

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Thank You for Lunch!

On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to thank Kathy Preuss, Agnes Law and our gracious PTO board/volunteers for the wonderful luncheon they provided this week. It was a great welcome back treat after Sneak Peek. Thank you for helping us kick off the new year.



First Day of School

- The first day of school is **Monday, August 5**. Our school hours are from 7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. Arrival begins at 7:10 a.m. Parents may begin lining up in the carpool lane; however, for supervision reasons, students should not enter the building prior to 7:10 a.m.
- We encourage you to get your children into their normal routines, i.e., arrival/dismissal, as quickly as possible by having them come to and leave school the way they normally would come and go. Dismissal tends to run a little slow the first few days of school as we are triple checking to make sure all of our students get home the correct way. Please help your child learn his/her dismissal routine by remembering their carpool number (you will get this number at Sneak Peek if you do not already have one) and/or bus number.
- We will not be accepting lunch visitors until after Labor Day so we can help the students get into their normal lunch routines. Please feel free to begin visiting for lunch during your child's regular lunch time the week of **September 2**.
- Want to know what else is new in Fulton County? Check-out our Back-to-School Website: www.fultonschools.org/backtoschool

Attention ALL 2nd Grade Families

Fulton County Schools is requiring all families who are new to the district and/or those entering grades 2, 7 and 10 to submit two proofs of residency prior to the start of the school year. One of the approved utility items and one of the approved residency items must be provided. We ask that you please bring the original and a copy with you to sneak peek. We must see the original and then we will keep the copy to scan and upload to your child's permanent record. If proof of residency is not provided by the first day of school, your child will be placed on a provisional enrollment for 30 days. On the 31st day of enrollment, if proof of residency has still not been provided, your child will have to be withdrawn from school.

One Utility Item: Current water or electric monthly statement (Note: Gas bills are not accepted)

One Residency Item: Current mortgage bill/statement, Home sales contract, Current apartment/house lease, Section Eight/HUD housing document, Current HOA bill

Both documents must contain parent/guardian name and current address where the student resides.

Transportation:

We ALWAYS highly encourage families to use the bus as their primary way to get students to and from school. Parents should download the "**Here Comes the Bus**" app for the most up to date bus information. It is a free app that enables you to see the location of your child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. Click [here](#) for instructions on downloading the app. For additional details and updates, click [here](#) to visit the transportation department's website. Information will continue to be updated the closer we get to the start of the school year.

A smartphone displaying the 'Here Comes the Bus' app interface. The screen shows a map with a bus icon and a 'Sign Up' button. The app title 'Here Comes the Bus' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says 'A GPS-BASED APP TO TRACK YOUR CHILD'S BUS'.

Here Comes the Bus
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HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED

- Download the Here Comes the Bus app or visit www.herecomesthebus.com
- Click the **Sign Up** button
- Enter school code **87428**
- Click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
- Complete the "User Profile" box
- Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number.
- Once you confirm your information, you're ready to go!

Two buttons for downloading the app: "Download on the App Store" and "Get it on Google Play".

If your child is being dropped off in the carpool line, please be mindful of the traffic, and allow plenty of time. Carpool students that are not in the building when the bell rings at 7:40 will be counted as tardy. As a reminder, if your child is riding the bus in the morning, and the bus is late, he/she will never be counted tardy.

Carpool

Please make sure you plan accordingly to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Students will be marked tardy if they are not in the building when the bell rings regardless of the volume of traffic.

- Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:10 a.m.
- We highly encourage all parents to remain in the carpool line. If there is ever a need to park, please walk your child to and from the building to ensure their safety. Children are not permitted to cross the parking lot without an adult accompanying them. In the mornings, to reduce congestion, no parking will be permitted in the parking lot at the front of the school.
- Drive slowly, be attentive, and refrain from using your cell phone while driving through the carpool lane.
- Please do not pass other vehicles.
- 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.
- To prevent accidents, please **do not double-park** and always park in a marked **parking spot**.
- Always display your carpool number from the rearview mirror or on the passenger side of your dashboard so it can easily be seen by our staff.
- Cars without carpool numbers will be directed to park and go to the front office.

Early Literacy Screening

Recently, the state of Georgia has introduced new early literacy legislation aimed at improving reading skills among our young learners. We want to make sure you are fully informed about what this means for your child. In our back-to-school packets that you received during Sneak Peek, you should have received a letter outlining this new process. Please click [here](#) for an additional copy. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact our administrative assistant, Heather Lambright, at LambrightH@fultonschools.org.

