

Shark Bytes

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NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY
NO SCHOOL TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 – FCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



Shark Tales:

Report Cards

Student report cards 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 Semester 1 report card, please click [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars: No school on January 15 and January 16

All staff and students will be off on **Monday, January 15** in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and there will be no school for students on **Tuesday, January 16** for a Professional Development Day for staff.

Golden Spoon Winners

Every month our Sharks work hard on 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 win the Golden Spoon Award for each grade level.

The Golden Spoon winners for December are:

Pre-K – Mrs. Jain

Kindergarten- Mrs. Fike

1st – Ms. Patel and Dr. Sumrak

2nd – Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Cook

3rd- Mrs. Christianson

4th – Ms. Davis, Ms. Greene and Mrs. Watkins

5th – Ms. Searcy and Mrs. Dowling

Carpool Reminders

We want to take a quick moment to remind everyone of the importance of following our carpool procedures. When the weather is cold or wet, we tend to see an increase in car riders so please plan accordingly for additional traffic. We ask that all parents remain in the carpool line. Children are only permitted to exit from car doors on the right passenger side. If needed, staff monitors will assist your child from the car. Parents need to stay inside their vehicles. Please remain in line and do not pass cars in the carpool line. Think of unloading cars as you would a bus being unloaded. We truly appreciate everyone's help making sure our community is safe.

Chipotle Spirit Night

Thank you to Widad Saad and our wonderful Foundation for organizing our Spirit Night Wednesday night. We also want to thank Chipotle (11720 Medlock Bridge Road) for their amazing partnership with our school.

All Fulton County Schools are transitioning to CheckMate

Fulton County Schools is transitioning to a new visitor/volunteer sign-in system. **All** volunteers will need to re-register by clicking [here](#). Once volunteers reregister, they will not have to register again until May 31, 2026. Please reregister at least 48 hours prior to your next volunteer opportunity. We hope to fully transition to the new system by Friday, January 19. We apologize for this early reset and truly appreciate your support and flexibility.

Donations for ASL (Advanced Strategies Lab / STEM Lab)

Our STEM lab is collecting donations for upcoming projects. Please feel free to donate any of the items listed below. Any amount will be appreciated.

- cardboard tubes (the center of the paper towel roll)
- cereal boxes (any size)
- 2-liter bottles (empty and rinsed)

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?". 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

Save the Date... School Dance Coming Soon!

Save the date for Shakerag's Annual School Dance on February 9 in the school cafeteria! This year's theme is Around the World! There will be a professional DJ, games, photo booth, refreshments, and loads of fun! Come dressed up and represent any culture around the world! Please, no toy weapons. There will be two sessions for the dance - 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Grades PreK – 2) and 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5). Online ticket sales will start January 19 and will end at 12 a.m. on Thursday, February 8. **THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. ONE ADULT PER FAMILY REQUIRED FOR ENTRY. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BRING CELL PHONES.** For more information, please contact Sonam Dewan at dewan.sonam@gmail.com or Sarah Chu at cigar1121@hotmail.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 29, 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, February 14 at 8:00 a.m

A Message from Fulton County:

Hardship Transfer Application

Hardship transfer applications are available on Fulton County's website (click [here](#)) for parents who wish to apply for a 2024-2025 hardship transfer or to renew a current hardship to another Fulton elementary, middle, or high school. The deadline for submitting a transfer application is **February 29, 2024**.

In the Community:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at State Bridge Crossing Elementary School (5530 State Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA 30022). All are welcome to join.

Northview Cluster Chorus Concert

The Shakerag Elementary Chorus is proud to perform at the inaugural installment of the *Northview Cluster Chorus Concert* on Thursday, January 18th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Johns Creek Baptist Church. This event will showcase the different chorus groups from Shakerag ES, Findley Oaks, ES, Wilson Creek ES, River Trail MS, and Northview HS all singing together! All are welcome to come attend. Please click [here](#) for more information. We would love to see everyone come out and support our Sharks!

Have a wonderful LONG weekend!