

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:



Curriculum Night: Thursday, August 22

On Thursday, August 22, we will hold our annual Curriculum Night. This night is intended to provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, establish effective communication, and learn more about each teacher's classroom routines, procedures, and expectations for the year. The first session will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. in your child's homeroom and end at 6:00 p.m. At that time, we ask all families from the first session to make their way to the cafeteria. Those attending the second session, we ask that you arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m. so you can join us for our general session in the cafeteria. At 6:30 p.m., we will be inviting families down to the homeroom classrooms where the teachers will be performing a repeat of their first session. **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 know parking is going to be a challenge as we try this new format. Please consider arriving early to ensure adequate time to park.

Thursday, August 22:

If you only have one child, you may choose which session you would like to attend. Please note this is not a time for individual conferences. Those should be scheduled at a separate time with the teacher(s).

- **5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Session 1 (The ESOL teachers will also be doing a presentation in room B182)**
- **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 (The ESOL teachers will also be doing a presentation in room B182)**

Special Areas and Special Programs:

Our special areas and special program teachers will also be available in the cafeteria at 5:15 p.m. to share more details about their individual programs and answer any questions.

Teacher Assignments

We have experienced a very unique enrollment year. While enrollment is down across the district, our numbers are much lower than projected in grades K, 4, and 5. As shared in your Sneak Peek packets, we are watching our enrollment very carefully. Current teacher assignments are tentative pending the potential allocation of additional teachers and/or the reduction of teachers. While grades K, 4, and 5 might be directly impacted by enrollment, other grades could be impacted should we receive a shift in our allocations. We will continue to keep you updated as more information is shared with us throughout the district-wide enrollment count process. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this process each year and welcome all of our amazing new families.

Newcomers Coffee

If you are NEW to Shakerag... Welcome to the family! Please mark your calendar for our Newcomers Coffee on Thursday, August 29, at 8:00 a.m.

2023-2024 Georgia Milestones Results Released for Grades 3-5 ELA and 5th Grade Science!

GA Milestones assessments are one of the tools we use to measure student mastery of grade level standards. These assessments are taken by all 3rd-5th graders in the Spring each year. The results from the 2023-2024 school year for ELA and 5th grade science are now available in the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). Student scores are accessible via your child's Infinite Campus portal (Please click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to set up your account.). You will need to click on the SLDS Portal link once you are logged in.

Due to the implementation of the new math standards, there is a delay in the release of math scores. The state has shared that we should receive those scores in the fall.

We have so much to celebrate. We are so proud of our students. Below is a high-level summary of the percent of students scoring Developing or above:

Grade	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science	
	State	Shakerag	State	Shakerag	State	Shakerag
3 rd Grade	63.6%	84.5%	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A
4 th Grade	68.4%	90.8%	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A
5 th Grade	76.4%	98.5%	TBD	TBD	63.8%	93.9%

Student Success Skills Pre-Survey

All FCS parents/guardians will continue to have access to all Student Success Skill lessons that are in the FCS ReThink Ed lesson database. Directions for establishing an account and accessing all Student Success Skills lessons and home discussion guides in

ReThink Ed can be found by clicking [here](#). Students in grades 3-5 will be taking a pre-survey during the screening window of August 26 – August 30. As a school, we will use this information to guide our lessons and classroom conversations as we support our children in becoming socially and emotionally aware and confident.

Parents can choose to opt their student out of the inventory. To opt out, parents must submit a written request to the assistant principal, Samantha Weaver at WeaverS@fultonschools.org by Friday, August 23.

Please contact Michelle Paras, School Counselor, at ParasM@fultonschools.org with additional questions.

TAG Eligibility Update

As of August 2022, iReady reading and math percentiles will now count as gifted eligibility scores in the area of achievement. In past years, they have been used by the TAG Department for screening purposes only. Please click [here](#) for more information on the TAG Eligibility Process.

Clinic Needs

Our clinic is in need of NEW boys' and girls' underwear and boys' and girls' pants (new or gently used) in all sizes, especially for ages 4-6 years old. If you have any donations, please send them in or drop them off in the clinic. They would be greatly appreciated.

