

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

No Costumes at School on Monday, October 31 – Storybook Character Day is November 17

Halloween is this Monday, October 31. We hope that all of our students that celebrate have a fun and safe time with their friends and families. As a reminder, no costumes, masks, props, or inappropriate clothing are allowed during school hours, but don't put those costumes away just yet. We will be holding our schoolwide storybook character day on Thursday, November 17 in connection with our Book Fair and Storybook Night! Can't wait to see all of the "characters" then.

Think First & Stay Safe

Over the month of October, the Think First & Stay Safe™ lessons were delivered to students in grades K-5. These lessons are provided by Fulton County Schools and cover the topic of personal safety education. Think First & Stay Safe™ enables students to take an active and necessary role in protecting themselves from harassment, abduction, bullying, exploitation, and various forms of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional). Please take some time to talk with your children about staying safe and most importantly, discuss who their trusted adults are at school and at home. Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Paras, our school counselor, with any questions.

Lion King Kids Cast Announcement

Thank you so much to all students who auditioned to be a part of *Lion King Kids!* After viewing all the submitted auditions, the Theater Committee is proud to announce our 2022-2023 Musical Cast. You can view the cast list by visiting our [Shakerag Music Website!](#)

Mark Your Calendars: Remote Learning Day on November 8

Tuesday, November 8 is a statewide election day and 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 no later than **Monday, November 7**. 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.

Let Us Be Thankful Together Kindergarten Food Drive Coming Soon!!

Please help our Kindergarten students bring their learning to life. Kindergarten students will be comparing how we got food long ago with how we get food today. The Native Americans helped the Pilgrims long ago, and we are going to help our neighbors today through an organized food drive November 7-11. **More Details to Come Next Week!**



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:

SHAKERAG BINGO NIGHT IS TONIGHT!

Online ticket sales have closed but there will be tickets available at-the-door for purchase. Please keep in mind that we do have capacity limitations inside the cafeteria. There will be a limited number of tickets available for Session 1 (5:30pm-7pm) but Session 2 (7:30pm-9pm) has considerably more availability. If you plan to purchase at-the-door, you may be turned away if we have already hit capacity for each session. **Your best bet is Session 2.** ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (NO DROP-OFFS ALLOWED). EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED TO PURCHASE ENTRY.

The Shakerag Silent Auction is still up and running so be sure to check it out! There have been *NEW ITEMS* added and there are several fun activities available with our favorite Shakerag teachers and staff, too! **Bidding ends TONIGHT at 9PM.** To bid, 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 ekjim81@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! **We especially need additional volunteers for Session 2.** Please Sign-up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4BACA82AAAF85-ptobingo>. For questions about volunteering, please reach out to Krista Zimmerman at kzimmerman73@gmail.com.

Important 5th Grade Updates:

Fifth Grade T-Shirts - Pre-Sale Ends TODAY!

This is your only chance to purchase 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 **TODAY** 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)
- [Elkins Pointe Middle School](#) (November 16)
- [Riverwood High School](#) (November 15)
- [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.

Have a wonderful weekend!