

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary
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Shark Tales:

It's almost that time....

As the sun quickly sets on summer, hopefully you have had a chance to relax and enjoy time with friends and family! We hope you are just as excited as we are to start another amazing school year. Below you will find some key information that will help us get started.

Summer Office Hours and Registration:

- Our summer office hours will be Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. If you have a child that will be **NEW** to Shakerag this year, or meet a new neighbor this summer, please encourage them to visit our website by clicking [here](#) and register as soon as possible!
- **If you will NOT be returning for the 2023-2024 school year**, please make sure Courtney Gatlin Cleary, our data clerk, is aware. You can email her at GatlinClearC@fultonschools.org.



Sneak Peek

We can't wait to see all of our students at our annual Sneak Peek on **Thursday, August 3**. To assist with volume, students with last names A-L should attend from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and M-Z from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Teachers will be sending a welcome email by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2 to introduce themselves. Teachers will be in trainings all day Tuesday and Wednesday so please be patient as they won't be able to send their emails until their training is complete on Wednesday. Should you not be able to attend sneak peek, we ask that you please reply to the teacher and ensure they know how your child should be dismissed on the first day of school (i.e., car rider, bus #, daycare, etc.)

Attention ALL 2nd Grade Families

Fulton County Schools is requiring all families who are new to the district and/or those entering grades 2, 7 and 10 to submit two proofs of residency prior to the start of the school year. One of the approved utility items and one of the approved residency items must be provided. We ask that you please bring the original and a copy with you to sneak peek. We must see the original and then we will keep the copy to scan and upload to your child's permanent record. If proof of residency is not provided by the first day of school, your child will be placed on a provisional enrollment for 30 days. On the 31st day of enrollment, if proof of residency has still not been provided, your child will have to be withdrawn from school.

One Utility Items: Current water or electric monthly statement (Note: Gas bills are not accepted)

One Residency Items: Current mortgage bill/statement, Home sales contract, Current apartment/house lease, Section Eight/HUD housing document, Current HOA bill

Both documents must contain parent/guardian name and current address where the student resides.

First Day of School

- The first day of school is **Monday, August 7**. Our school hours are from 7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. Arrival begins at 7:10 a.m. Parents may begin lining up in the carpool lane; however, for supervision reasons, students should not enter the building prior to 7:10 a.m.
- We encourage you to get your children into their normal routines, i.e., arrival/dismissal, as quickly as possible by having them come to and leave school the way they normally would come and go. Dismissal tends to run a little slow the first few days of school as we are triple checking to make sure all of our students get home the correct way. Please help your child learn his/her dismissal routine by remembering their carpool number (you will get this number at Sneak Peek if you do not already have one) and/or bus number.
- We will not be accepting lunch visitors until after Labor Day so we can help the students get into their normal lunch routines. Please feel free to begin visiting for lunch during your child's regular lunch time the week of **September 4**.

Curriculum Nights – Mark your calendars!

At Shakerag, we believe that we are one big family working together to support the success of every child. A key to that success is open communication. We hope you will be able to join us for Curriculum Night as teachers will walk you through the class structure/schedule for their grade level and what you need to know to help your child be successful for the year. **This is a night for parents and teachers only! If you must bring your child, he/she will need to sit with you in the classroom for the duration of the evening.**

- **Tuesday, August 22 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Pre-K – 2nd Grade Curriculum Night**
- **Thursday, August 24 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – 3rd – 5th Grade Curriculum Night**

Following each curriculum night, we ask all families to join us in the cafeteria for a brief PTO meeting. We will share important updates for the school year.

FCS News:

Transportation

Click [here](#) for all of the important updates from the transportation department. Information will continue to be updated the closer we get to the start of the school year.

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- Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number.
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Cafeteria

The cafeteria will serve breakfast and lunch for those who wish to participate. Breakfast will be served from 7:10 - 7:40 a.m. All students are invited to **purchase** food at school, as it is a well-balanced meal.

- **Accounts:** Parents are highly encouraged to prepay online for breakfast and/or lunch purchases. Parents may also submit payment in an envelope with your child's legal first and last name and teacher name written on the front. The cost of a breakfast and/or lunch will be deducted from the student's account balance with each purchase. Extra purchases (e.g., cookies, ice cream) will not be deducted unless permission has been given on the Student Profile (see extras below).

Notices will be sent home to the parents when an account shows a negative balance. If you receive such notice, we ask that you pay the past due balance the following day and include additional funds for future purchases.

Charging on an account with a zero balance is discouraged and parents are asked to keep a pre-paid balance in the account so that it remains current. Students who forget their lunch money may request a charge to be placed on his/her account. Payment for that charge should be paid the following school day. Contact our cafeteria manager at 470-254-3887 with any questions regarding your account.

Breakfast		Lunch	
Elementary School Student	\$1.10	Elementary School Student	\$2.45
Middle School Student	\$1.25	Middle School Student	\$2.70
High School Student	\$1.25	High School Student	\$2.70
Reduced Price	\$0.30	Reduced Price	\$0.40
All Adults	\$2.75	All Adults	\$4.75
Milk	\$0.75	Milk	\$0.75

**Students may purchase extra milk for \$0.75.*

At Elementary and Middle Schools, the meal price includes up to 1 entrée, 1 fruit side, up to 2 vegetable sides, and 1 milk choice. (All students can decline food groups, as long as there is at least a ½ cup of fruit or vegetable plus 2 other food groups on the tray. For the same price, students may select 3, 4, or all 5 food groups for a complete meal!)

Extras: Parents can request that their child not be able to get extra sales. This will be noted on the student's account.

Free & Reduced Meal Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year: The Free & Reduced Meal Benefits Program is a part of the National Child Nutrition Program. This program makes Free or Reduced priced meals available to qualifying households. Qualifications are based on the gross income of all household members and the number of

persons living in the house. A **new** application must be completed every school year. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the Free and Reduced Application is approved. **Free & Reduced Meal Applications are available in the cafeteria and online beginning July 24, 2023. Visit www.fulton.schoollunchapp.com to begin the online application process.**

Fulton County receives funding from a variety of federal grants based on the number of children in the district that QUALIFY for Free or Reduced priced meals, regardless if they choose to participate in the meal program. Many federal grant awards are allocated nationally to public school districts based on Free and Reduced percentages such as Title-1, E-RATE, and The National Direct Teacher Loan Cancellation Program.

Menu: A monthly menu is available on our [website](#). The menu will list the items available to purchase for lunch each day.

First Day Fulton

Click [here](#) for more information.

First Day Fulton: Ready, Set, Go!

The First Day Fulton Back-to-School Pep Rally is a free back-to-school event for Fulton County Schools parents and students to attend on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take place at **Banneker High School** and **North Springs High School**.



First Day Fulton: Ready Set Go!

Join us for a Back-to-School Pep Rally

July 29, 2023

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Locations

Banneker High School
6015 Feldwood Road
College Park, GA 30349

North Springs High School
7447 Roswell Road
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!
We can't wait to see you soon!

Welcome Back!