Curriculum Nights – Mark your calendars!

At Shakerag, we believe that we are one big family working together to support the success of every child. A key to that success is open communication. We hope you will be able to join us for Curriculum Night as teachers will walk you through the class structure/schedule for their grade level and what you need to know to help your child be successful for the year. **This is a night for parents and teachers only! If you must bring your child, he/she will need to sit with you in the classroom for the duration of the evening.**

We are trying a new format this year. We appreciate your patience as we hope this will make things easier for parents with students in multiple grades, but we do know parking will be difficult. Please plan accordingly.

Thursday, August 22:

If you only have one child, you may choose which session you would like to attend.

- **5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Session 1**
- **6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – General Information Session and PTO meeting in the cafeteria – We highly encourage all families to attend and hear important updates for the year.**
- **6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. – Session 2**

A Message from the PTO:

Spirit Wear

The SHAKERAG PTO would like to THANK everyone for stopping by our table to purchase our BRAND NEW SPIRIT WEAR! It was so great seeing everyone and the feedback we received on our new spirit wear was AMAZING!

If you were unable to purchase any spirit wear at Sneak Peek or would like to check out what else is available, please visit our school website to customize your spirit gear! From now until September 3rd the entire store is 30% OFF! There are so many options and sizes (baby, youth, adult) in addition to what was available. Check out the site for hoodies, zip-up's, tee's, hats, beanies, tote bags, tumblers, blankets, and so much more!

Please visit <https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/GA/Johns%20Creek/Shakerag%20Elementary%20School> (<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/GA/Johns%20Creek/Shakerag%20Elementary%20School>) to shop today!

Membership

THE SHAKERAG PTO NEEDS YOU!

Hurry TODAY to pay your PTO Membership dues by **Friday, August 2nd** and be entered in a chance to WIN A \$100 AMAZON GIFT CARD! You planned to do it anyway, so why procrastinate when you can do it NOW and have a chance at winning an Amazon Gift Card?! The PTO is raffling off not one, but TWO AMAZON GIFT CARDS, so you will double your chances at winning by joining TODAY! Your contribution helps support our students, teachers and programs in countless ways throughout the year. So, sign-up NOW to support your kids and enter for a chance to WIN! Go to <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/sneak-peek2024> and donate **TODAY!**

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our first School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 14 at 8:00 a.m.** To read more about our School Governance Council, we invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website by clicking [here](#).

In the Community:

Rogers Bridge Road & Bell Road Trail Project

Detour Alert

Trail connections are underway along Rogers Bridge Road and Bell Road, making it easier for pedestrians to easily access nearby schools and Cauley Creek Park.

The project includes the installation of multi-use trails along the east side of Rogers Bridge Road from Bell Road to Amberleigh Way and along Bell Road from Cauley Creek Park to Rogers Bridge Road.

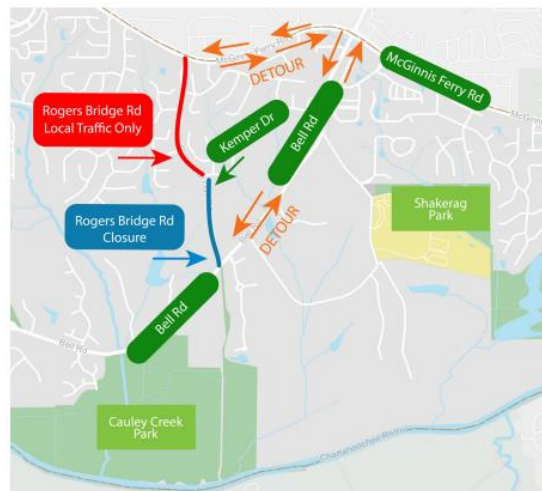
The intersection of Rogers Bridge Road and Bell Road will also be realigned and lowered about five feet to improve sight distance for drivers turning onto Bell Road and increase overall driver and pedestrian safety.

Detour Alert: Rogers Bridge Road will be CLOSED between Bell Road and Kemper Drive starting Monday, Aug. 19 while crews install stormwater lines and begin to realign the roadway as part of the Rogers Bridge trail project installation.

Rogers Bridge Road will be open to local traffic only. Access to the neighborhoods along Rogers Bridge Road from McGinnis Ferry Road will be maintained at all times. The closure is expected to last approximately three months, weather permitting.

Bell Road and McGinnis Ferry Road will remain accessible to motorists.

Detour Map



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Have a great 1st Day of School!

