

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:



### **Book Fair & Storybook Night – Next week!**

**Book Fair:** December 4 – December 8

This year, we're hosting a Literati Book Fair, and the theme is Crack the Case! Click [here](#) to preview the book fair online. When students come to shop, online payment is preferred via Literati Gift Card. See more information below. We need parent volunteers for the book fair! Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Cash Free shopping option for this year's Literati Book Fair:

#### **Purchasing Gift Cards:**

1. Go to <https://efairs.literati.com>
2. Select the "GIFT CARDS" tab at the top of the page.
3. Choose a gift card amount. (For a custom amount, select "Choose Your Own Gift Card.")
4. If it's a gift to a teacher or another student, check "Send as Gift?" and enter your recipient's email, your name, and an optional message.
5. Click **Add to Cart**, then continue to checkout.

\*Cashiers will have access to each student's gift card(s) and can apply funds directly from the register meaning that once you set up a Literati Gift Card online, students can shop without having to bring anything with them at all. **All funds must be spent at the book fair and no reimbursements will be provided.**

#### **Storybook Night: Thursday, December 7**

We're excited to continue the fun with our annual Storybook Night. Join us from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. as Shakerag teachers and staff perform their favorite mystery stories. Come early to shop at the book fair from 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.

As part of Storybook Night, Thursday, December 7 will be pajama day at school! We encourage kids to dress in their comfiest PJs and get ready to cozy up with a good book that evening at Storybook Night! Please be sure to wear school-appropriate shoes.

#### **Shakerag PTO's Annual Giving Tree**

Shakerag's Annual Giving Tree is happening now! Shakerag Elementary, in partnership with Cub Scouts of Johns Creek – Pack 1000, would like to invite you to donate to deserving North Fulton families this holiday season. You can help by bringing an unwrapped present for children of all ages to Shakerag's Giving Tree located in our atrium. All donations will be accepted until December 12. Please click on this link for gift ideas or to shop from home.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Y70R147POAAE?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Y70R147POAAE?ref=wl_share) Thank you for your kindness during this holiday season!

#### **The Winter Season has arrived!**

At the start of the school year, you completed a form that informed us of how you wanted your child to go home, should school be canceled unexpectedly. Today we are sending home blue Inclement Weather Update Forms to ensure our records are still accurate as the colder season approaches. This allows us to know how students should be sent home should an early release be called **once the school day has already started**. If an early release is announced the day prior, students will be sent home their normal way unless a change of dismissal form is received. All children who were scheduled to stay for an afterschool program on an announced early release day should bring a change of dismissal note. Please refer to the Inclement Weather Update Form for more details. We ask that all forms be returned no later than **December 8**.

#### **Musical Stage Crew Interest Sign-Ups**

Are you interested in joining the stage crew for *Finding Nemo Jr*? Application sign-ups are now open and will close December 8, 2023. Please ensure you check over the [rehearsal calendar](#) and stage crew requirements before signing up. Please Note: signing up DOES NOT guarantee you a role in the crew. If you would like to sign up, [you can do so here!](#)

#### **Clinic Needs**

The clinic is in need of new underwear for boys (all ages) and gently used clothing. Long sleeve shirts/sweatshirts ages 5-7 and pants ages 9-14 for the boys and girls leggings/pants ages 8-12 and long sleeve shirts/sweatshirts ages 5-12. All donations can be sent in with your child and dropped off at the clinic. We truly appreciate your support and donations.

#### **Craft Burger Spirit Night**

Thank you to Widad Saad and our wonderful Foundation for organizing our Spirit Night Wednesday night. We also want to thank Craft Burger (10900 Medlock Bridge Road) for their partnership with our school.

#### **Classroom Parties**

It is hard to believe our winter class parties are right around the corner. The room parent for each classroom will be working closely with classroom teachers on party plans and volunteer needs. Any parent that is scheduled to attend MUST complete the volunteer registration AT LEAST 48 hours prior to the scheduled party date. Please complete this important step NOW or it might

not be processed in time. To complete the volunteer training, click [here](#). **Please don't wait until the last minute! If you are not cleared through the volunteer registration process when you sign-in to volunteer, you will not be able to participate.**

## Spotlight On Special Areas:

### What's Happening in Art with Mr. Avery this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

### What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

### What's Happening in Music with Ms. Housholder (Petty) and Mr. Denney this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

### What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

## A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

### 8th Annual Through My Eyes Art Contest

Calling all budding artists.... The Shakerag PTO is proud to sponsor our 8th annual Through My Eyes Art Contest. This year's theme is "What Beauty Do You See?". The students from Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to participate in this interschool art contest. Students are encouraged to participate in the following categories: **Photography, Visual Art, Dance, Choreography, Film Production, Music Composition, or Creative Writing.**

The entry form and rules can be found on the entry form on the Shakerag PTO website or by clicking [here](#). The deadline for submission is **Friday, January 19, 2024**. The school-level winners will go to the cluster level and compete with entries from other participating schools such as Ocee ES, Wilson Creek ES, and Medlock Bridge ES.

All artwork should adhere to the rules specified in the entry form and will be judged on the basis of originality, interpretation of theme, creativity, and technique. For any queries or clarifications, contact Meghana B. at [meghanatme2023@gmail.com](mailto:meghanatme2023@gmail.com)

### Yearbook Needs Your Pictures!

Please submit your 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School, Hands on Shakerag, Bingo Night, Red Ribbon Week, Community Night and upcoming Holiday Class Party pictures to this [Link](#). Don't miss out on ordering your yearbook! Click [Shakerag Elementary School PTO DULUTH, GA | Jostens](#) to order now.

## 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, December 13 at 8:00 a.m.

## FCS News:

### GA CCRPI Parent Survey:

Your opinion matters! Tell us about your experiences with the district and your school by filling out the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) **Georgia Parent Survey** required by the Georgia Department of Education. This survey provides a foundation for our school's Climate Star rating score and is part of the CCRPI. These climate scores are an important indicator of culture and climate within each school in the district. Each school will receive a 1–5-star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement. The surveys are anonymous and confidential and will remain open through **Friday, December 15**. To access the CCRPI survey, click [here](#).

### Attendance Matters

Winter Break is Coming! We appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra time off prior to winter break. As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect to their peers and teachers.

## In the Community:

### Chattahoochee High School Student Service Project

Students at Chattahoochee HS are partnering with My Journey Matters Computer Drive for a service project from 11/28/2023 – 1/31/2024. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Have a wonderful weekend!**