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.

FCS News:

Café News - Birthday Treats

Class birthday treats may be purchased for students to enjoy during lunch. Parents need to fill out the ice cream form from our website or by clicking [here](#) and submit the form to your child's classroom teacher at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the celebration. If there are multiple children with the same birthday, only one birthday treat will be served on that day. **No outside food, goody bags, or class gifts are permitted for distribution to students.** Make sure you have enough funds or add funds to your child's account through My Payments Plus (click [here](#)) in your child's GENERAL lunch account to cover the cost of the treats for the number of students in the class.

Fulton County Schools Student Code of Conduct Handbook

Fulton County Schools' Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook is available online in a PDF format (click [here](#)). Once you have read the electronic version and have reviewed the contents with your student(s), please take a moment to complete the **Acknowledgement of Receipt Form** by using the provided link to access Infinite Campus' [Parent Portal](#). Here is a link with instructions on how to complete the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form ([Link](#)). **All parents and students (over 10 years old) MUST sign this form found within your INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL ACCOUNT.** If you would like a paper copy of the Handbook, you can pick one up in the front office.

A Message from the PTO:

COME MEET THE PTO BOARD ON CURRICULUM NIGHT!

Are you curious about what the PTO does? Where do your contributions go? Who are the parents who lead this fine organization? Join the PTO at Curriculum Night in the Cafeteria from 6:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. to get the low down and find out how you can get involved! See you there!

SHAKERAG PTO MEMBERSHIPS ARE ON THE RISE!

Quick Stats: 20% of all families at Shakerag have joined the PTO so far this year BUT... 100% of students benefit from the programs the PTO provides. Imagine what more we could do with 30% or 40% or even 50% PTO Membership Participation! Or more!

Not only does your contribution help fund all of the programs and events the PTO sponsors throughout the year, but you also get access to the PTO Membership Online Directory, where you can find contact information for your child's friends. Plus, if you join the PTO by the end of Curriculum Night, you will be entered to **WIN another \$100 Amazon Gift Card!** Please note: Joining the PTO does not mean you are committing to volunteering. Your monetary contribution will help fund all of the exciting events and activities throughout the school year for our kids and our teachers. Go to: <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/sneak-peek2024> and sign-up **TODAY!**

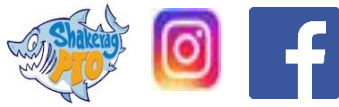
SHAKERAG SPIRIT WEAR SALES GOING STRONG!

The new Shakerag Spirit Wear is flying off the shelves! Head to [1st Place Spirit Wear](#) and get yours **TODAY!** Plus, from now **until September 3rd, the ENTIRE STORE is 30% OFF!** There are so many options and sizes (baby, youth, adult) to choose from such

as hoodies, zip-ups, tees, hats, beanies, tote bags, tumblers, blankets, and so much more! And it will all ship to your home! Get yours **TODAY!**

SHAKERAG PTO SOCIAL MEDIA

Let's Be Friends! Please "Like" the Shakerag PTO on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with all things PTO this year. Bookmark the Shakerag PTO website, too, and check back for updates!



A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 11 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:

Tutor Shop

The Tutor Shop is an academic after school program located at Shakerag. Please click [here](#) for additional details.

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.

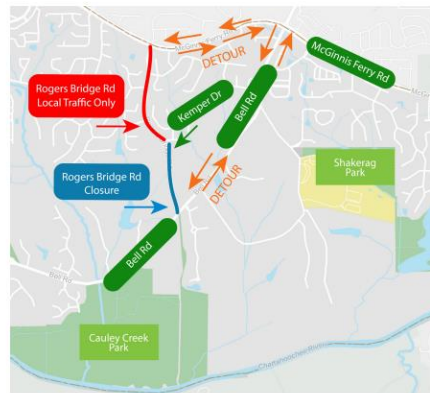
The intersection of Rogers Bridge Road and Bell Road will also be realigned and lowered about five feet to improve sight distance for drivers turning onto Bell Road and increase overall driver and pedestrian safety.

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 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 weekend!

