

Shark Bytes

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**Daylight Savings Time: Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!
REMOTE LEARNING DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – FCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Shark Tales:

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 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.

BINGO Night

BINGO Night was a huge success!!!! It was so much fun seeing our families and staff last Friday night! We want to thank our wonderful PTO for all their hard work in preparing for this event. A special thank you to the chairs, Esther Ono and Krista Zimmerman!

We want to THANK our VETERANS!

From the entire Shakerag family... a special thank you to all the men and women who have served and those that continue to serve our great nation! We appreciate YOU! Happy Veterans Day!

In honor of these men and women, we encourage all students and staff to wear Red, White, and Blue on Friday, November 11.

MAP Assessment Results

Earlier last month, students in 2nd and 4th grades took the MAP Growth Assessment in reading and math. Student score reports are being sent home this week in Friday folders. This is a nationally normed assessment which means it compares your child with similar students nationally. You will see your student's achievement level but no growth scores as Fulton County only takes this assessment once per year. As a school and district, student growth is measured using iReady results for students in 2nd grade and the Georgia Milestones for students in 4th grade.

Please visit <https://nwea.org/familytoolkit> for more information about the MAP assessment, how it works, what it measures, and an FAQ.

Let Us Be Thankful Together: Kindergarten Food Drive

As shared last week, our kindergarten students would like to help their neighbors by hosting a food drive. Students can bring non-perishable foods, canned foods, and dry goods to Shakerag Elementary November 7-14. We look forward to helping our friends at North Fulton Community Charities Food Bank.



Book Character Dress-Up Day & Storybook Night - November 17

To celebrate the book fair, we're having Book Character Dress-Up Day on Thursday, November 17. We can't wait to see everyone's favorite characters! As a reminder, no costume masks, props, or inappropriate clothing are allowed. Children should be able to fully participate in the school day (recess, P.E., etc.)!

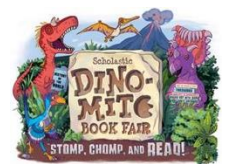
Storybook Night

As an additional way to celebrate the book fair, we are excited to present Storybook Night on Thursday, November 17. The book fair will be open for family shopping at 5:00 p.m. and Storybook Night will take place from 6:00-7:00 p.m. During this event, Shakerag teachers and staff will be presenting storybook performances in various locations of the school. Families can choose which performances to attend. We're excited for a fun family event to celebrate reading.

Scholastic Book Fair!

This book fair is almost here! It will take place in the media center Monday, November 14 – Friday November 18. Students will visit the book fair during that week with their class.

Be sure to set up an **eWallet** for the easiest shopping experience for your students. **eWallets** are a cash-free payment method, and can be set up on our bookfair website: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/shakerag>. Once funds are added to a student's **eWallet** account, we can apply purchases directly to that account from the book fair cash register.



Volunteers are also needed to help at the book fair. Volunteers can sign up [here](#).

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

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**.

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)

Have a wonderful weekend!

