

# Shark Bytes

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**Staff and Student Holiday - School Closed Monday, September 4**  
**Teacher Workday - No School for Students Tuesday, September 5**  
**Professional Development Day - No School for Students Wednesday, September 6**



## Shark Tales:

### Teacher Assignments are Final

You all have been extremely supportive of all the changes we have had to make due to the impact of decreased enrollment. At this time, all placements should be set with the exception of any changes throughout the year due to levels and Fulton County's Continuous Achievement model. We are so appreciative of all of your support and understanding as we started off the year.

### Kona Ice Spirit Night

Thank you to our wonderful Foundation and Mrs. Paula Perrin for organizing our first Spirit Night on Wednesday night. We had a great time, despite the heat. We also want to thank Kona Ice for their partnership with our school.

### Newcomers Coffee

We want to thank all of our new families and PTO Board members that joined us Thursday, August 29 for our Newcomers Coffee. If any member of the Shakerag family, new or returning, ever has an issue, concern, or question, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher and/or any member of the Shakerag staff.

### Fall Picture Day – Wednesday, September 11

Fall Picture Day is Wednesday, September 11. Lifetouch will be taking our individual portraits for the yearbook. These pictures will be available for purchase at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). Order forms were also sent home today in your child's Friday folder.

### Lunch Visitors and Lunch Drop Offs

As stated in our Family Handbook, we will be accepting lunch visitors starting next week. Please follow the guidelines in the Family Handbook which can be found on our [website](#) on the home page (or by clicking [here](#)). **As a reminder, we support our school nutrition program and thereby discourage all outside vendor food from being brought in during lunchtime. (i.e. Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, etc...)** This has become more of an issue throughout the years and will be strictly enforced this year.

We also want to remind parents to send their children to school with their lunches. **Lunches should not be dropped off daily.**

### After school enrichments start next week!

If your child is signed up for any of our afterschool enrichments starting next week, please send in a dismissal note the day the enrichment starts and the day it ends notifying his/her teacher of an afternoon transportation change. Please click [here](#) to access our Change of Dismissal form.

## Spotlight On Special Areas:

### What's Happening in Art with Mr. Avery this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

### What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

### What's Happening in Music with Ms. Housholder (Mr. Waller for now) and Mr. Denney this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

### What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

## A Message from the PTO:

### PTO Membership Update

We have a WINNER! Congratulations to **Ali Samadi** for winning the *second* \$100 Amazon Gift Card!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Curriculum Night to learn more about what the PTO provides. Hopefully you saw a dedicated team of parents working hard to bring all of the fun events and activities to the school community this year. It's going to be a great year! Please reach out and get involved!

If you haven't already, please don't forget to join the PTO! Go to: <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/sneak-peek2024> and sign-up **TODAY!** 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. 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.

### **Spirit Wear 30% Off Sale Ends TUESDAY (9/3)!**

If you haven't purchased your new Spirit Wear yet, head quickly to [1st Place Spirit Wear](#) before the sale ends! **From now until SEPTEMBER 3rd, the ENTIRE STORE is 30% OFF!** And it will all ship to home! Get yours **TODAY!**

### **Tanner Family Portrait Event**

The Tanner Family Portrait Event is back at Shakerag! This year's event will be held **Saturday, October 5th from 9:30am-1:30pm at Cauley Creek Park.** This is a quick, 10-minute photography session where the photographer will take as many pictures as possible in only 10 minutes! This is the perfect opportunity to get some quick, professional shots with wiggly kids (quick in, quick out!) ahead of the holidays or for any occasion. Pets are welcome, too! **For only \$45 you will receive your 10-minute sitting plus one (1) 11x14 Family Portrait print.** There will be an option to purchase additional prints/digital copies as well. Sign up and pay online at [tinyurl.com/tannershakerag](http://tinyurl.com/tannershakerag). Book TODAY before spots fill up!

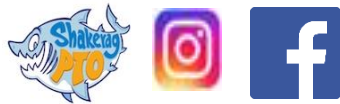
### **Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families!**

Your babies aren't babies anymore, but we are already collecting baby pictures for the 5th Grade video montage that will be shown at the 5th Grade ceremony. Please send in one picture of your child when they were under the age of 1 to be used in the video. A headshot is best, with just the child in the photo. Please label the picture with their full name and homeroom teacher so we can keep track of all the students (picture file name example: first.last.burnett.jpeg). Please email the photo to [shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com](mailto:shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com) by **OCTOBER 1st.**

Also, the PTO is looking for any parents with video editing experience that can volunteer their skills and time to help with putting together the video montage. Please email [shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com](mailto:shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com) if interested.

### **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:**

### **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. The first session is 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](#).

**Have a wonderful LONG weekend!  
Thank you for an amazing start to the school year!  
Be SAFE!**

