

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary
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Shark Tales:

We are excited to welcome back all of our new and returning Sharks on **August 7!** Please watch our website for current information as well as Shark Bytes, our school newsletter, which goes out every Friday afternoon. This newsletter will contain school-wide and district updates.

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 district 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.)



Parking is limited so please be patient and don't block anyone in and/or park in a fire lane!

Upon arrival, please visit our **cafeteria FIRST** to:

- Register as a car rider, if needed (If you already have a carpool number, please stop by and verify that number with the team.)
- Update cafeteria accounts (visit www.mypaymentsplus.com to sign up and prepay online for your child's account)
- Pick-up pre-purchased school supply kits (If you did not preorder your school supplies, please [click here](#) for our current school supply list.)

On your way to your child's classroom, please visit our **gym** to:

- Join our PTO
- Purchase Shakerag Spirit Wear
- Buy a 2023-2024 Shakerag Yearbook
- Explore some of our after-school programs and Business Partners

Save time and beat the lines at Sneak Peek by going to www.ShakeragPTO.org for additional information, to complete some of the items above, and sign-up online to volunteer.

Once you have completed all of the items listed above, please visit your child's classroom to meet his/her teacher.

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 and stop by the front desk to complete the verification process.** 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 Item: Current water or electric monthly statement (Note: Gas bills are not accepted)

One Residency Item: 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.**

Transportation:

We ALWAYS highly encourage families to use the bus as their primary way to get students to and from school. Parents should download the "**Here Comes the Bus**" app for the most up to date bus information. It is a free app that enables you to see the location of your child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. Click [here](#) for instructions on downloading the app. For additional details and updates, click [here](#) to visit the transportation department's website. Information will continue to be updated the closer we get to the start of the school year.

If your child is being dropped off in the carpool line, please be mindful of the traffic, and allow plenty of time. Carpool students that are not in the building when the bell rings at 7:40 will be counted as tardy. As a reminder, if your child is riding the bus in the morning, and the bus is late, he/she will never be counted tardy.

Georgia Milestones Results Released!

Georgia Milestones scores were published in the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) on Friday. Student scores should be accessible via your child's Infinite Campus portal. Please click [here](#) for the link with step by step instructions. We have so much to celebrate. We are so proud of our students.

Below is a high-level summary of the percent of students scoring Developing or above:

Grade	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science	
	State	Shakerag	State	Shakerag	State	Shakerag
3rd Grade	64.3%	90.5%	79.5%	94%	N/A	N/A
4th Grade	68.0%	95.9%	77.7%	99.2%	N/A	N/A
5th Grade	73.5%	96.4%	68.3%	94.6%	64.4%	90.2%

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.

A message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our first School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 9 at 8:00 a.m.** To read more about our School Governance Council, we invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website by clicking [here](#).

Welcome Back!

