

Shark Bytes



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REMOTE LEARNING DAY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 – STATEWIDE ELECTION

Shark Tales:

Culver's Spirit Night

Thank you to Widad Saad and our wonderful Foundation for organizing our Spirit/Share Night Wednesday night. We also want to thank Culver's ([3135 Peachtree Pkwy, Suwanee, GA 30024](https://www.culvers.com/locations/3135-Peachtree-Pkwy-Suwanee-GA-30024)) for their partnership with our school.

Shakerag Holiday Giving Tree

The Shakerag PTO in coordination with our fifth grade Girl Scouts will be organizing the Shakerag Giving Tree. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at Shakerag from **December 5-12** for the Toyland Shop at North Fulton Community Charities. The greatest need is for boys and girls ages 9 to 11, but any donation is greatly appreciated. Every Shakerag Shark who donates will get to add their name to the Giving Tree.

Remote Learning Day on December 6

Tuesday, December 6 will become a Remote Learning Day in Fulton County Schools due to a statewide run-off election. The day originally was slated to be an in-person school day. Additional details regarding assignments and expectations for the day will be sent home today in your child's Friday folder.

The Winter Season is Upon Us!

At the start of the school year, you completed a form that informed us of how you wanted your child to go home, should school be canceled unexpectedly. Today we are sending home blue Inclement Weather Update Forms to ensure our records are still accurate as the colder season approaches. This allows us to know how students should be sent home should an early release be called **once the school day has already started**. If an early release is announced the day prior, students will be sent home their normal way unless a change of dismissal form is received. All children who were scheduled to stay for an afterschool program on an announced early release day should bring a change of dismissal note. Please refer to the Inclement Weather Update Form for more details. We ask that all forms be returned no later than December 9.

Stage Crew Sign-Ups Now Open!

The *Lion King* musical is now accepting sign-ups for 5th grade students interested in joining Backstage Crew. Any students interested in this role should review the rehearsal calendar by clicking [here](#) with their families and then may sign-up [via this online form](#). Sign-ups will close Friday, Dec 9th and a list of selected students will be released by Friday, Dec 16th.

Classroom Parties

It is hard to believe our winter class parties are right around the corner. We are so excited to be able to have these activities again. The room parent for each classroom will be working closely with classroom teachers on party plans and volunteer needs. Any parent that is scheduled to attend **MUST** complete the volunteer registration AT LEAST 48 hours prior to the scheduled party date. Please complete this important step NOW or it might not process in time. To complete the volunteer training, click [here](#). **Please don't wait until the last minute! If you are not cleared through the volunteer registration process when you sign-in to volunteer, you will not be able to participate.**

Donate Back to Shakerag While You Shop!

Publix and Amazon have partnered with Shakerag to donate a percentage back to the school on EVERY purchase you make! Here's how you can sign up:

PUBLIX:

1. Join **Club Publix**, if you're not already a member. It's free.
2. Log in to your Club Publix account. Select **My Publix Partner** in your profile to choose your school. (Scroll right in gray heading bar to find My Publix Partner, then click on My Publix Partner.)
3. Find/Search Shakerag Elementary School. **Select Shakerag.**
4. **Pay with the Publix app or enter your phone number EVERY TIME you checkout**, and Publix will donate a portion of your eligible purchase to our school.

AMAZON:

1. Shop on **smile.amazon.com** instead of Amazon.com. You will find the exact same low prices, large selection and convenient shopping as Amazon.com.
2. Use your same Amazon account.
3. On your first visit to **smile.amazon.com**, it will ask you to select an organization. **Select Shakerag PTO or Foundation at Shakerag Elementary School.** After selecting, the website will look and operate just like Amazon.com.

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

PTO General Meeting – Tuesday, December 6 @ 9:00 a.m.

We cordially invite all PTO members to join us via TEAMS on Tuesday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m. for a brief PTO General Meeting to provide the community with any PTO and budget updates. Please use the following link to join the meeting. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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.

Yearbook Needs Your Pictures!

We have had a few events and we need pictures of: **Sneak Peek, 1st Day of School, Hands on Shakerag, Red Ribbon Week, Bingo Night, and Storybook Night**. Please click [here](#) to submit your pictures. If you would like to order a yearbook, please click [here](#).

Artist Day- We need your help!

Shakerag's Annual Artist Day is returning for 2023 and we need your help! This year we are hoping to learn more about art and culture from our very own school family! To do this, we are looking for volunteers!

On March 31, we will be hosting an Artist and Culture Day at Shakerag. Students will have an opportunity to travel around the globe, and learn about various forms of art and culture, but we need your help to do that! Do you paint, dance, sing or play a musical instrument? Would you like to showcase some art or activity from your culture? If so, we'd love to have you coordinate an activity with like-minded artists and share your talent with our students! Please reach out to the Artist and Culture Day co-chair Crystal at crysgrim@yahoo.com if you're 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 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, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.

FCS News:

Inclusive Schools Week

The week of December 5-9, Fulton County Schools will be celebrating Inclusive Schools Week. The purpose of Inclusive Schools Week is to celebrate the diversity of our student population regardless of disability, gender, socioeconomic status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors. At Shakerag we will promote kindness all week. We ask that students and staff wear BLUE on Friday 12/9 to show UNITY for all. Feel free to share your Acts of Kindness on Twitter using #SEC_ISW22! Be sure to tag the SEC Department @FCS_SEC

Know When to Stay Home

Viral illnesses like the flu, RSV, Covid-19, and others are all going around! Please click [here](#) for more information from The Fulton County Board of Health on when to keep your child home.

In the Community:

K-12 English Language Arts Standards Review

The Georgia Department of Education has posted new K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) standards for a 30-day public comment period. If approved, the standards will be implemented in the 2024-2025 school year, following teacher training. [Click here](#) to review the draft standards and provide feedback by December 5.

Holly Jolly Block Party

The City of Johns Creek invites you and your family and friends to celebrate the holiday season as a community! The event will be held at the Johns Creek City Hall (11360 Lakefield Drive) on Saturday, 12/3, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

