

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:

### **Curriculum Night – Thank you!**

We hope you were able to join your child's teacher(s) for curriculum night on Thursday. We truly appreciate your support as we begin the new year, especially with the unexpected enrollment changes. If you have questions or concerns about your child's classroom, please communicate them with your child's teacher by writing a note or sending an email. We look forward to a great year and appreciate your partnership!



### **Newcomers Coffee – Thursday, August 29**

We look forward to welcoming all of our new families to Shakerag next week! If you are NEW to Shakerag, please mark your calendar for our Newcomers Coffee on **Thursday, August 29, at 8:00 a.m.**

### **First Spirit Night of the Year – Wednesday, August 28**

Please join us for our first Spirit Night on **Wednesday, August 28 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** at Shakerag on the white top behind the gym. Get to know your new friends and their families with our back-to-school mix and mingle while cooling off with a sweet treat. Bring your chairs and enjoy Kona Ice. Kona Ice will be on campus selling cool treats for all to enjoy. They will donate 20% back to the Shakerag Foundation once we reach \$100 in sales.

### **Mark Your Calendars: No school September 2 - 4**

All staff and students will be off on **Monday, September 2** in observance of the Labor Day holiday. **Tuesday, September 3** is a teacher workday and **Wednesday, September 4** is an FCS Professional Development Day for all teachers and staff.

### **Teacher Assignments**

You all have been extremely supportive of all the changes we have had to make due to the impact of decreased enrollment. We can't tell you enough how much we appreciate you. A special thank you to all of our Kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade families who experienced the most changes with the collapsing of a class in each grade. We still have two more potential changes that will hopefully be finalized next week. All of our classroom changes have been made for students, we are just waiting for the communication regarding which two teachers will be transitioning to new schools. That will hopefully be the final impact. Again, we can't thank you enough for your support and understanding during this challenging process.

## FCS News:

### **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 by Friday, August 23.

Please contact Michelle Paras, School Counselor, at [ParasM@fultonschools.org](mailto: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.

### **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.

## A Message from the PTO:

### PTO MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to the PTO and for stopping by at Curriculum Night to learn more about where your contributions go! Your donations will help us support so many programs this year.

If you have not joined the PTO yet and given your donation, it's not too late! 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 children's friends.

Join the PTO by **Midnight TONIGHT (8/23)** to be entered to **WIN another \$100 Amazon Gift Card!** To find out who the winner is, follow us on **Facebook and Instagram!**

Help your kid's class win **EXTRA RECESS!** The first grade level to achieve 100% participation will win **EXTRA RECESS!** Who doesn't **LOVE EXTRA RECESS??!!**

Go to: <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/sneak-peek2024> and sign-up **TODAY!** Let's Go, Sharks!

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. All students benefit from the programs the PTO sponsors so please do your part and contribute. The PTO is a non-profit 501(c)(3); your donation is tax deductible.

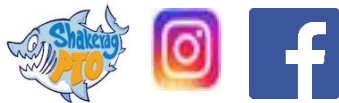
### SHAKERAG SPIRIT WEAR SALES GOING STRONG!

Have you purchased your new Spirit Wear this year? Do it **NOW** while everything is **30% Off!** The one with the DOG is REALLY cute!

Head to [1st Place Spirit Wear](#) and get yours **TODAY!** 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! Shop Now!

### 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:

### Kid Fun Yoga

Get ready to stretch, breathe, and move with Kid Fun Yoga! This new program is designed for students of all ages and experience levels. Kid Fun Yoga focuses on mindfulness, flexibility, balance and strength in a fun and engaging way. Classes will be held every Monday from 2:20 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Come and discover the benefits of yoga for both your body and mind! For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

### Mohar Chess Club

Join the Mohar Chess Club this semester! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, this club is the perfect place to sharpen your skills, challenge your friends, and have fun. Open to all students every Thursday with 2 available sessions. First session from 2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. and the second session from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to learn and play chess in a supportive environment! For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

### Tutor Shop

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

**Have a great weekend!**