

# Shark Bytes

**Shakerag Elementary**

*Celebrating Learning. Inspiring Leaders.*

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## **No School on Monday, January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

### **Shark Tales:**



We truly appreciate everyone's flexibility as the district continues to monitor the number of COVID cases. As we transition back to face-to-face learning, it is really important that staff and students remain at home if they are experiencing any potential COVID-19 symptoms. Should a student come in direct contact with a COVID-19 positive person, have a pending COVID-19 test, or receive a positive COVID-19 result, it is critical that the parents report that information to the Fulton County Board of Health (FCBOH). Fulton County Schools and the Fulton County Board of Health have developed an on-line portal for FCS parents/guardians to report student COVID-19 related cases. 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. **Please click [here](#) for more details and consider posting this document in a visible location, i.e. the refrigerator, for easy access.**

[www.fultonschools.org/ReportCOVID](http://www.fultonschools.org/ReportCOVID)

### **Report Cards**

Student report cards for semester 1 are now available on the Parent and Student Portals in Infinite Campus. Please check your Campus Parent Portal, or Student Portal. Report cards can be accessed on either platform under the "Reports" tab in the menu bar. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, or Sydney Johnson, data clerk ([johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org](mailto:johnsonsd12@fultonschools.org)).

For additional instructions on how to access your child's Semester 1 report card, please click [here](#).

### **Student Success Skills Inventory**

The Student Success Skills Inventory will be used to measure student growth across success skill standards, as a result of ReThink Ed lessons. Students will complete the 15-20 item inventory between *January 13, 2021 – February 12, 2021*, and it will take about 15 minutes to complete. The inventory will be pushed out to students in grades 3-12 using the Illuminate platform. Students in K-2 will not be participating in the inventory, as it is not considered developmentally appropriate.

**Parents can choose to have their students opt out of the inventory.** If you choose to do so, please send an email to our school counselor, **Tom Perrine**, [Perrine@fultonschools.org](mailto:Perrine@fultonschools.org), by **Friday, January 15** including your child's full name, grade, and student ID number.

### **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.

### **A Message for Remote Learners from Coach Akins: Jump Ropes for P.E.**

On Tuesday, January 19, we are beginning 2021 with our jump rope unit in P.E.!! For Remote Learners, if you could have a jump rope for your first day of P.E. next week, that would be amazing! If you are unable to get a jump rope before your class, or choose not to purchase one, it is okay, we can modify everything to work without a jump rope. If you are a Face-to-Face Learner, your jump rope will be provided at school. Stay safe and keep moving!

### **Possible Music Clubs Coming to Shakerag (Students in Grades 4 & 5)**

Because of safety precautions in our music classes, we are unable to proceed with our highly anticipated instrument units for Recorder (4th Grade) and Ukulele (5th Grade). However, Miss Petty is happy to offer the possibility of hosting a 4th Grade Recorder club and a 5th Grade Ukulele Club for interested students. These clubs can give students the opportunity to still learn and play these instruments, even if we aren't able to in music class. However, we need to determine how many students might be interested in joining so that we can figure out possible logistics.

- Who can participate? 4th Graders (Recorder Club)/5th Graders (Ukulele Club)
- What will we do? Learn how to play a new instrument!
- When will we meet? Potentially starting in February, the group will meet once a week after school for approximately 12-weeks.
- Where will we meet? 4th Grade Recorder Club will meet entirely in TEAMS. 5th Grade Ukulele Club may have a Simultaneous model with some students on TEAMS and some in-school.
- Why should I consider joining? To have fun, play music, and learn some life-long musical skills!

If your student(s) is interested in this opportunity, please complete the interest survey below by **Friday, January 15**. If we have enough students interested, we will work on developing next steps. Thank you for considering this great opportunity!

Click here to fill out the [4th Grade Recorder Club Interest Survey](#)

Click here to fill out the [5th Grade Ukulele Club Interest Survey](#)

## A Message from PTO:

### 5th Annual Through My Eyes Contest

The Shakerag PTO is proud to sponsor our 5th annual Through My Eyes Contest as a virtual event. This year's theme is "My Hope for 2021...". 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 [Shakerag PTO website](#) or by clicking [here](#). **Deadline for submission is Monday, January 25, 2021**. Winners of the school level will go on to the cluster level to compete with entries from Wilson Creek ES and Medlock Bridge ES. Contact Mugdha Cerejo at [mcerejo@gmail.com](mailto:mcerejo@gmail.com) with any questions.

### 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](#).

## 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 **Wednesday, February 24 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.

## In the Community:

### Afterschool Childcare Programs at Shakerag

Unfortunately, the Y Afterschool Program did not have enough students register in order to host an on-site program at Shakerag Elementary School. However, The Tutor Shop Afterschool Program is planning on starting upon our return to face-to-face learning. They still need a few more students but are optimistic that they will be able to meet their enrollment requirements. Please click [here](#) for additional details and registration information.

### Kid Chess



Chess makes you smart, we make it fun! You'll love our reimagines online clubs. *Thrill of Victory*: Get in on the excitement of competition with ratings, leagues, standings and more. *Online Advantage*: Improve through computer evaluation and training with our coaches. *100% Safe*: Hosted on our state-of-the-art playground. *Tremendous Flexibility*: Your preferred time and day of the week. Join today at [kidchess.com](http://kidchess.com) or contact us at 770-575-5802 or [info@kidchess.com](mailto:info@kidchess.com). **If you register before January 15, you will receive a discount of \$20!** For more information, click [here](#).

### FineArtsMatter

FineArtsMatter is ready to give your child the very best in virtual learning this year. Their [KidzKeys](#), [Guitar Club](#), [Beat Makers](#), and [Let's Dance](#) classes are open for registration now at their online partner website [here](#). New classes also include Chess Club, Cooking, Art Classes, Spanish, Filmmaking, Drama, and Coding! Click [here](#) for more information.

**We hope you all have a FANTASTIC weekend!**

Remember to...

Wear Your Mask...



Wash Your Hands...



Keep Your Distance...



Sanitize...

