

# Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary  
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## Shark Tales:

### First Day of School is August 7!

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.



- 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 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**.

### Teacher Assignments

As shared in your Sneak Peek packets, we are watching our enrollment very carefully, especially in kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Current teacher assignments are tentative pending the potential allocation of additional teachers and/or the reduction of teachers. We will continue to keep you updated as more information is shared with us throughout the district-wide enrollment count process. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this process each year and welcome all of our amazing new families.

### Bus Transportation:

We encourage all parents to download the "**Here Comes the Bus**" app. 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 bus stop information, please click [here](#) or you can visit their [webpage](#) for more information.

### Carpool

We are HIGHLY encouraging students to take the bus to and from school. We anticipate a huge increase in our volume of car riders. Please make sure you plan accordingly to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Students will be marked tardy if they are not in the building when the bell rings regardless of the volume of traffic.

- Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:10 a.m.
- We highly encourage all parents to remain in the carpool line. If there is ever a need to park, please walk your child to and from the building to ensure their safety. Children are not permitted to cross the parking lot without an adult accompanying them. In the mornings, to reduce congestion, no parking will be permitted in the parking lot at the front of the school.
- Drive slowly, be attentive, and refrain from using your cell phone while driving through the carpool lane.
- Please do not pass other vehicles.
- Children are only permitted to exit from car doors on the right passenger side. If needed, staff monitors will assist your child from the car. Parents need to stay inside their vehicles.
- To prevent accidents, please **do not double-park** and always park in a marked **parking spot**.
- Always display your carpool number from the rearview mirror or on the passenger side of your dashboard so it can easily be seen by our staff.
- Cars without carpool numbers will be directed to park and go to the front office.

### 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. – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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.

### **Thank You for Lunch!**

On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to thank Alicia Lopez, Megan Milovich, Kathy Preuss, and our gracious PTO board/volunteers for the wonderful luncheon they provided this week. It was a great welcome back treat after Sneak Peek. Thank you for helping us kick off the new year.

### **Attention ALL 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. If you did not have a chance to complete this process at sneak peek, please stop by the front desk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to show your **original documents** to our data clerk, Mrs. Gatlin Cleary. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gatlin Cleary at [GatlinCleary@fultonschools.org](mailto:GatlinCleary@fultonschools.org).

## **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](#).

**Have a great 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School!**

