

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:



Congratulations SHARKS!

We are so proud of our students, staff, and community. U.S. News just recently released their school rankings and Shakerag is #21 in the state. WOW!!!! We are so proud of our entire community and appreciate the dedication and support from all! For more details, click on the following link:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/k12>

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 Thank you for your kindness during this holiday season!

Get Ready for the Holidays

Help us celebrate and have a little fun next week as we get ready for winter break. How does your family like to celebrate over the break? On **Tuesday, December 12**, wear your favorite festive sweaters and/or attire.

Golden Spoon Winners

Every month our Sharks work hard at showing leadership, kindness, and respect in the cafeteria by keeping the noise level low and cleaning up after themselves. Classes are rewarded for their efforts by earning a star at the end of their lunch period. The classes with the most stars at the end of the month for each grade level win the Golden Spoon Award.

The Golden Spoon winners for November are:

Pre-K – Ms. Jain

K – Ms. Spieth

1 – Ms. Patel, Ms. Sherman, and Dr. Sumrak

2 – Ms. Cook and Ms. Sudeth

3 – Ms. Christiansen and Ms. Schear

4 – Ms. Davis, Ms. Gokhale, Ms. Greene, and Ms. Watkins

5 – Ms. Searcy

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champion, Jason L., representing Ms. Burnett's 5th grade class. "Disgruntled" was this year's winning word. Jason will represent Shakerag in the Fulton County Spelling Bee on January 20, 2024. We would also like to congratulate Vidhi S., as our second finalist representing Ms. Mack's 5th grade class. We are proud of all the participants for studying hard and supporting each other in the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all our Spelling Bee Sharks!

Storybook Night and the Book Fair... A HUGE Success!

The Book Fair closed up shop today. Once again, teachers, volunteers, PTO, students, and staff came together to offer a wonderful event for our Shakerag families.

Storybook night was a huge success! Thank you so much to our wonderful staff who took time out of their busy schedules to make some of our favorite stories come to life. There were smiles and laughs all around. It was truly a fabulous evening!

Special and heartfelt thanks to our PTO Book Fair Co-Chairs, Kathy Preuss and Diane Tharpe, the Book Fair Committee including Ms. Francis and Ms. Perrin, the Shakerag staff, and all who visited our Book Fair and supported our school.

Clinic Needs

The clinic is still 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.

Classroom Parties

It is hard to believe our winter class parties are next week. 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.**

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

Yearbook Needs Your Pictures!

Please submit your 1st 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:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at Medlock Bridge Elementary School (10215 Medlock Bridge Pkwy, Johns Creek, GA 30022). All are welcome to join.

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!

