can use the following topics as conversation starters at home.

- **Monday - Wear Wild Socks to Sock it to Drugs:** Wear your wildest socks today! You can talk about how dangerous it is to use drugs and the importance of being drug-free.
- **Tuesday - Your Future is BRIGHT:** Wear bright neon colors to show how bright your future is and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle as you learn and grow.
- **Wednesday - Team Day:** We are all wearing our favorite team jersey or attire because, at Shakerag, we are all part of a team. We are each responsible for making healthy choices for ourselves, but we can also provide encouragement and support to our teammates so that they, too, can make healthy choices. When we work together to make healthy choices, we show respect for ourselves AND others.
- **Thursday - Wear Red for Red Ribbon Week:** We will talk about wearing red to remind students and adults to respect themselves and others, regardless of their differences.
- **Friday - Spirit Wear Day:** Wear your Shakerag Spirit Wear! You can talk about how Shakerag Sharks make healthy choices for our bodies. It is important that we not only make good choices about our actions and behavior; we must also make good choices about what we do for our bodies (e.g., healthy choices about diet, exercise, sleep and what we put in our bodies). We only have one body, so we need to take good care of it.

A Message from the Shakerag Foundation

Spirit Night at Moe's

The Foundation at Shakerag invites all Shakerag families for our upcoming Spirit Night at Moe's Southwest Grill (11270 Medlock Bridge Rd, Johns Creek, GA) on Thursday, October 27. Moe's will graciously donate a percentage of sales to our school from Shakerag patrons between 5:00-8:00 PM! Once you pay for your order, just drop your receipt in the bucket near the register so that your purchase can count towards their contribution. Come support your school and have a meal out with your family and friends!

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

SHAKERAG BINGO NIGHT IS NEXT WEEK (October 28)!

There are so many amazing prizes you can win by participating in Bingo Night, raffle baskets, and the silent auction. This year's prizes include: \$100 Amazon gift card, police car ride to school, Fire tablets, \$100 cash, cool toys, and so much more! Help the PTO continue to support educational endeavors for our students and connect Shakerag families through your participation. Your participation is very important since this will be our only fundraiser of the year! Please visit www.shakeragpto.org to purchase Bingo Night and raffle basket tickets. We encourage you to purchase all your Bingo Night items online to ensure availability (raffle tickets, admission, pizza etc...) Kona Ice will be there too! Our silent auction will open at 9:00 a.m. on October 21 and run through 9:00 p.m. on October 28. To begin bidding, please visit: www.biddingowl.com/shakeragpto. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PTO's Fall Fundraising Coordinators: Esther Ono at ejkim81@gmail.com and Krista Zimmerman at kzimmerman73@gmail.com.

BINGO NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We Need You to Make Bingo Night A Success! There are many fun ways you can participate in Bingo Night as a volunteer - Tickets, Food distribution, Set-up, Clean-up, Spirit Wear sales, and more! Please Sign-up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4BACA82AAAF85-ptobingo>

Important 5th Grade Updates:

Fifth Grade T-Shirts - Pre-Order Now!

Pre-order this one-of-a-kind souvenir for your 5th grader! The shirt will feature the winning design that was selected by the 5th graders on the front and the names of all the 5th graders on the back. The students will wear these shirts to various special events throughout the year. Purchase online at: www.ShakeragPTO.org (STORE tab). Please place your online order by **October 28, 2022**, for delivery in November. **No late orders will be accepted.**

Fifth Grade Baby Picture Submissions

We are looking for every 5th grade student to have a baby picture to put in the 5th grade video montage, so your child has a special memento after they leave Shakerag. Please label the pictures with the student's full name and homeroom teacher (example: first.last.burnett.jpg). Submit your child's baby photo to shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com by **December 16, 2022**.

Also, the PTO is looking for any parents with video editing experience that can volunteer their skills and time to help with putting together the video montage. Please email shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com if interested.

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, November 10 at 8:00 a.m.

FCS News:

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**.

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!

Family Engagement Month – “Family Matters”

November is National Family Engagement month. Join us for "Family Matters," a celebration of FCS families and their role in the education and well-being of their students. There will be interactive workshops, hands-on activities, vendors, entertainment, giveaways, free food, and a few special guests! Students may attend one or all events at four locations from November 14 through November 17. Please RSVP by November 1. The following schools (with links to Eventbrite) are hosting events for the entire district:

- [Banneker High School](#) (November 14)
- [Riverwood High School](#) (November 15)
- [Elkins Pointe Middle School](#) (November 16)
- [Bear Creek Middle School](#) (November 17)

In the Community:

Coffee with Chris: A Conversation about Anxiety

Chris Shearer, Principal of Johns Creek High School, will be hosting a panel of guests that will be speaking about anxiety. All are welcome to join on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the JCHS Auditorium. Please click [here](#) for more information and a list of speakers.

Junior Titans Basketball

Attention parents of all basketball players, both boys and girls! The newly revitalized Jr. Titans Basketball Feeder Program is announcing:

- 1) **Open Gym Drop-Ins:** This Saturday, October 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Drop in anytime to play basketball with your friends, participate in some skills and drills, and meet some of our coaches!

- 2) **Jr. Titans 2022 Team Tryouts:** Tuesday Evening October 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Open to all boys grades 4th – 8th and girls grades 5th – 8th. ****IMPORTANT:** RSVP for the tryout at <https://forms.office.com/r/hXPtvYBrFA> to receive the specific Tuesday evening time for your child's tryout. Please RSVP by Friday, October 21, 5:00 p.m.

Both events will be held at the Johns Creek United Methodist Church Gymnasium (11180 Medlock Bridge Road, Duluth, GA 30097). If you have any questions, please call 678-794-3594.

Have a wonderful weekend!