

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Report Cards

Student 9-week progress reports were sent home today in your child's Friday folder. They are also available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's Quarter 1 progress report, please click [here](#).

Picture Retakes – Thursday, October 26

Fall pictures went home last week. Fall picture retakes will be **Thursday, October 26**. If you were not happy with your child's fall picture, please send the original picture package and a note in with your child on Wednesday, October 25 so their teacher can have them get their picture retaken on Thursday. If your child was absent on our original picture day, or if they are new, we would like for your child to get their picture taken as well for the yearbook.

National School Bus Safety Week

National School Bus Safety Week is October 16-20 and Bus Driver Appreciation Day is celebrated on **Monday, October 16**. Please take some time to recognize your bus driver during this week. They work hard making sure every student arrives at school and gets home safely every day.

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. All SGC information is posted to this site for your convenience. Our next SGC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, at 8:00 a.m. At this meeting we will be holding a 10-minute public comment session. If you are interested in speaking at our public comment, please email Rashi Manaktala at manaktalar@fultonschools.org. Public comment will be held at the end of the meeting.

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

SHAKERAG BINGO NIGHT IS NEXT WEEK (October 20)!

Bingo Night Sales & the Silent Auction are now LIVE! There are so many amazing **PRIZES** you can win by participating in Bingo Night, the Raffle, and The Silent Auction (online). This year's prizes include: \$100 Amazon gift card, Razor Flashrider 360, Shakerag Swim Registration, Police Car Ride to School, Top Golf Swag Basket, Ring Doorbell, \$100 CASH, Cool Toys, and so much more! **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated a little extra that last few weeks to help us purchase some of these great prizes! Help the PTO continue to support educational endeavors for our students and connect Shakerag families through your participation. Your participation is very important since this will be our only major fundraiser of the year! We encourage you to **purchase all your Bingo Night items in advance**, online, to ensure availability (bingo cards, raffle tickets, food, etc.). *Online ticket sales will be cut off Wednesday, October 18 at midnight.* After October 18th, purchases can be made at the door *if tickets are not sold out for that session.* There will be 2 Sessions: 5:30-7:00 p.m. & 7:30-9:00 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult (this is not a drop-off event). Please go to www.ShakeragPTO.org to purchase all your Bingo Night items.

THE SILENT AUCTION is now LIVE and will be **open for bidding until 9:00 p.m. on October 20**. To begin bidding, please visit: new.biddingowl.com/shakeragpto

Raffle Winners will be pulled at the end of Session 2. You do not need to be present to win but **PLEASE put your FIRST and LAST NAME & PHONE NUMBER on the back of your Raffle Ticket** so we can contact you if you win.

BINGO NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We Need **YOU** to Make Bingo Night a Success! There are many fun ways you can participate in Bingo Night as a volunteer - Tickets, Food Distribution, Set-up, Clean-up and more! Please Sign-up to volunteer at: [Bingo Night Volunteers](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the PTO's Fall Fundraising Coordinators: Krista Zimmerman (kzimmerman73@gmail.com) and Megan Milovich (megan.milovich@yahoo.com).

A Message from the Shakerag Foundation:

Movie Night – Save the Date!

The Foundation will host a movie night at Shakerag Elementary on Friday, November 3! The event is free to attend, but we need to a headcount for popcorn and drinks. Please click [here](#) to RSVP for this event.



FCS News:

How do you talk to children about violence?

As details of the events around the globe unfold, there is a lot of media coverage and disturbing videos, pictures and sounds that could be very scary and disturbing for our children. The district provided us with the following resources in the past to share with parents that give some best practice guidance on how to discuss these types of violent acts with students/children. As much as we wish we didn't have to have these conversations, we hope you find this resource helpful. Please click [here](#) for the resources previously provided by the Office of Student Supports that give guidance for talking to children about violence.

Fulton County Schools Reaches Record Graduation Rate

The Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) released new data on Tuesday showing Fulton County Schools (FCS) with a 90.3 percent graduation rate, achieving the highest ever recorded graduation rate for the third year in a row. A total of 14 FCS high schools were over 90 percent, with three schools above 97 percent and six schools over 95 percent. We are so proud of all of the graduates!

Family Matters Celebration: November 15 and November 29

Hello FCS Families! Get ready for the ultimate blast this November because it's National Family Engagement Month, and we're gearing up for our second annual "Family Matters" extravaganza – just for YOU!

Here's What's Cooking:

- It's In the Bag! A Family Cooking Adventure
- Star lab
- Chinese Brush Painting
- Vision Board Workshop
- Microsoft Translation Workshop
- HBCU Dance Boot Camp
- Battle of the Drones

Expect fantastic vendors, mind-blowing entertainment, and fabulous giveaways. Did we mention family fun? You can't miss it! Two nights of learning fun and over 25 sessions. To see session descriptions please visit our website.

www.fultonschools.org/FamilyEngagementMonth

Heards Ferry Elementary School | Nov 15 | 4:30-8:00 p.m.** **Feldwood Elementary School** | Nov 29 | 4:30-8:00 p.m.**

Registration is a must to secure your spot in this epic celebration as spaces are limited! Please RSVP now and find out more at www.fultonschools.org/FamilyEngagementMonth . Register by November 1 to guarantee your family's place at the event of the year and get set for unforgettable memories – see you there!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Fulton County Schools and The Office of Student Supports are excited to recognize October as National Bullying Prevention Month. Please always remember to Be Kind, Stand Up for Others and S.H.A.R.E. See it. Hear it. And Report it Every Time.

In the Community:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at Wilson Creek Elementary School (6115 Wilson Road, Johns Creek, GA 30097). All are welcome to join.

Skelebration

On 10/26, Innovation Academy (125 Milton Avenue, Alpharetta) will be hosting a Halloween Community Event, Skelebration. The event is an elementary friendly Halloween night where all their clubs will be hosting tables and "haunted" hallways. There will also be a train for the kids to ride that will take them throughout the lower half of the building! This night is open to all elementary aged children, so we hope everyone can join. Please come in costume! Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please click [here](#).

Jr. Titans Feeder Basketball Tryouts

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Jr. Titans Feeder Basketball Tryouts for the upcoming season! It's that time of year again when we come together to discover and develop the young talent that will represent our program with pride.

Ages: Boys: Grades 4th – 8th Girls: Grades 5th – 8th

Tryout Dates: [October 19 Evening](#) [October 21 Morning](#) [October 22 Morning](#)

Pre-Registration is Required for Tryouts and there is a tryout fee of \$5 to cover gym costs.

Register by clicking [here](#) or scan the QR code below.



Specific tryout schedules by grade will be released the week of October 16, so stay tuned for detailed information regarding tryout times and locations.