

# Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary  
Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.  
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## The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter commitment survey closes TONIGHT at midnight!

[3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Selection Survey](#)



### Shark Tales:

#### Last Chance to Make Your Commitment for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Superintendent Looney recently announced that parents will continue to have a choice in how their students learn during our third quarter. It is important that parents complete the latest survey that can be found here [3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Selection Survey](#). Please complete a survey for every child that attends a Fulton County School. You will have until **Midnight on Friday, December 11** to select Remote Learning or Face-to-Face instruction for the third quarter. Parents are being asked to commit to one or the other for the duration of the quarter. Your help in getting 100% completion is greatly appreciated. One of the major changes for third quarter is that students will not be able to change their model of instruction once the survey closes.

#### A Special Thank You to Our Amazing PTO

We would like to thank the PTO for their constant support! Today, they provided a special lunch for our staff that was very much appreciated. Next week they will be supporting all of our classrooms with their winter parties. If you would like more information on how you can help, please visit the Shakerag PTO website by clicking [HERE](#).

#### Get Ready for Winter Break

Help us celebrate and have a little fun next week as we get ready for winter break.

- **Wednesday, December 16:** How does your family like to celebrate over the break? Wear your favorite festive sweaters and/or attire.
- **Friday, December 18:** As we get ready for a relaxing and restful break, wear your warm and cozy PJs to help us get ready for the well-deserved break!

\*Please make sure you wear appropriate shoes for recess and PE.

#### Picture Retakes

Great news! Our Lifetouch pictures have arrived, and face-to-face students should have received their pictures on Tuesday! We will be offering Picture Retakes this **Tuesday, December 15** for those students wanting or needing to have their pictures retaken. If your child attends school face-to-face and you would like for them to have their picture retaken, please send in a note and the pictures on Tuesday, December 15.

- **Remote Students:** If your child is a remote learner **AND** you joined us for Picture Day in November, please come to the school to pick-up your pictures now through Monday, 12/14 between the hours of 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Once you pick-up your pictures and have had the opportunity to view them, if you decide that your child needs to have their picture retaken, you can join us next **Tuesday, December 15** between **8:00-9:00 AM**. We will follow the same procedures that we did for our initial Picture Day in November. Simply drive through the bus lane, and a staff member will greet your child and bring them to the stage to have his or her picture retaken. Please bring the original pictures with you when you come.
- **Yearbook Pictures:** This yearbook is going to be a special one. We would love to be able to include every child's individual picture on each class page. If you missed picture day, you may still submit your child's picture. Pictures can be submitted from home by clicking here: <https://images.jostens.com/415465617>. Please add "**School Portrait**" in the subject line. The absolute latest we will be able to accept these pictures is **Friday, December 18** as these pages must be submitted to the publisher soon. When sending an individual picture, **please submit a headshot image only**. We could also use more pictures of students going about their day with remote learning, so be sure to keep those coming in as well. Thank you for helping us create a memorable yearbook!

#### Let's Celebrate Reading

Our school has been gifted gently used books from North Point Church, and we can't wait to get them in the hands of our students. North Point Church donated 16,000+ books to Fulton County Schools and this calls for a celebration...a reading celebration. We will have the books available for pick-up on **Tuesday, December 15, from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**. There will be a table under the awning in the bus lane for any parent that would like to come and "shop" for 1-3 books for their child(ren). Availability and selection are limited to first come, first serve. The books are free and yours to keep. Please take some time to come by on Tuesday, December 15 to get books, and let's all celebrate reading!!!

## The Book Fair is HERE!!

Great News, Sharks! We are so excited to be able to offer a virtual book fair this year to provide our students with the newest and most exciting books, just in time for the holidays! The dates of the fair are **November 30 – December 12**. All orders will be placed entirely online, and books will be shipped directly to your home. Click [here](#) for more information.

## School Spelling Bee

Good Luck to our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee finalists! We will hold our school bee on **Monday, December 14 at 8:45 AM**.

Grade	Teacher	Finalist	Alternate
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bolinger	Armaan L.	Aiden M.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Duhe	Joy Y.	Hamin Y.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Manaktala	Reyansh K.	Lily B.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Swan	Nila A.	Amirah G.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Burnett	Ryker G.	Tomi A.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hall	Aashi S.	Jordan M.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hessler	Jeetu S.	Evan J.
5 <sup>th</sup>	King	Olivia F.	Diya C.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mack	Aayush P.	Rishabh T.

## Mark Your Calendars

The board recently approved a calendar change for **Tuesday, January 5**. Originally, this was going to be the first day our students returned for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Since most of our schools are used as voting sites, January 5 will now be a NO SCHOOL day for students and a teacher workday for staff, as it is the state-wide runoff elections.

## It's Not Too Late to Order Your Yearbook!

This yearbook will be unique and will provide a walk down memory lane years from now. Imagine all of the conversations the 2020-2021 yearbook will spark when you bring it out to view when your children graduate! There are 3 different ways to purchase yours today! (Click [here](#) for more details.) To purchase your yearbook, click [here](#).

