

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary
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December 18 – January 1: Winter Break - School Closed

January 2: Teacher Workday - No School for Students

We look forward to seeing all of our students in school on Wednesday, January 3!

Shark Tales:

Wow, what an amazing first semester! We all have so much to be proud of this year. On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank all of our parents for helping us make Shakerag a great place for students to learn and teachers to teach! Our Shakerag family wishes you and yours a safe and enjoyable winter holiday and much happiness in 2024!



Treats for Teachers

Thank you, Agnes Law, Kathy Preuss, and the fabulous PTO, for once again preparing a delicious lunch for our teachers and staff on Wednesday! We greatly appreciate our PTO for taking such good care of us during this busy time of year!

Winter Parties

All of the winter parties were a huge success thanks to our amazing PTO and all of the wonderful volunteers. A special thank you to Krista Zimmerman for leading our Room Parent program and helping to organize all of the plans.

Shakerag PTO's Annual Giving Tree

The PTO and the Cub Scouts of Johns Creek – Pack 1000 would like to thank our Shakerag families for your continued support of the Giving Tree. Through your generosity, we collected holiday gifts for children in need within our community. These gifts will be delivered to The North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC). Thank you for helping to bring joy to so many families this holiday season. We would also like to thank Lisa McNary and Diane Tharp for organizing this great event for us.

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.

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 Meghan B. at meghanatme2023@gmail.com

Artist Day- We need your help!

Shakerag's annual Artist Day needs your help! This year we are hoping to learn more about art and culture from our very own school family! To do this, we are looking for volunteers!

On March 29th, we will be hosting an Artist and Culture Day at Shakerag. Students will have an opportunity to travel around the globe and learn about various forms of art and culture, but we need your help to do that! Do you paint, dance, sing or play a musical instrument? Would you like to showcase some art or activity from your culture? If so, we'd love to have you coordinate an activity with like-minded artists and share your talent with our students! Please reach out to the Artist and Culture Day chair Jen She at jen@fwdtalent.com if you're interested.

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, January 10 at 8:00 a.m.

FCS News:

GA CCRPI Parent Survey- **LAST CALL:**

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](#).

In the Community:

Atlanta Falcons Holiday Offer

For our students and families, the Atlanta Falcons have a Holiday Package to share for the Falcons game on December 24 against the Indianapolis Colts. Each purchase will come with an Atlanta Falcons scarf. For more information and to purchase these tickets, please click here : [Holiday Pack Tickets can be purchased Here.](#)

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 WINTER BREAK and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Please BE SAFE!

