

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Curriculum Night – Thank you!

We truly appreciate your support as we begin the new year. We hope you were able to join your child's teacher(s) for curriculum night this week. If you have questions or concerns about your child's classroom, please communicate them with your child's teacher by writing a note or sending an email. We look forward to a great year and appreciate your partnership!



Newcomers Coffee – Tuesday, August 29

We look forward to welcoming all of our new families to Shakerag next week! If you are NEW to Shakerag, please mark your calendar for our Newcomers Coffee on **Tuesday, August 29, at 8:00 a.m.**

Mark Your Calendars: No school September 4 - 6

All staff and students will be off on **Monday, September 4** in observance of the Labor Day holiday. **Tuesday, September 5** is a teacher workday and **Wednesday, September 6** is an FCS Professional Development Day for all teachers and staff.

2nd Grade Teacher Assignments

We are excited to share that we were allocated an additional teacher for 2nd Grade, but the district is still finalizing staffing placement for the county as a whole. As soon as we know if we will be receiving a teacher from another school, or hiring a new teacher, we will communicate our next steps. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this process each year.

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. 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 On the 31st day of enrollment, if proof of residency has still not been provided, your child will have to be withdrawn from school.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.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gatlin Cleary at Gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org.

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 **Wednesday, September 13, at 8:00 a.m.**

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

PTO Membership

Our PTO has consistently provided our students with outstanding and fun activities and events over the years. Your financial support directly impacts the quality and quantity of academic programs, materials and all the fun events our PTO provides. Please visit the PTO website to support our mission by purchasing the membership [HERE](#). Every membership makes a huge difference!

FCS News:

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool/kindergarten so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

7 ways you can help your child show up to school on time:

- Set your alarm each night to allow for plenty of time to get ready. Leave extra time for any unexpected delays.
- Prepare for the morning the night before. Lay out outfits, be sure backpacks are ready to go, and pre-pack lunches.
- Check the weather and plan accordingly.
- Help keep your child engaged with their school day by asking them what they did in school, what their favorite part of the day was, or what they learned.
- Avoid scheduling appointments for your child during school hours. Check the school calendar when planning family vacations to make sure they align with days off.
- Keep the television turned off on school mornings and avoid other distractions that can take away from your routine.
- Let the school administration know if you are having any issues getting your child to school and communicate all absences with the school.

Student Success Skills Pre-Survey

All FCS parents/guardians will continue to have access to all Student Success Skill lessons that are in the FCS ReThink Ed lesson database. Directions for establishing an account and accessing all Student Success Skills lessons and home discussion guides in ReThink Ed can be found by clicking [here](#). Students in grades 3-5 will be taking a pre-survey during the screening window of August 28 – September 1. As a school, we will use this information to guide our lessons and classroom conversations as we support our children in becoming socially and emotionally aware and confident. Please contact Michelle Paras, School Counselor, at ParasM@fultonschools.org with additional questions.

Pandemic Impact Survey

FCS continues to partner with the Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education (MAPLE) at Georgia State University to gain insight into the impacts of the pandemic. We wish to better understand students' experiences during and after the pandemic to better understand and meet our students' needs moving forward. Please complete this optional and anonymous survey by clicking this link: https://fultonschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3lpnaRG2USGTurs. The survey will close on **Wednesday, September 6th**.

Café News - Birthday Treats

Class birthday treats may be purchased for students to enjoy during lunch. Parents need to contact the cafeteria manager Santanav@fultonschools.org and the classroom teacher at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the celebration. If there are multiple children with the same birthday, only one birthday treat will be served on that day. **No outside food, goody bags, invitations, or class gifts are permitted for distribution to students.**

Have a great weekend!