## K-2 ELA Textbook Adoption

The public review period for the K-2 Textbook Adoption is available now through January 22. Teachers, parents, and stakeholders have the opportunity to review the following resources and provide feedback: (1) Benchmark Workshop (Benchmark), (2) Into Reading (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), and (3) Wonders (McGraw Hill). Digital resources are posted [here](#). Stakeholders can review displays with print and digital resources at the Administration building, the NLC, or the SLC. Fulton County is offering virtual vendor presentations via TEAMS on Thursday, January 7 from 5:00-6:45 PM and Saturday, January 9 from 9:30 -10:45 AM. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Give to Students through Purposity

Looking for a safe way to give back to your community, right from the comfort of your home, this holiday season? Fulton County Schools has partnered with Purposity app, which makes that desire an easy click away. Click [here](#) for information on how you can give back. For questions or more information, please contact Jasmine Jones, School Social Worker at [jonescj@fultonschools.org](mailto:jonescj@fultonschools.org).

## School Nutrition Updates

Winter Break Meal Kits will be available for pick-up on **Thursday, December 17 from 8:30-9:30 AM**. Each kit will include 10 Meals (5 Breakfast + 5 Lunches). Meals will be distributed through our bus lane. Each meal kit will consist of grocery bags filled with frozen food items, produce, and dry goods for students.

### Attention Virtual Families:

Regular meal pick-ups for our virtual students will take place on **Wednesday, December 16 from 8:30-9:30 AM** and then Winter Break meal kits will be available on **Thursday, December 17 from 8:30-9:30 AM**. Please see below for more details on how to place your order.

Fulton County Schools will continue to provide free meals to all children 18 & under, or under the age of 21 for youth with special needs. All children, regardless of school enrollment or meal eligibility status, can receive free meals. Students attending school face-to-face will continue to receive free meals during their school's scheduled mealtimes. Limited extra sale items will be available. Students must have money on their lunch account to purchase "extra" items.

Meal Kits will still be available for **virtual learners** at 93 Curbside Pick-Up locations on Wednesdays. Curbside Pick-Up provides an opportunity for families to drive-thru and pick up free grab & go meal kits for all children 18 & under. **Elementary school locations will be open Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Middle school and high school locations will be open Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Grab & go meal kits can be picked up from any Curbside Pick-Up location. Children do not have to be present to receive a meal kit. A student's ID number is not needed. Each meal kit will contain 10 meals. [CLICK HERE](#) to access and submit the online pre-order form each week by **Tuesday at 11:59 p.m.** For more information about Fulton County School Nutrition please click [here](#).

## A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

We invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). 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 **Thursday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m.** via Microsoft TEAMS.

## FCS News:

### Fulton County Schools COVID-19 Information Site

The FCS COVID-19 site provides updates regarding resources, cases, positive trend rates, and pediatric reports. For the latest information on COVID-19 in Fulton County, please click [here](#) to access the site.

### FCBOH Student COVID-19 Reporting System

The Fulton County Board of Health and Fulton County Schools have developed an on-line portal for FCS parents/guardians to report student COVID-19 related cases. Please make a report to the FCBOH when your student is **COVID-19 positive, has a pending COVID-19 test result, or has been in direct contact with a COVID-19 positive person**. Also, please use this resource for official reporting rather than alerting the school and/or teacher. If you must engage the school/teacher, please do so after you have made an official report to the FCBOH. **Lastly, to ensure the protection of our school community, please do not allow your child to attend school or school-sponsored events when he/she is ill and/or has any of the above COVID-19 concerns.** Please click [here](#) for more details and consider posting this document in a visible location for easy access.

Should any situations arise, Fulton County will follow the Closing Matrix ([click here](#)) to determine next steps.

## In the Community:

### The Y Afterschool Program at Shakerag

The Y Afterschool Program returned to Shakerag on October 14. Unfortunately, they are experiencing extremely low enrollment numbers. If they are not able to get 18 students enrolled, they are going to have to "pause" the program until more students register. The Y Afterschool program provides a safe, nurturing environment while also offering creative and engaging ways for kids to stay active and connected after school hours. We know safety is top-of-mind for parents now more than ever. You can rest assured knowing your child's well-being is the Y's first priority. Online Registration is now open for December. Please complete the online registration and then send an email to [LAYchildcare@ymcaatlanta.org](mailto:LAYchildcare@ymcaatlanta.org) with your phone number, school name, child's name and desired start date. Click [here](#) for more information.

### The Tutor Shop Afterschool Program

The Tutor Shop Afterschool Program is now accepting registrations for the spring semester. Please click [here](#) for additional details.

**We hope you all have an AMAZING weekend!**

**Remember to...**

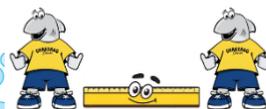
Wear Your Mask...



Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

