

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:



S.H.A.R.E Tip Line

As a community, I know the tragedy at Apalachee High School is weighing heavy on all of our hearts and minds. While we continue to keep the Barrow County community in our thoughts, I wanted to reinforce that safety is always our top priority at Shakerag. Our teachers and staff continue to be vigilant and keep a close eye on their surroundings. We continue to ensure our building is secure and that our front office staff is closely monitoring who enters the building. In addition to our day-to-day security measures, Fulton County has worked closely with the Fulton County Schools Police Department and the Johns Creek Police Department to support our schools during this challenging time.

I also wanted to take this moment to solicit the support of the community. We have all heard the saying, "See Something, Say Something." Fulton County Schools has made that process easy through the district's anonymous S.H.A.R.E. Tip Line (See It. Hear It. And Report It Every Time.). We highly encourage any individual with any safety concerns to use this TIP line ([Report a Safety Concern - Fulton County School System \(fultonschools.org\)](#))

We truly appreciate your partnership and help in making sure we all play a part in the safety of our schools. I am so thankful for our amazing community!

After School Enrichments

As an additional support for our families, Shakerag partners with third-party vendors that hold after school enrichments on our campus. These third-party vendors are completely independent from Shakerag and have to go through an extensive vetting process with Fulton County Schools. Our current after school enrichments include:

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
Piano/KidzKeys (9/9-12/9)	Guitar (9/10-12/10) The Art Center (9/10-12/10)	Ivy Bridge Debate (9/11-12/11)	

Currently we are working with our new Chess program and former Chess program to develop a plan for this semester. We know that chess is an extremely popular program, and we have had many different requests when it comes to which program to offer. For the first time in years, we were going to try a new, rigorous program. Unfortunately, there have been some delays in the paperwork process preventing Mohar Chess Club from beginning their program as planned. We are trying to work with all parties to get everything resolved. We will reach out to the parents who have already enrolled once we receive additional updates.

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.

Fall Picture Day

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. Order forms were also sent home last week in your child's Friday folder.

Save the Date! Book Fair & Storybook Night

Book Fair: September 16 – September 20

This year, we're hosting a Literati Book Fair, and the theme is Galactic Adventures! When students come to shop, online payment is preferred via Literati Gift Card. See more information below.

Cash Free shopping option for this year's Literati Book Fair:

Purchasing Gift Cards:

1. Go to <https://efairs.literati.com>
2. Select the "GIFT CARDS" tab at the top of the page.
3. Choose a gift card amount. (For a custom amount, select "Choose Your Own Gift Card.")
4. If it's a gift to a teacher or another student, check "Send as Gift?" and enter your recipient's email, your name, and an optional message.
5. Click **Add to Cart**, then continue to checkout.

*Cashiers will have access to each student's gift card(s) and can apply funds directly from the register meaning that once you set up a Literati Gift Card online, students can shop without having to bring anything with them at all. All funds must be spent at the book fair and no reimbursements will be provided.

Storybook Night: Thursday, September 19

We're excited to continue the fun with our annual Storybook Night. Join us from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. as Shakerag teachers and staff perform their favorite cosmic space stories. Come early to shop at the book fair from 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.

Our Advanced Strategies Lab (ASL) is getting an upgrade!

We are very fortunate to have had our Advanced Strategies Lab (ASL) at Shakerag for several years. This program is a locally funded position that has given our students in grade K-5 an additional day of specials where students use the Design Thinking Process to solve real world problems. While we have been implementing this class for years, Fulton County is now supporting our program with additional resources through the districts CTAE program. Our students won't notice a major difference within the structure of the class, but they will get to utilize some new resources. Another big difference you will notice is that students will actually receive a grade in their CTAE/ASL class. Please click [here](#) for additional information.

I would like to publicly recognize Mrs. NaTasha Pennywell for all that she has done over the years to build such a phenomenal program. I know she will continue to do an amazing job growing the program with these new resources at her fingertips. Should you have any questions about ASL/CTAE at Shakerag, please contact Mrs. Pennywell at Pennywell@fultonschools.org.

Science Olympiad Tryouts

Do you have a 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student interested in joining a team of young scientists and engineers? If so, they should join our Science Olympiad team. Science Olympiad is filled with science experiments, engineering, and learning new things about science. [Click](#) for more information about Science Olympiad and upcoming tryouts.

A Message from the PTO:

PTO Membership Update

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.

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. Book TODAY before spots fill up!

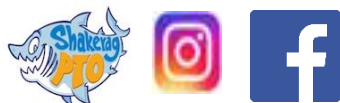
Attention 5th Grade Families!

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 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 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:

Girls in STEM!

Girls in STEM is a club run by Northview High School students to encourage elementary school girls to join STEM fields at a young age! We introduce topics such as chemistry, engineering, physics, and more through fun science experiments and activities. Meetings are completely free of charge and held once a month on Thursdays @ Northview High School from 3:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Our first meeting will be September 26! Please click [here](#) for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

